



**Asian Regional Consultations in support of the finalization of
the International Regime on Access & Benefit-sharing
4-6 December 2009
Borei Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

General Information

Welcome to Siem Reap, Cambodi!

Registration

The registration for the Conference will be at the Conference Hotel, Borei Angkor Resort and Spa Hotel in Siem Reap between from 8:00 to 9:00 on Friday 4th December and 8:00 to 8:30 on Saturday 5th December 2009.

Date and Venue

The Consultation will take place at the Bokor Ballroom, Borei Angkor Resort and Spa Hotel in the Angkor town located in 2 km away from the Royal Palace. Its address is National Road 6, # 0369, Banteay Chas, Slorkram, Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia.

The Consultation will be conducted in three days from 4-6 December 2009. However, on 4th December informal consultation and discussion on substantive issues which are of concern to parties will take place.

Opening Ceremony

The opening session of the Asia Consultation Meeting will start at 8:30 am on 5th December 2009 at the Bokor Ballroom, Borei Angkor Resort and Spa Hotel. The consultation will be opened by Senior Minister of the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Royal Government of Cambodia and welcome remarks to be delivered by Siem Reap Governor. CBD Secretariat, UNEP and ACB will likewise give Opening Messages to the Meeting.

Provisional Agenda

Provisional agenda for this Asian Regional Consultation has been developed by delegate-representatives from Asia and Pacific countries in the *regional consultation meetings for Asia and Pacific countries* during WGABS-8 in Montreal. The pending program for informational discussion on 4th December is to be decided by delegate-representatives during the meeting (see annex 1).

Flight Arrangement

Participants are required to book their own flight to arrive Siem Reap on 3rd December 2009. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, UNEP and ACB will reimburse the air ticket costs - economy class only by the most direct routes with no stop over unless warranted by the airline itinerary and upon submission of original receipt.

Arrival

All participants are encouraged to book their own flight to arrive Siem Reap on 3rd December 2009. MoE-Cambodia officers will meet participants at the Arrival Hall of the Siem Reap Airport. Participants shall look for **Asian Regional Consultation** sign after the passenger check point. Participants are required to send their flight itinerary or arrival date/time to Mr. Yin Samray at samrayyin@yahoo.com and Ms Ken Bopreang at preangk@yahoo.com (with copy to ACB: Walane Aquino <wdcaquino@aseanbiodiversity.org> and Menandro Abanes msabanes@aseanbiodiversity.org).

On Arrival Visa

Participants can apply Cambodian visa on arrival at Siem Reap airports for US Dollar 20.00 cash plus US Dollar 5.00 processing fee. A visa form will be issued to you on the airplane or on arrival at Siem Reap Airport. You will also need one or two passport photos to accompany your visa application. For more information and requirement please see www.mfaic.gov.kh/e-visa. Delegates who need assistance on visa matters are required to send their passport details and flight schedules to **Mr. Yin Samray** and **Ms Ken Bopreang** via his and her above email addresses in advance and as soon as possible.

Hotel

There are 5 hotels (excluding hotel venue) and two guest houses available for this Asian Regional Consultation, all in walking distance to/from the venue Hotel. All participants are recommended to book their own accommodation in one of those hotels and guest houses listed in annex2. Participants can either directly communicate with hotels/guest houses or ask for assistance. The contact person for hotel arrangement is Mr. Yourk Sothearith, email: thearith_17@yahoo.com; preangk@yahoo.com Tel: (855) 17 532 627.

Local Transportation

The Ministry of Environment of Cambodia will arrange transportation from Siem Reap Airport to Hotel and vice versa for all participants. This journey takes approximately 45 minutes. As soon as possible, please let us know, prior to your arrival, your flight number, date and time of arrival in Siem Reap for coordination. You will be met by one of the MoE officers at the airport holding signage for the Asia Consultation Meeting.

Dinner/Meals

The Ministry of Environment of the Royal Government of Cambodia is delighted to invite all the participants to the dinner's program which is scheduled as following:

1. Welcome BBQ Buffet Dinner with Senior Minister of the Ministry of Environment
 - Date & Time: 4th December, 19:00 – 21:00
 - Venue: Poolside, Borei Angkor Resort and Spa Hotel.
2. Dinner on 5th December 2009
 - Date & Time: 5th December, 18:00 – 20:00
 - Venue: Banteay Srei Restaurant. Bus will pick up participants from 17:45-18:00 from the lobby of Borei Angkor Hotel
3. Dinner on 6th December 2009
 - Date & Time: 6th December, 18:00 – 20:00
 - Venue: Tonle Sap Restaurant. Bus will pick up participants from 17:45-18:00 from the lobby of Borei Angkor Hotel

Participants are requested to arrange dinner on their own on 3rd December 2009. Lunch arrangements will be made for all participants at the venue hotel.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

UNEP/ACB will provide one delegate from Asia countries with a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the period of their participation in the consultation. The DSA with the UN Rate is based on the duration of participant stay according to delegate's official date of arrival in and departure from Siem Reap. An additional of one full DSA will also be provided to funded participants to cover terminal expenses, pocket allowance, costs of visa and airport transfers in their country of origin.

Please be informed that the DSA will be distributed during the registration period on 4th and 5th December 2009 at the meeting venue.

Currency Exchange

The unit of currency is the *Real*. However, US dollar is acceptable for any expenditure. Exchange of certain currencies may be limited, therefore, it is recommended to bring US dollars. Participants can exchange money at market, bank or at the airport. Since US dollar is accepted in the market, participants are not recommended to exchange large amount. Exchange rate at the hotel may be low. The currency exchange rate is approximately US\$1=Real 4100. ATMs are available in the city center and some petroleum stations. Major credit cards such as VISA and MasterCard are accepted at most hotels, some shops and restaurants.

Official Language

The official Language in Cambodia is Khmer, but English is spoken and understood in hotels, shops and restaurants. The Asia Consultation Meeting will be conducted in English.

Time

Cambodia Time is 7 hours ahead of GMT (GMT+07:00).

Electricity

220 volts, 50Hz; both round and thin two-pin (in some places can use square three-pin) plugs are in use. Participants are advised to check the voltage before using appliances. Some participants may need to bring converters or adapters.

Weather and clothing

We will recommend participants to bring light clothes. Siem Reap enjoys a warm and sunny climate. The average day temperature in Cambodia this time of the year is around 20-30 degrees Celsius, but there is windy in some how.

Sightseeing programme

The Ministry of Environment of the Royal Government of Cambodia will organize sightseeing programs at Angkor temples on afternoon of 4th and 6th December, depending on the progress of the meeting. Participants who are accompanied by their family members or friends and would like to join the trip are welcome but they are required to inform and send the name(s) to Cambodian organizer in advance, but no later than three day before departure date to Siem Reap, otherwise they will charge for entry free to visit Angkor Temples at cost USD20/day per person.

Travel Agency

All most of hotels and guest house in Siem Reap have good connection with Travel Agency, therefore, participants can confirm their flights and booking trip for visit Angkor Wat at the hotel.

Contact Information:

For further queries and information , participants please contact:

- Ms. Ken Bopreang and Mr. Yin Samray, MoE Cambodia: for logistic arrangement, visa issues, hotel booking. Email: samrayyin@yahoo.com and preangk@yahoo.com
Tel: (855) 11 871 541 / (855) 17 535 646
- Ms. Walane Aquino <wdcaquino@aseanbiodiversity.org> and Menandro Abanes
<msabanes@aseanbiodiversity.org> with copy to: Clarissa Arida
<ccarida2@aseanbiodiversity.org> -ACB Contacts for reimbursements:

Have a Safe Trip!

Annex1: Provisional agenda

Asian Regional Consultations in support of the finalization of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing

5-6 December 2009, Borei Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Objective: Consultation: to share common understating on substantives components of IR: lesson learn from WGABS-7 and WGABS-8 and prepare for WGABS-9 in Colombia- the way forward to COP 10 in Nagoya

Expectation:

- Mutual understanding and partnerships.
- Identifies regional interest and priorities issues
- Explore options for effective negotiation in WGABS-9

Date	Topic	Resources
4 /12/2009	Informal consultation: Preparation for next two day meeting and discussion substantive issues including Inter-session. <i><u>Note: the following program for informal consultation on 4th is a proposal for countries delegates consideration only.</u></i>	Delegates/participations
8:00 – 9:00	Registration	MoE, Cambodia
9:00 – 10:00	Develop agenda for informal consultation	Delegates/participants
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on Inter-session procedural approach including preparation for Inter-regional Consultative Meeting What should be Asian countries common interest - Enhance understanding on emerging issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • definitions • Preamble language • Institutional arrangements • Implementing measure 	Delegates/participants Support from Co-chairs and Secretariat
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment interests of developed and developing countries: mutual understanding - Other substantive discussion 	Delegates/participants Support from Co-chairs and Secretariat
15:00 – 18:00	- Possible sightseeing up to participants	MoE, Cambodia
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Dinner by Host Country, RGC	

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Day 1: 5 December 2009		
8:00 – 8:30	Registration if required	MoE, Cambodia
8:30 – 10:00	Opening Session	
	Welcome remark	HE. Sou Phirin, Siem Reap Governor
	Welcome notes	UNEP & ACB representatives
	Welcome notes	Co-chair & SCBD representative
	Opening Speech	H.E. Dr. Mok Mareath Senior Minister, MoE
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 – 11:00	Overview: current status of negotiation of IR	SCBD/co-chair of WGABS
11:00 – 12:00	Discussion challenges and find solution/alternatives	Facilitator: will selected
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 14:00	Identifies key issues that need attention from the regional participation	Co-chairs and participants
14:00 – 15:00	Discussion on substantive components:	Updated Paris Annex as reference and other recommend by Secretariat
	• Group1: Nature, Objective & Scope	Facilitator: will selected Support by co-chair or SCBD
	• Group 2: Access & Benefit sharing	Facilitator: will selected Support by co-chair or SCBD
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 17:00	Group presentation at the plenary follow by Q&A	SCBD/co-chair of WGABS
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner offers by Ministry of Environment, Cambodia	
Day 2: 6 December 2009		
8:00 – 9:00	Continue discussion on substantive components:	Updated Paris Annex as reference and other recommend by Secretariat
	• Group 1: Access & TK	Facilitator: Support by co-chair or SCBD
	• Group 2: Compliance & CB	Facilitator: Support by co-chair or SCBD
9:00 – 10:00	Group presentation at the plenary follow by Q&A	SCBD/co-chair of WGABS
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
1030 – 11:30	Continue at the plenary: presentation, Q&A	SCBD/co-chair of WGABS
11:30 – 12:00	Identifies regional priority and actions	Moderator + Participants

12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 15:00	Preparation and options for WGABS-9	Moderator + Participants
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 16:00	Workshop summary	
16:00 – 17:00	Closing Speech	H.E. Yen Khim Sean Secretary of State, MoE
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner offers by Ministry of Environment, Cambodia	

Annex 2

Hotels information for participants

Hotel Name	Price (USD)	Address	Remark
Siem Reap Town Hotel Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV, Wi-Fi	Superior: 25\$ (include breakfast) 20\$ (exclude breakfast) Deluxe: 35\$ (include breakfast) 30\$ (exclude breakfast)	#149, National Road No 6, Banteay Chas Village, Slorkram Commune, Siem Reap. Phone: 063 963 591 dos@siemreaptownhotel.com www.siemreaptownhotel.com	30 m from Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)
Sky Way Hotel Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV, Wi-Fi	10\$ - 15\$ (exclude breakfast)	National Road 6, next to Samaki market, Siem Reap City. Phone: 063 760 658 skywayhotel@yahoo.com www.skywayhotel.com	30 m from Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)
Sovann Angkor II Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV	10\$ - 15\$ (exclude breakfast) Breakfast: 3\$/person	#0667, National Road 6, Banteay Chas Village, Slorkram Commune, Siem Reap City Phone: 063 964 991 golden_angkor02@yahoo.com www.goldenangkor-hotel.com	50 m from Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)
Apsara Meas Hotel Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV	12\$ (exclude breakfast)	Banteay Chas village, Slorkram commune, Siem Reap City Phone: 063 976 063 apsarameashotel@yahoo.com	Behind Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)
Men Bora Hotel Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV	13\$ (exclude breakfast) 15\$ (include breakfast)	National Road 6, Banteay Chas village, Slorkram commune, Siem Reap Phone: 063 963 796 menbora@gmail.com www.menbora.com	150 m from Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)
Grand Star Guest House Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV	13\$ (Twin bed) 10\$ (Single bed)	At the west of Samaki market of 250 meters Phone: 063 965 855 guesthouse@grandstartour.com www.grandstartour.com	150 m from Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)
Un Piseth Guest House Facilities: Hot and cold water, Freezer, TV	12\$ - 13\$	National Road 6, Banteay Chas village, Slorkram commune, Siem Reap H/P: 012 820 253 011 820 253 017 282 627	50 m from Borei Angkor Hotel (Venue)

Note: Hotel and guest house is almost the same.