



Program

Capacity Building for the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia – Cambodia's Contribution towards building an ASEAN Community –

in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
and Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)

March-August 2011

1 Background

In September 2010, **the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia** (hereinafter referred to as National Assembly) **took officially over the Presidency of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)**. Assuming this function, it will chair the AIPA from 2010-2011 and host the 32nd General Assembly in September 2011. The General Assembly is the policy-making body of AIPA. It disseminates adopted resolutions to the national parliaments and governments for possible implementation.

The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is a regional parliamentary organization originally formed in 1977. Its members include all national parliaments from ASEAN member states except for Myanmar. The vision of AIPA is to promote close relations among its core members and partners. Moreover, AIPA aims at **facilitating the achievement of the goals of ASEAN, prominently the realization of the ASEAN Community** through exchange and consultation with the ASEAN Secretariat. AIPA constitutes of the General Assembly, The Presidency, the Executive Committee, the Committees, the Secretary General and the National Secretariats.

The ASEAN Charter, came into force on December 14th 2008 and envisions the establishment of an ASEAN Community, consisting of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC). Its aim is to reinforce ASEAN's role as the driving force in charting the evolving regional architecture.

In 2009, leaders from both AIPA and ASEAN signed an agreement, which will enable AIPA to enhance its parliamentary inputs and recommendations in the drafting of ASEAN agreements on political and security matters through regular informal meetings. The enhanced relations with ASEAN will allow AIPA parliamentary members to assist in the implementation of the APSC Blueprint through the adoption of relevant resolutions and the promulgation of national legislation in conformity to the Blueprint. In this regard, AIPA

aims at **establishing mechanisms of cooperation and information exchange between ASEAN and AIPA and the national parliaments**. AIPA will make legislative proposals, provide expertise, and establish strategic programs for the strengthening of the rule of law and the legal infrastructure among others.

In its upcoming capacity as chair of AIPA, the **parliamentarians and parliamentary staff of the Cambodian National Assembly need to be prepared and equipped** in order to handle the challenges that ASEAN is facing and to be able to contribute to the establishment of an ASEAN Community. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace aim to support this endeavor of the National Assembly through a capacity-building programme.

2 Supporting Organizations

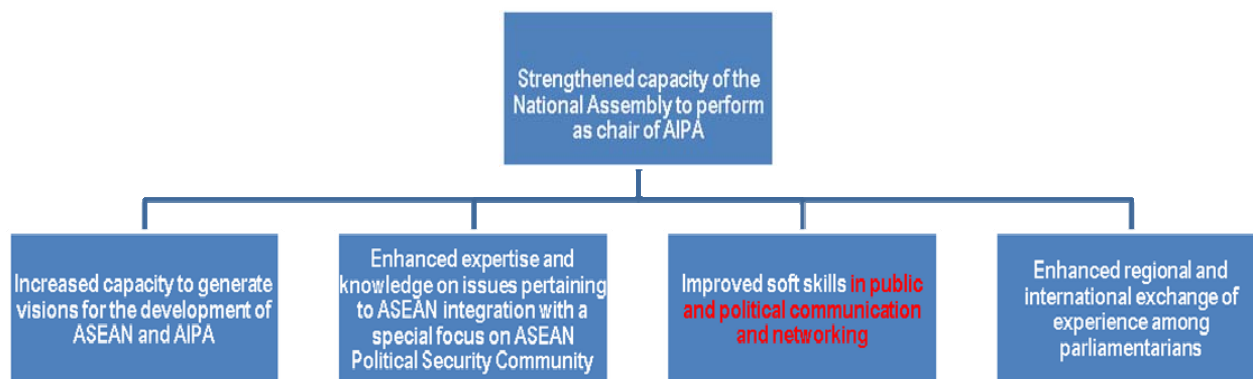
The political foundation **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)** is a non-profit and independent organization, founded in 1925 in Germany. It started its engagement in Cambodia in 1994. Its programme aims at contributing to the promotion of Cambodia's regional integration as well as the capacity building of leading actors from various segments of society. These actors will be enabled to actively participate in the shaping of a democratic society based on social justice. The FES Office for Regional Cooperation coordinates the Cambodian programme and is based in Singapore.

The **Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)** is an independent, neutral, and non-partisan research institute based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. CICP promotes both national and regional dialogue between government officials, national and international organizations, scholars, and the private sector on issues of peace, democracy, civil society, security, foreign policy, conflict resolution, economics and national development.

3 Objectives of the cooperation

The cooperation aims at assisting the National Assembly in strengthening its capacity to perform successfully as chair of AIPA.

The following training fields are targeted for the period of 2010-2011 to achieve this objective:



4 Target groups

The cooperation programme is primarily dedicated to **Members of Parliament and selected staff members of the National Assembly.**

Certain elements of the programme may include the involvement of interested non-parliamentary actors.

5 Instruments of the cooperation

The cooperation programme envisions three components, which will complement each other and thus ensure a comprehensive capacity building programme.

Inputs for this programme will be provided by Cambodian and international senior experts from the legislative, civil society and academe as well as active or former officials from the executive branch.



6 Training Program and Topics

Training Team:

Ms. Svenja Wunderlich: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

Dr. Chheang Vannarith: Center for International Cooperation and Peace (CICP)

Mr. Jost Wagner: Facilitator and Trainer - The Change Initiative (TCI)

6.1 Training Workshop 1: ASEAN Community Roadmap and Visions for Cambodia

Date: March 29 - 30

Venue: Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh

Day 1: March 29, 2011

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Welcome remarks and Introduction**
- Welcome remarks**
HE Leng Peng Long
Secretary General, National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Introduction of the training program and ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)**
HE Dr. Cheam Jeap
Commission of Economy, Finance, Banking and Audit, National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Why is regional integration important? – Reflections on ASEAN from an EU perspective**
Dr. Stefanie Elies
Director Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia, Singapore
- What role plays track two diplomacy in regional integration in Southeast Asia?**
HRH Samdech Norodom Sirivudh
Member of the Constitutional Council, Founding Chairman of the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
- Moderator: Dr. Vannarith Chheang*
Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee/ Tea Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **The ASEAN Community Pillars**
- ASEAN Economic Community**
Resource person: *Dr. Vannarith Chheang*
Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
- ASEAN Political-Security Community**
Resource person: *Mr. Cheunboran Chanborey*
Research Fellow, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
- ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community**
Resource person: *Dr. Y. Ratana*
Director, Department of Population Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh
- Method: *Information Fair*
Facilitator: *Mr. Jost Wagner*
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

- 13:30 – 14:00 **Summary of the Information Fair**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Cambodia’s Contribution to Building an ASEAN Community 2015**
Method: *World Café*
Facilitator: *Mr. Jost Wagner*
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee/ Tea Break**
- 15:45 -16:30 **Conclusion, Reflection and Outlook for Day 2**

Day 2: March 29, 2011

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Registration**
- 9:30 – 11:00 **Vision of Cambodia as AIPA chair 2011**
Method: *Visioning*
Facilitator: *Mr. Jost Wagner*
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Building a roadmap to realize the vision of Cambodia for ASEAN chairmanship in 2012**
Method: *Future Backcasting*
Facilitator: *Mr. Jost Wagner*
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 14:00 **Assessment of Training demand**
- 15:00 **End of Workshop**