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Supporting the constitutional role of the Cambodian Parliament
Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia

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Introduction

- PIC established in February 2011 as an independent organisation.
- Core funding agreement signed with the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) November 2011.
- PIC originates from the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project, but is a **permanent independent body**, adopting an institutional approach to parliamentary development instead of a project approach.
- PIC takes requests for research and activities directly from parliamentary commissions and MPs and Senators from all parties.

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Mandate and Core Values of PIC

Mandate

- To assist the Cambodian legislature in building its capacity as an effective democratic institution through the provision of non-partisan expertise and training to Parliamentarians and Secretariat Staff
- To facilitate experience-sharing with others parliaments in the Sub-Mekong region as well as with IPU members

Core values

- Credibility, Accountability, Participation, Openness, Integrity, Non-discrimination and Transparency.

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Objectives of PIC

PIC will contribute to:

- Promote legislative capacity-building and development
- Foster local ownership of parliamentary activities and develop local sources of parliamentary expertise
- Share experiences of building national expertise with other parliaments
- Strengthen gender networks amongst parliamentarians and incorporate gender analysis into activities

Strategic Approach to PIC Activities

- Align with the priorities of Parliament, engaging with all political parties and targeting key commissions and themes
- Conduct research upon the request of MPs from different parties and select Commissions of Parliament (MPs/CPs)
- Provide parliamentary and PIC's staff training and capacity building when conducting all activities
- Ensure coordination and knowledge sharing and dissemination with related parliamentary development and governance projects in Cambodia, the Mekong Sub-Region and globally
- The long-term aim for PIC is to be integrated into the process and functions of the Parliament.

Circular Approach to PIC Activities

Requests from MPs/CPs

PIC produces research paper

Request further activities

PIC supports Parliament's organisation

Parliament plays oversight role

Request for further research

Approach/Working Methodology

- **Needs-oriented approach**, responding to the direct requests of Commissions and Parliamentarians from all parties whose competencies relate to PIC's working fields.
- **PIC does not follow its own agenda**, it assists with issues contained in commission's workplan and/or on the legislative agenda.
- PIC in a **support and advisory role**. MPs/CPs take the lead in all aspects of planning and organising outreach and representation activities, PIC offers technical and organisational assistance, and attempts to source funding for activities.
- **Training for Secretariat Staff**. PIC takes requests for training from Secretariat Staff on behalf of MPs/CPs. Secretariat Staff receive on-the-job training/mentoring from PIC specialists, returning to the Secretariats to pass on the knowledge and skills they acquired during their time with PIC.