## **Climatic Hazards Programme**

## Training Trainers for Social Entrepreneurship in Cambodia

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The training was delivered by Dr Isaac Lyne (top row, first left) and Ms. Shazlinda Md.Yusof (top row, first right), and attended by Dr Rath Sethik (top row, middle) who delivered the opening remarks.

The second session of the training of trainers for Social Entrepreneurship (SE) for DRR in Cambodia was held on 10 August 2021 following the first zoom session held in Malaysia in June 2021. These training sessions, targeting young geoscientists, were a part of the activities implemented under the project "Promotion of Social Entrepreneurship in Disaster Risk Reduction", which was funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada and led by SEADPRI-UKM. The purpose of this training was to familiarize participants with the understanding and philosophy of social entrepreneurship, and provide a step-by-step process on how to develop as well as sustain their own social enterprises.

The online training in Cambodia was attended by over 20 participants from various academic backgrounds comprising undergraduates and graduate students, as well as academics from the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP). The event began with opening remarks by Dr Rath Sethik, Dean of the Faculty of Development Study at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. This was followed by a presentation on the background

of the project and training by Dr Chinnh Nyda, project member and leader for the Cambodian pilot. The training began with a presentation on the "Status of Cambodian Social Enterprise" delivered by Dr Isaac Lynne of Western Sydney University who has been working closely with RUPP on a project related to social enterprises in Cambodia. The training continued with a session on "Social Entrepreneurship in Disaster Risk Reduction" delivered by Ms. Shazlinda Md Yusof.

Participants, especially the fresh graduates, had shown keen interest on the topic. An engaging discussion followed where the participants asked numerous questions about the various types of business models that can be adopted by social enterprises to add value towards societal well-being, as well as the differences in the regulations and practices of social entrepreneurship in Malaysia and Cambodia. The training also served as an impetus for participants to explore more opportunities and expand the practice of social entrepreneurship in disaster risk reduction to ensure long-term climate resilience in Cambodia.

