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**EU-Funded Projects Workshop
"Towards a Green and Inclusive Future"**

**“Group IV - Generating Green Jobs in
rural areas: Challenges and
Opportunities”**

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Question:

Q1. What are the rural sectors with potentials for green jobs in Cambodia?

1. Agriculture & Food Production

- Organic Agriculture
- Rehabilitation of irrigation system and establishment of Community Water User Groups (CWUGs)
- Continue provide agricultural technical skill to farmers to improve quality and quantity of their agricultural production
- Energy Saving Cook stoves
- Water filter
- The construction of rural toilet, also can collect the manure for Biogas and organic fertilizer for doing farming.
- Agri-tourism
- Community forestry (NTFP)
- Community fisheries
- Animal food production
- Food processing
- Multi purpose farming



2. Agro-industry (Including energy).

- Cassava (appropriate technique have to be introduced to avoid the lost of soil nutrients)
- Silk production

Providing that a very cautious environmentally sustainable approach is respected



3. Eco-tourism

- Organic food
- Handicraft
- Integrate green knowledge (Hotel, guide, villagers)
- Village home stay



Q2. What are the prerequisites for rural entrepreneurs to create green jobs in Cambodia?

- Capital
- Better understanding and knowledge of green technologies and green practices
- Research and studies to develop green and innovative approaches
- Legal status for the green enterprises (ministry of commerce)
- Subsidies to support?
- Need support from Credit institutions (low interest for green business)
- Available land for organic agriculture (private land tenure and social land concession)
- Education to increase skills (technical, management and leadership skills)
- Awareness raising and educate on the advantages of green jobs
- Media for promoting the green jobs
- Green market



Q3. What concrete (and realistic) actions do you propose – at short, mid and long term to create green jobs in Cambodia?

1. Short term

- Support and create community saving groups
- Organic agricultural producer groups/cooperatives
- Provide capacity building (Technical, social skills-group/cooperative, networking)



2. Medium term

- Providing grant to Micro-credit institutions to provide low interest loans, Ministries (MOC, MAFF, MoEnv) to facilitate the market (information, accessible)
- Tax reduction on the specific equipment for creating green initiatives and green jobs
- Micro-insurance for the green jobs/activities



3. Long term

- Legal status for protection of domestic green initiatives
- Identify specific zone for conservation, agri-industry ... to ensure the balance for the green environment.
- To be mainstreamed in national strategies and policies (CRS, NSDP)
- Seeking Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to invest in green jobs??