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**Outcomes of the Working Visit of Her Excellency Madam Louise MUSHIKIWABO,
Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie, to the
Kingdom of Cambodia**

At the invitation of His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, Her Excellency Mrs. Louise MUSHIKIWABO, Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), paid a working visit to Cambodia from 1 to 4 March 2026, with the aim of supporting Cambodia as the host country of the 20th Francophonie Summit. During her stay, the Secretary General paid courtesy calls on Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the Senate, and Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and held talks with His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn.

The Secretary General and the Deputy Prime Minister exchanged views on the progress of preparations for the 20th Francophonie Summit, which will be held on 15 and 16 November 2026 in Phnom Penh. They also underscored the importance of promoting the values of peace, dialogue, and solidarity upheld by the Francophonie, in the context of growing geopolitical instability and the proliferation of armed conflicts.

Both parties reaffirmed their shared commitment to making the 20th Francophonie Summit a landmark event, twenty-nine years after the last Summit in the Asia-Pacific region. They further emphasized their desire to welcome the broadest possible participation of Heads of State and Government, who would thereby have the opportunity to explore Cambodia, a nation for its rich cultural heritage and economic potentials.



As part of her visit to Cambodia, **the Secretary General** traveled to Siem Reap Province to meet with 414 families in temporary a makeshift shelter at Thormak Raingsei Pagoda compound in Sampov Lun Village, Kralanh District. She also visited the Paul Dubrule Tourism School, supported by the International Organization of La Francophonie, which contributes to training young Cambodians in hospitality and culinary professions, with particular emphasis on the promotion of sustainable tourism. Dedication in skills development and the strengthening of youth employability thus constitute a key priority for Francophonie.

During her stay in Phnom Penh, **the Secretary General** visited several sites designed to host the 20th Francophonie Summit, the 47th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie, as well as major sides events, including the Francophonie Village and FrancoTech.

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