



## **Preah Reach Kret (Royal Decree)**

**NS/RKT/0809/866**

**On**

**The Establishment of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development**

**WE**

**Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Borom Neath NORODOM SIHAMONI,  
Samanaphum Cheat Sasnare Rakhatahatteya Khemamarath Reastr  
Puthiktrea thak rea Khemara reachanea Samohopheasak  
Kampuchea Ekareach Rath Boranak Sante Sophak  
mongkolea Sereivibolea Khemara Srey Pi reastr  
Preah Chau Krong Kampuchea Thipadey**

- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen Preah Reach Kret No. NS/RKT/0908/1055 dated 25 September 2008, on the appointment of the Royal Government of Cambodia;
- Having seen Preah Reach Kram No. 02/NS/94, dated 20 July 1994, on the organization and promulgation of the Council of Ministers;
- Having seen Preah Reach Kram No. NS/RKM/0196/09, dated 24 January 1996, on promulgating the law on the establishment of the Council of Ministers;
- Having seen the request by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia;

**HEREBY DECIDED**

### **CHAPTER 1 General Provisions**

#### **Article 1**

Shall establish the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development, hereinafter referred as **CARD**, to act as an assistant to the Royal Government on agricultural and rural development throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **Membership**

#### **Article 2**

CARD shall be composed of the following:

- One senior dignitary as a Chairperson
- One or more dignitary as a Vice Chairperson
- The First Vice Chairman or representative of the National Committee for Disaster Management as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Council of Ministers as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Rural Development as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Health as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Environment as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Commerce as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Planning as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Women's Affairs as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran, and Youth Rehabilitation as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Mines and Energy as a member
- The Minister or Secretary of State of the Ministry of Tourism as a member
- The Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia as a member
- The Treasurer or representative of the National Bank of Cambodia as a member
- The President or representative of the Rural Development Bank as a member
- The President or representative of the Supreme National Economic Council as a member
- The President or representative of the Tonle Sap Authority as a member
- The Commander or representative of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces' Engineering Unit as a member
- The General Secretary of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development as a permanent member

The actual composition of CARD shall be determined by decision of the Royal Government.

## **CHAPTER 3**

## **Roles and Duties**

### **Article 3**

CARD is a focal point responsible for assisting the Royal Government of Cambodia on coordination of agricultural and rural development in a close effective collaboration with concerned ministries, institutions, sub-national administration, development partners, civil societies and private sectors.

### **Article 4**

CARD has the following duties:

- Determines priorities, key issues, and policy programs in agricultural and rural development in line with the policies of the Royal Government;
- Acts as a representative of the Royal Government in meetings with internationals and other development partners related with agricultural and rural development;
- Manages, coordinates, monitors, evaluates and advices on the preparation of program implementation and policy of the Royal Government on agricultural and rural development;
- Coordinates, monitors, follows up and evaluates all implementation of the projects related to Food Security and Nutrition sectors of the relevant ministries/ institutions, sub-national administration, development partners, civil societies, and private sectors in order to promote work effectiveness;
- Mobilizes and facilitates so that there is active engagement from the people, rural communities, private sectors, development partners, civil societies, relevant ministries/ institutions, sub-national administration in order to make it efficient and tightly linked in agricultural and rural development toward poverty reduction in Cambodia;
- Promotes, encourages and mainstreams gender policy and ethnic minorities in agricultural and rural development;
- Determines cross-cutting issues related to agricultural and rural development, and raises these issues in the policy discussion and strategy of the Royal Government;
- Wraps up work results of CARD and reports to the Royal Government; and
- Carries out other duties assigned by the Royal Government.

## **CHAPTER 4 Functions of CARD**

### **Article 5**

The chairman of CARD has the following roles and duties:

- Manages the overall work of CARD;
- Presides over CARD's meetings and meetings of executive committee of CARD;
- Calls for ordinary meetings or extraordinary meetings, when necessary, of executive committee of CARD; and
- Carries out other duties assigned by the Royal Government.

### **Article 6**

- Vice chairmen of CARD carry out duties assigned by the chairman.

## **Article 7**

The members of CARD have the following roles and duties:

- Participate in ordinary and extraordinary meetings of CARD;
- Raise policy programs, measures, reports and other suggestions for CARD; and
- Comment on policy programs, measures, reports and other suggestions for CARD.

## **Article 8**

CARD has to convene ordinary meetings every three months.

## **Article 9**

CARD has one executive committee to carry out its daily work. The executive committee of CARD composes of the following:

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Chairman of CARD                 | President      |
| ▪ Vice chairmen of CARD            | Vice president |
| ▪ Secretary general of CARD        | Members        |
| ▪ Deputy secretary general of CARD | Members        |

## **Article 10**

The executive committee of CARD has to have at least one meeting per month to monitor and wrap up work.

## **Article 11**

CARD is entitled to inviting the president or representatives of institutions or advisors as necessary to participate in CARD's meetings or meetings of CARD's executive committee.

## **Article 12**

All concerned ministries and bodies are responsible for offering CARD documents, statistics and information, and have to closely co-operate with CARD in order to work effectively for the Royal Government.

## **Article 13**

CARD has to assign representatives to join the ordinary sessions of the Council of Ministers, inter-ministries and other meetings when invited by the Council of Ministers.

## **Article 14**

The meeting procedures of CARD and CARD's executive committee have to be set out in the internal rules of CARD.

## **Article 15**

CARD is entitled to its separate stamp.

## **Article 16**

CARD has a secretariat as an assistant led by a Secretary General and a member of Deputy Secretary General acting as assistants. The Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General have to be appointed by a Royal Decree.

## **Article 17**

The arrangements and procedures of CARD's secretariat have to be set out by a Sub-Decree.

## **CHAPTER 5 Funding Resources**

### **Article 18**

CARD uses national revenues, an allocated package, in the framework of an annual budget of the Council of Ministers.

CARD is entitled to receiving and managing funding from international co-operation funding sources and other sources to carry out its activities effectively.

## **CHAPTER 6 Final Provision**

### **Article 19**

This Royal Decree replaces the already-invalidated Royal Decree No. NS/RKT/1298/104 dated December 31, 1998.

### **Article 20**

Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo **HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of Royal Government of Cambodia, is responsible for making this Royal Decree effective upon signature.

Made at Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

## **Signature and Stamp**

**NORODOM SIHAMONI**

Reported and Requested for the signature  
of His Majesty, the King of Cambodia

**Prime Minister  
Signature**

**Samdech Akakmohasenapadeitechor HUN SEN**

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Phnom Penh, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2009

**Under General Secretary of the Royal Government**

**Khun Chin Ken**