

Statement

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The Regional Discussions

Mr. Chair and Excellencies

First, Cambodia would like to thank the speakers this morning for delivering impressive remarks and experiences regarding the thematic areas of the CSD18 in the Western Asia & Arab Region. As of the practical aspects, Cambodia under the prominent leadership of H.E. Dr. MOK Mareth, Senior Minister and Minister of Environment has introduced and continuously implemented the sustainable strategies for sound and effective environmental management vital to the sustained socio-economic growth. The Ministry has enhanced the awareness of the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reduce and Recycle) to the population and the public at large at the local and national level as well as the Asian region. Such sustainable environmental practices integrate the green growth action plan into the communities nationwide and strengthen it through regional cooperation, and development partners. The Ministry has also introduced Three C- Clean Land, Air and Water and it continuously implements the three Cs at the Community and national level. What Cambodia would like to see is the outcomes of the CSD-18 from the practices and propositions identified as follow:

1. Inclusion Environmentally Sustainable Public Transport, (EST) into the strategic development plan; Master Plan for EST for pollution control and effectively manage waste, in particular, areas in the process of urbanization for sound waste management from solid to liquidity substances. This, therefore, raises the living standards of the rural people and the poor population of Cambodia and other countries. The EST projects necessitate institutional collaborations among line ministries, i.e. Ministry of Ministry and Industry, Ministry of Public Transport, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, relevant development partners and multistakeholders.
2. Infrastructure innovation for agriculture and economic development; integration of climate change into the sustainable development
3. Empowerment of women in educating the younger generation of the sustainable waste management and environment protection
4. Efficient Energy Production: small-scale renewable energy production with efficiency & R&D
5. Chemical waste management: prevention of the transportation of hazardous and chemical waste from dumping into Cambodia, as the Prime Minister and the Senior Minister often emphasizes that the country is not a dumping site for industrial solid wastes ranging from chemicals and other hazardous wastes.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman