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CCHR, ICCO, and PLCPD Launch the Tri-Sector Forum on Business and Human Rights

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”), the Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (“ICCO”), and the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (“PLPCD”) are delighted to announce the launch of the Tri-sector Forum on Business and Human Rights regional conference at the Imperial Garden Villa Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 27-28 October 2015.

The Tri-Sector Forum for Business and Human Rights provides a platform for the private sector, civil society, and government to collaboratively discuss lasting solutions to issues related to community and business sustainability, strategic or developmental community investments through corporate social responsibility, and the creation of enabling environments where businesses can improve business performance without adverse impacts on human rights.

The overall theme of the conference is **“Advancing Human Rights in Business Practices.”** The conference will bring together business, government representatives, affected communities, and civil society organizations from Cambodia, Indonesia, and the Phillipines to engage in a dialogue on some of the most burning issues related to business and human rights today. The conference will be divided into plenary sessions, workshops, and keynote addresses, providing all attendees with the opportunity to participate fully in the dialogue. The conference is the first of what will become an annual event, with the location to change among Southeast Asian states on an annual basis. It is hoped that the launch of the Tri-Sector Forum on Business and Human Rights will stimulate a new conversation around the role that corporate actors play in the protection of human rights – both in Cambodia and throughout Southeast Asia.

Speakers at the conference include: Ms. Nerissa Piamonte, Director of the Commission on Human Rights of the Phillipines; Chris Eijkemans, Country Director of Oxfam Cambodia; Mr. Neak Tharen, CEO of Natural Garden Cambodia; Congressman Teddy Baguilat of the Phillipines; and Ms. Ly Seav Minh, Cambodian land community activist. The conference will also be attended by representatives of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

PLEASE NOTE: A **public pledge** to uphold the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights shall take place **at 11.00am** on Wednesday 28 October. This pledge shall be followed by a **press conference at 11.45am.**

Date and Time: 28 October 2015 @10.30am.
Venue: Imperial Garden Hotel & Villa, Phnom Penh.

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