



Land Governance in an Interconnected World

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Alternative Land Conflict Transformation: Lessons from Cambodia

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Since the 2005 Sub-Decree on Economic Land Concession (ELC), the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has granted many ELCs to foreign and local investors. In general the lack of meaningful consultation with communities before ELCs were granted negatively impacted mostly vulnerable Indigenous People Communities (IPCs) living in areas targeted by large ELC projects. Existing land dispute resolution mechanisms have proven to be insufficient to address the ongoing land conflicts affecting IPCs in the area.

In this context, the Mekong Region Land Governance is supporting the Cambodia-based Independent Mediation Group (IMG) The masterclass will share the development of an independent mediation mechanism as an alternative and innovative approach to conflict resolution. The class will go through steps of the mediation process, yet focus on pre-mediation research, particularly conflict analysis. IMG is a young Cambodian organization working to promote land conflict resolution through mediation.