



Royal Decree

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On

The Organization and Functioning of the National Committee for Early Childhood Care and Development (NCECCD)

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**Preah Karuna Preah Bat Samdech Preah Borom Neath NORODOM SIHAMONI,
Samanaphum Cheat Sasnare Rakhatakhattaya Khemrarath 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 Royal Decree No. NS/RKT/0908/1055 dated Sep 25, 2008 on the Appointment of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen Royal Kram No. 02/NS/94 dated July 20, 1994 promulgating the Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers;
- Having seen Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0196/01 dated Jan 24, 1996 promulgating the Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport;
- Having seen Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/1207/032 dated Dec 08, 2007 promulgating the Law on Education;
- Having seen the report by Samdech Aka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia with approval from the Council of Ministers in the plenary session on March 22, 2013.

Hereby Decides:

Chapter 1

General Provision

Article 1:

This Royal Decree stipulates the organization and functioning of the National Committee for Early Childhood Care and Development or in short NC-ECCD as a mechanism for implementing the Law on Education and the National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development.

Chapter 2

Composition of NC-ECCD

Article 2:

NC-ECCD is composed of:

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| - The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia | | Honorary Chair |
| - Minister, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport | | Chair |
| - Secretary of State, Ministry of Women's Affairs | 1 person | Vice Chair |
| - Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior | 1 person | Vice Chair |
| - Secretary of State, Ministry of Health | 1 person | Vice Chair |
| - Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation | 1 person | Vice Chair |
| - Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport | 1 person | Permanent Vice Chair |
| - Under Secretary of State, Office of the Council of Ministers | 1 person | Member |
| - Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance | 1 person | Member |
| - Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Information | 1 person | Member |
| - Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Rural Development | 1 person | Member |
| - Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment | 1 person | Member |
| - Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Planning | 1 person | Member |
| - Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery | 1 person | Member |

Actual composition of NC-ECCD shall be nominated by a Sub-decree.

Chapter 3

Roles and Responsibilities of NC-ECCD

Article 3:

NC-ECCD has the following roles and responsibilities:

- Urge relevant ministries, agencies and development partners to effectively carry out roles and tasks as elaborated in the National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development;
- Urge and provide coordination to all relevant ministries and agencies to set up sectoral Early Childhood Technical Coordination Committees to ensure the implementation of the National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development;
- Promote and coordinate the implementation of the National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development at sub-national level;
- Cooperate with Consultative Committee on Women and Children at capital, provincial and municipal, district and khan levels and Commune/Sangkat Committee for Women and Children;
- Approve and disseminate the National Policy and National Action Plan on Early Childhood Care and Development to relevant ministries, agencies, national and international organizations as well as development partners at national and sub-national levels;
- Develop legal framework for implementing Early Childhood Care and Development Program;
- Set up a research mechanism to identify, search for and early detect young children with special needs and disabilities;
- Develop supporting mechanisms for public service, community-based service, private service and home-based and house group-based service on early childhood care and development with special care for children in disadvantaged areas, ethnic minority children and marginalized children;
- Review and revise the National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development;
- Mobilize resources for supporting the undertaking of early childhood care and development;
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of all early childhood care and development programs;
- Report on progress of early childhood care and development to the Royal Government;
- Undertake other tasks as assigned by the Royal Government.

Chapter 4

Functioning of NC-ECCD

Article 4:

NC-ECCD shall meet at least 2 (two) times a year as per invited by the Chair.

If necessary, the Chair of NC-ECCD can invite representatives of relevant ministries, agencies and development partners to participate in the meetings as well.

Article 5:

Formality of the NC-ECCD's meeting shall be determined in the internal regulation of NC-ECCD.

Article 6:

NC-ECCD is entitled to use the seal of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport for its undertaking.

Article 7:

NC-ECCD has a General Secretariat based in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

NC-ECCD's General Secretariat is headed by a Secretary General and a number of Deputy Secretary Generals as required who shall be nominated by Royal Decree or Sub-decree.

The organization and functioning of the NC-ECCD's General Secretariat shall be determined by a Sub-decree.

Article 8:

NC-ECCD can engage some technical advisors, national experts and international experts as required to assist NC-ECCD and the General Secretariat.

Article 9:

NC-ECCD shall set up a number of sectoral Early Childhood Technical Coordination Committees as required who will be led by members of NC-ECCD and participated as members by technical officials from relevant ministries and agencies, national organizations and development partners.

Composition, roles and tasks of sectoral Early Childhood Technical Coordination Committees shall be determined by a Decision of NC-ECCD's Chair.

Chapter 5

Sources of Resources

Article 10:

Costs for operating NC-ECCD shall be covered by national fund, which is part of the budget of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

NC-ECCD is entitled to receive and manage funds from different sources for its operation according to applicable procedures and laws.

Chapter 6
Final Provision

Article 11:

Any provisions contradicting this Royal Decree are nullified.

Article 12:

Samdech Aka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, is charged to implement this Royal Decree from the date of the signature.

Royal Palace, April 4, 2013
Sign and Seal

Norodom Sihamoni

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Submitted to His Majesty King

For signature

Prime Minister

Signature

Samdech Aka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**

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First Deputy Secretary General of the Royal Government of Cambodia

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