

## CCHR MEDIA ALERT - Phnom Penh, 19 June 2014

## CCHR to host workshop for youth on electoral reform

On 20 and 21 June 2014, <u>The Cambodian Center for Human Rights</u> ("CCHR") will host a workshop for youth on electoral reform aimed at providing opportunities for youth participants to identify key concerns regarding electoral reform and to develop recommendations, in addition to learning about substantive issues regarding political participation and electoral reform. The workshop will also provide opportunities for youth participants to increase their capacity to conduct advocacy and campaign activities for electoral reform and facilitate opportunities for the youth participants to network and make connections. Approximately 50 youth participants are expected to attend this workshop.

The workshop is carried out as part of CCHR's Project to Mobilize Youth Around Electoral Reform, which seeks to raise awareness and engage people – and in particular youth, who are becoming increasingly vocal in demanding for change – in debate and discussion about electoral reform, in order to help formulate substantive recommendations that are reflective of all stakeholders.

Following the workshop, the issues raised and the recommendations of participants will be incorporated into a policy brief and sent to relevant stakeholders including political parties, the National Election Committee, in order to seek their feedback and to encourage dialogue.

## Date and Venue

- Date: 20-21 June 2014
- Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Venue: Khmer Surin Restaurant, #11A, St. 57, Boeung Keng Kang 1, Khan Chamkar Mon, Phnom Penh.

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## Notes to the Editor:

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