

## INVITATION

## REGIONAL WORKSHOP: A ROAD TO COP 21

Dear CCWG/ DMWG members,

The year 2015 marks the crucial year for the world we want and sustainable development particularly the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and an expected climate agreement to cope with climate change with meaningful commitments from countries towards the end of the year.

Climate change is an anthropogenic phenomenon that will have severe and irreversible impacts if unaddressed. Rising greenhouse gases have forced humanity to rethink the pathways that sustain countries' economic development. Climate change is increasingly and severely affecting lives and livelihoods, especially those of the most vulnerable. Avoiding dangerous climate change and adapting to the impacts will require a big transition of development we have today.

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have important roles in climate governance. As the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 21) is to adopt a new global climate agreement, it is therefore significant CSOs share collective perspectives as input for this agreement and be engaged in the process.

With this, Vietnam NGO's Climate Change Working Group, together with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Vietnam, CCCN &, NGO Forum in Cambodia, Christian Aid in Philippines and Climate Watch from Thailand, is organizing a Regional Workshop on Climate Change: A Road to COP 21 from **November 5-6, 2015 in Hanoi**. Further information will be sent to confirmed participants.

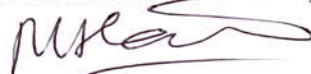
The objectives of the workshop are to enhance knowledge among, and engaging CSOs in the debates on the international agreements especially on climate change; to share and exchange among CSOs on the national preparation for and engagement in the UNFCCC process leading to COP 21; to understand the political dynamics, process and mechanisms of the region; and to strengthen CSO platform and collaboration on climate change towards COP 21 and beyond. Please kindly find the attached the agenda for further information.

As you have been extensively engaged in climate change issues, we would like to invite you to attend and contribute to this important event. The expenses including air fare, accommodation and catering will be fully covered by the organizer. We are very much looking forward to your confirmation and participation via link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FG\\_IxTQPpgzYOsw5yA1-6B1afiQ9BBf\\_Q5HQ3yGJ\\_Ms/edit#](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FG_IxTQPpgzYOsw5yA1-6B1afiQ9BBf_Q5HQ3yGJ_Ms/edit#). Should you need further detail, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nguyen Anh Minh, email: [NguyenAnh.Minh@careint.org](mailto:NguyenAnh.Minh@careint.org).

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely Yours,

On behalf of the Workshop Co-Organizers



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