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Cambodia Responsible Investor Convening

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On September 10, 2025, the National Bank of Cambodia and the United Nations in Cambodia—in collaboration with CERISE+SPTF, the Association of Banks in Cambodia, and the Cambodia Microfinance Association—co-hosted the **Cambodia Responsible Investor Convening**. The event brought together over 60 investors in banking and financial sector to engage in a strategic dialogue on advancing responsible finance practices for Cambodia.

This dialogue aims at bringing investors in financial and banking sector to share vision for the implementation of social, governance and consumer protection principles to support the ecosystem for responsible and sustainable financial practices. Also, this event offers an opportunity to align on shared values, strengthen accountability, and explore practical steps to ensure that social and governance considerations remain at the heart of financial decision-making.

In his opening remarks, H.E. Rath Sovannorak emphasized “The choices you make shape institutional behaviour, governance standards, and ultimately, the quality of services delivered to clients. That is why, today gathering will provide to an overview of the Social Governance actions undertaken by NBC and sector associations which helping investors to set clear expectations, manage risk, and stay aligned with Cambodia’s sectoral Code of Conduct, known as BFIs Code of Conduct.”

Mr. Jo Scheuer reinforced “the importance of collective action in building an inclusive, transparent, and accountable financial system that supports Cambodia’s resilient economic growth and sustainable development goals.”

Discussions focused on existing governance frameworks, remaining gaps, and the strategic role of data and oversight in ensuring client protection. Participants 

explored how boards and leadership can embed responsible finance principles into institutional decision-making, strengthen accountability, and enhance long-term impact.

This convening marks a strategic direction in aligning investor practices with Cambodia's vision for sustainable finance—anchored in trust, shared responsibility, and inclusive growth. 

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