



News Release

The *Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia* would like to take this opportunity to inform local and international media, radio, and television network partners, as well as local and international organizations (NGOs) that COMFREL will be conducting workshops on voter voice in **12** different Communes across Cambodia. The purpose of these workshops is to set local agendas (priority needs) that can be used for political platforms in remote and indigenous communities in these **12** different Communes. These workshops are a direct result of the financial support provided by the European Union (EU), OXFAM NOVIB, NPA and Forum Syd.

These workshops' aim is to increase voter's knowledge on their rights, role they can play in creating a democratic society and obligation in their commune. Each workshop will provide the opportunity for voters to create and discuss local agendas (priority needs) that will be used as political benchmarks in their respective communes. The local agendas (priority needs) created in each workshop directly by the participants will be accurately documented, filed and used as a benchmark for monitoring the implemented campaigns of commune councils. In addition, the documented local agendas (priority needs) for each commune will be forwarded to each major political party.

At each workshop, COMFREL will invite commune council members, political party representatives, civil society representatives and community based organization representatives to be guest speakers and express their local agendas (priority needs) which were directly raised by local citizens. These local agendas (priority needs) will be submitted to elected officers.

COMFREL would like to invite all interested individuals, organizations, political parties, and media outlets to attend and participate in a workshop that is convenient for you. Please see below a list of when and where each workshop will take place. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Date and Location of Workshops on Voter Voice

No.	Date	Commune	District	Province	Contact Persons	Telephone
1	03/02/2012	Rumtum	Rovieng	Preah Vihear	Ms. Lun Sithan	012 891 627
2	17/02/2012	Preh Khleang	TbaengMean Chey			
3	06/02/2012	Tuek Vil	Saang	Kandal	Miss. Leng Channavy	089 964 345
4	15/02/2012	Koh Kapi	Koh Kong	Koh Kong	Miss. Chea Sovannalin	017 915 593
5	16/02/2012	Teun	Kaun Mom	Ratanakiri	Mr. Choun	012 587 012

Vision: A democratic society that democratization in particular democratic elections are promoted and qualified to bring benefits to people.

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6	18/02/2012	Ya Tung	O Ya Dav		Phindara	
7	21/02/2012	Pou Chrey	Pech Cheanda	Mondulkiri	Ms. Keo Dere	012 507 619
8	22/02/2012	Kbal Damrey	Sambaur	Kratie	Ms. Im Many	092 582 678
9	22/02/2012	Ta Loas	Mong Russey	Battambang	Miss. Youm Sokhen	089 951 298
10	25/02/2012	Preah Rumkel	Thalat Borikvat	Stung Treng	Mr. Sok Song	092 590 686
11	27/02/2012	Ta Siem	Svay Leu	Siem Reap	Mr. Phal Bunki	092 676 981
12	27/02/2012	Pheak Khdey	Baseth	Kampong Spue	Mr. Leng Puthy	012 331 640

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COMFRELs mission is to help create an informed and favorable climate 1)- *for free and fair elections* through lobbying and advocacy for a suitable legal framework, education to inform voters of their rights and monitoring activities that both discourage irregularities and provide comprehensive monitoring data to enable an objective, non-partisan assessment of the election process, and 2)- *for meaningfulness of post elections* through education and public forums to encourage citizens to participate in politics and decision-making, advocacy/lobby for electoral reforms that increase accountability of elected officials and provide comprehensive monitoring data to enable an objective, non-partisan assessment of the fulfillment of political platform and performance of elected officials.