

**VSR WORKING GROUP  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2022  
ECCC RESIDUAL OFFICE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. General Remarks by Chair – Vannak Hang**

The new Chair welcomed members and shared his views on the problems facing Cambodia.

**2. Minutes of meeting of November 17, 2022**

RUTH Sansitny moved to approve Minutes; seconded by Daniel MATTES. Minutes approved.

**3. Notification of Civil Parties**

The international LCL stated that the plan of notification will not start in January because: 1) the final reasons have not been released; and 2) OA needs some time to consider the format of the meetings as well the associated costs prior to finalizing the plan. We will provide an update at the January meeting.

She further stated, under Sothearith Snguon’s leadership, the process for updating the civil party contact information has begun. Lists of names will be provided to Focal Persons to reach those CPs we were unable to contact.

**4. Database of Information re Civil Society Organizations**

VSS will compile a spreadsheet containing information regarding current projects planned for next year by each organization. Vannak will send the template electronically.

The information should include all current projects, described in a general manner. If an organization does not wish to share certain project information, that is fine.

Daniel clarified that we know everyone’s talents and skills, and this is not the forum for proposing new projects; this spreadsheet is for each organization to tell us generally about its workplan over the next year.

The completed spreadsheet will be shared with the Working Group and will be kept updated.

## **5. Other Items**

### **a. December 9 Ceremony at ECCC**

Vannak gave an update on the ceremony conducted at the ECCC on December 9 to close the judicial proceedings. TPO attended and supported the activities. Chanrith as well as Civil Peace Service attended. VSS invited 62 Civil Parties. There were 10 Civil Parties from the Cham community. The Chams had a separate prayer room. While VSS stated that members of the Khmer Krom also attended, Chanrith clarified that while he had provided VSS with names of Khmer Krom CPs from Takeo, there were no members of the Khmer Krom present.

**Correction to the Minutes (meeting of January 19, 2023):** Vannak clarified that 3 CPs who were Khmer Krom had been invited to the December 9 ceremony. While additional names and contact numbers for Khmer Krom from Takeo Province had been suggested, that Province was already represented by other CPs. Given VSS's efforts to seek a wide geographical representation, no further CPs from Takeo were invited.

In the afternoon, there was a forum for the Civil Parties. The LCLs and a Civil Party lawyer attended. TPO assisted at the forum. Three medical staff from Department of Health were also there. They bring an ambulance on stand-by.

### **b. Civil Party Contact information – Cambodians of Vietnamese ethnic origin and Khmer Krom**

The international LCL requested Chanrith to please send a list of CPs who are Cambodians of ethnic Vietnamese origin and a list of Khmer Krom CPs. Chanrith kindly agreed to provide a list in due course.

### **c. TPO's observations regarding the December 9 ceremony**

Pich Panha advised that following the event, several CPs called TPO to get help with various issues, such as sleeping problems. This was positive as TPO had invited CPs to get in touch if they needed help.

He also advised that several Cham Civil Parties stated that it would be appreciated if they can have a Muslim ceremony next time as well as a Buddhist ceremony. It would make them feel happy.

**d. LCL seeking reports regarding Reparation Projects.**

Sothie Keo from the LCL section informed the working group that we are preparing a report to the Supreme Court Chamber to provide an update on the reparation projects for Case 002/02. We have already asked for reports from the NGOs in 2020 but had only received a response from Bophana Center. We will send another email shortly to ask for such reports. These projects have already been completed, and a report sent to the donor that funded the project. We would like to get a copy of those reports. The reports should be sent by the end of January, 2023.

**6. Action Items**

- Send electronic template for NGO database (VH)
- NGOs to provide reports on reparation projects to Sothie Keo

**7. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting January 19, 2023, 14:00-16:00

**IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION/POSITION</b>
Falguni DEBNATH	International Lead Co-Lawyer (LCL)
HANG Vannak	Chief, VSS
SNGUON Sothearith	Office of LCLs
KEO Sothie	Office of LCLs

NAME	ORGANIZATION/POSITION
LY Bunthea	Youth Resource Development Program
ANG Chanrith	Independent researcher and representative of ethnic minority victim-survivors
RUTH Sansitny	Applied Social Research Institute of Cambodia
Daniel MATTES	Consultant to ECCC
NHOUN Sokhoun	Legal Documentation Centre related to the ECCC
KAING Monida	VSS
PICH Panha	TPO
SOK Sopheak Monica	GD Alliance
Rattanak Ly	WPM
Hut Dareth	YFP