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countryData

## **UNSD-DFID Project: Fourth Workshop on CountryData – Building better dissemination systems for national development indicators, Phnom Penh, 21 – 25 April 2014**

### **Information Note for Participants**

#### **Background**

1. The workshop is organized by the UN Statistics Division (UNSD). This workshop is the fourth in a series of international workshops planned by the UNSD-DFID Project on “Improving the collation, availability and dissemination of national development indicators, including MDGs”. The series of workshops has served to build capacity around implementing the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) dissemination model promoted by the project. The fourth workshop will, in particular, look at complex issues and advanced topics in SDMX mapping and exchange. It will also focus on metadata and its use in discrepancy analysis, with a long term view to reducing discrepancies between national and international development data. The training will be led by UNSD and will bring together statistical and IT project focal points from the 11 countries participating in the project.

#### **Participants**

2. Participants from Burundi, Cambodia, Ghana, Lao PDR, Liberia, Morocco, Palestine, Rwanda, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam will be attending the workshop. They are representing National Statistical Offices.

#### **Venue and dates**

3. The workshop will be convened at the Hotel Cambodiana (<http://www.hotelcambodiana.com.kh>) from 21 to 25 April 2014. The hotel address is as follows:

HOTEL CAMBODIANA Address: 313 Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia Phone: 855-23 426 288 Fax: 855-23 217 059 Website: <a href="http://www.hotelcambodiana.com.kh">http://www.hotelcambodiana.com.kh</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@hotelcambodiana.com.kh">info@hotelcambodiana.com.kh</a>
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4. The opening of the workshop will be at 9:00 on Monday, 21 April 2014. All subsequent sessions will be held from 9:00 to 16:30. Please arrive earlier on the first day for registration (between 8:45 and 9:00).

### **Organizing Secretariat**

5. The workshop is organized by the UN Statistics Division.
6. For further information concerning substantive preparation and organizational logistical aspects of the Workshop, please contact:

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### **Visa requirements and immigration procedures**

7. Normally, citizens of ASEAN Member Countries are allowed to enter and stay in Cambodia without entry visa for a maximum of 30 days. However, participants are advised to confirm or consult with the Cambodian Embassy in their respective countries prior to departure. Participants of other nationalities may need to coordinate with the Cambodian Embassy in their respective countries. It is important that passports are still valid for at least the next 6 months from date of arrival in Cambodia.

### **Hotel accommodation**

8. Hotel Cambodiana has provided special room rates of USD 75 / 85 (single/double) for city view superior rooms, and USD 85 / 95 (single/double) for river view superior rooms during the workshop for all participants. If you wish to take advantage of this rate, please contact the hotel directly mentioning the workshop and asking for the UN cooperation rate, subject to availability.
9. These two hotel accommodations are very close to the venue of the workshop:

Himawari Hotel  
Email: [reservation@himawari.com.kh](mailto:reservation@himawari.com.kh)  
Website: [www.himawarihotel.com](http://www.himawarihotel.com)

Imperial Garden Villa & Hotel, Phnom Penh  
Website: <http://www.imperialgarden-hotel.com/>

10. In addition, there are other accommodations, guesthouses along the river to the north of the venue about 1-2 km. For further information regarding to hotel accommodations please visit the link below:  
[http://www.agoda.com/city/phnom-penh-kh.html?type=1&cid=1410089&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.agoda.com%2fasia%2fcambodia%2fphnom\\_penh.html&tag=94e73d17-0198-4479-b2d7-16e5b2868604](http://www.agoda.com/city/phnom-penh-kh.html?type=1&cid=1410089&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.agoda.com%2fasia%2fcambodia%2fphnom_penh.html&tag=94e73d17-0198-4479-b2d7-16e5b2868604)

In front of Hotel Cambodiana (venue of the workshop), there is a supermarket called as Pencil Market. Along the street on the back of this market, there are many restaurants.

### **Notes on arrival and departure**

11. Public taxis are available outside the airport arrival lounge. The taxi fare costs about USD10-15 and takes approximately 30 minutes one-way to the hotels. However, it may take longer if there is a traffic jam.

### **Registration and identification badges**

12. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the registration desk, located in front of the meeting room in Hotel Cambodiana between 8:45 to 9:00 on the opening day. Participants who do not register on the opening day are requested to do so on subsequent day, to ensure that their names appear on the list of participants. Without registration, names of participants will not be included in the list.

### **Working language of the consultations and documents**

13. The workshop will be conducted in English, and all documentation will be issued only in English. No interpretation service will be available.

### **Phnom Penh**

14. Phnom Penh is the largest, most populous and capital city of Cambodia. The city is located in the south-central region of Cambodia, at the confluence of the Tonlé Sap, Mekong, and Bassac rivers. These rivers provide potential freshwater and other resources. The city, located at 11.55° N 104.91667° E (11°33' North, 104°55' East, [1]). Covers an area of 375 square kilometres (145 sq mi) which some 11,401 hectares (28,172 acres) in the municipality and 26,106 hectares (64,509 acres) of roads.

Phnom Penh is mostly inhabited by Cambodians (or Khmers) - they represent 90% of the population of the city. There are large minorities of Vietnamese and Chinese, other ethnic groups are Thai, Budong, Mnong Preh, Kuy, Chong, Chams. English and French are widely used in the city, but the official language is Khmer.

### **Weather**

15. Climate is hot year-round with only minor variations. City temperatures range from 10° to 38 °C (50° to 100 °F) and experiences tropical monsoons. Southwest monsoons blow inland bringing moisture-laden winds from the Gulf of Thailand and Indian Ocean from May to October.

It has two distinct seasons. The rainy season, which runs from May to October, can see temperatures rise up to 40 °C (104 °F) around April and is generally accompanied with high humidity. The dry season lasts from November to April when temperatures can drop to 22 °C (72 °F).

Light tropical clothing will be appropriate.

### **Foreign exchange**

16. Cambodia, Riel (KHR; symbol CR). Notes are in denominations of CR100,000, 50,000, 20,000, 10,000, 5,000, 2,000, 1,000, 500, 200 and 100. US Dollars are widely accepted and exchanged, Thai Baht is accepted in some cities, but other currencies are generally only recognized at banks.

As of April 2014, the exchange rate is around USD 1 = KHR4,000.00

Credit cards are now more widely accepted in up market hotels, shops and restaurants catering to visitors. There are ATMs in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Sihanoukville. It is always best to carry cash (US Dollars if necessary) in small denominations. Change of less than one dollar is given in riel. Always carry some small Riel for minor purchases. 500 and 1000 riel note are the most common and useful denominations.

Banks provide currency and travelers check exchange, credit card advances, telegraphic transfers and all usual banking services. Most banks are open from 8:00 to 3:00 or 16:00, Monday through Friday. Some are open Saturday mornings until 11:30.

### **Electricity**

17. The electric current is 220 volts, 50Hz. Electric power sockets generally fit two round pins.