

Programme Proposal

Title: Training workshop on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of

for implementation of the Convention. The expected actions to be taken in response to the constructive dialogue between the Committee and the State party concerned will be addressed, as will the impact and relevance of the concluding comments for different stakeholders. The opportunities offered by the reporting process will be addressed, and in particular the phase of follow-up to concluding comments to give added momentum to the comprehensive implementation of the Convention at the national level, in a concerted effort of all concerned stakeholders.

Working group sessions will be used to develop a comprehensive strategy of follow-up, including clarification of challenges and opportunities for action by different stakeholders. This strategy will include actions to be taken in the short, medium and long term, by different stakeholders and sector, as well as identify institutional arrangements to ensure collaboration and coordination among relevant stakeholders. The question of resources for implementation will also be addressed.

Participants will be provided with a complete set of materials and handouts.

The content of the workshop will therefore include:

An overview of the reporting process, in particular the follow up to concluding comments

The role of different branches and levels of Government, as well as of different sectors with primary responsibility for the areas addressed in the Convention and in particular in the Committee's concluding comments

The role of other stakeholders, including civil society, in implementation of the Convention and specifically the Committee's concluding comments

The role of, and opportunities for United Nations agencies and funds to support the State party in follow up to concluding comments.

Target group (Participants)

It is expected that 36 participants will attend the workshop including twenty officials from the various ministries, four members of Parliament, two senators and ten representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Participants may also include observers from the UN country team in Cambodia and bilateral donors.

Outputs and Achievements

The expected outcomes of the workshop include:

A strategy and action plan, with short-, medium and long-term goals for implementation of each of the recommendations of the Committee reflected in the concluding comments, including identification of main actors and resources

An institutional framework for cooperation and coordination among all stakeholders in implementation of the strategy and action plan, including mechanisms and timeline for preparation of the subsequent periodic report

Enhanced capacity of Government officials, within their area of responsibility, to undertake follow-up in accordance with the concluding comments of the Committee and the strategy and action plan; and

Enhanced capacity of other stakeholders to work in a cooperative and coordinated manner for implementation of the Convention and follow-up to concluding comments, and advocate for accession to the Optional Protocol.

A report on the proceedings of the workshop will be prepared.

Timing and duration

The workshop will take place from 1 to 2 November 2006

Venue

To be determined

Input by co-organisers

Provision of secretarial support.

Justification for use of technical cooperation budget

The workshop will focus on ways to better implement the provisions of the Convention, especially to encourage collaboration and creation of a more permanent and sustainable institutional framework to support effective follow-up to, and implementation of

