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**INTER-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ON AUSTRALIA’S NEW DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP  
PLAN WITH CAMBODIA**

Today, H.E. Rith Vuthy, Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia and H.E. Justin Whyatt, Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, co-hosted consultations between 14 ministries of the Royal Government of Cambodia on Australia’s new Development Partnership Plan for Cambodia.

“The consultations are part of a series of discussions we are having as we develop a new Development Partnership Plan to set the long-term direction of our development cooperation with Cambodia. We are engaging with the Cambodian Government, academia, business, civil society and other development partners to seek their advice and views,” said Ambassador Whyatt.

In August this year, Australia released a new international development policy which sets out over 30 commitments to deliver a more effective, responsive, transparent and accountable program. Among its key commitments, the policy identified ambitious targets and action on climate change, gender equality, supporting locally-led development, and a reinvigorated approach to country strategic planning.

“Over the last five decades, Australia has provided almost \$2 billion in official development assistance to Cambodia. A lot of these investments supported Cambodia’s early reconstruction efforts in the 1990s, including infrastructure, demining, agriculture, health and education. But Cambodia is a very different place now to what it was then. And the nature of our development assistance is also very different.

The Development Partnership Plan is an opportunity for us to take stock, listen to our partners, and calibrate our settings to ensure we are responding to the greatest challenges facing Cambodia and maximising the effectiveness of our development cooperation program,” said Ambassador Whyatt.

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