

## CANDIDATE: CHAIR OF THE BOARD



### **TUM Sisopheareth**

Coordinator at Room to Read Cambodia  
Master in Leadership and Management,  
2008, University of Flinders

Being AAA-C member since 2008, committee member (2014-16), vice chair of Cambodian Australian Networks of Students (2012-now), I have involved with AAA-C activities such as a speaker to share personal experiences, scholarship information and coordinator of our social and charity projects (Joy of Reading and Planting, workshops) to promote habit of reading, green environment and AAA-C reputation. It is a big pride working as a team not earning my networking but bigger achievement our social and charity work to community. With support and engagement from members, I was given Community Leadership Award.

Seeing laugh/smile of children, teachers, community and our members with charity projects and workshop inspire me to take AAAC leadership role because I envision to foster culture of working and sharing, esp more women members engaging in network to earn themselves in leadership role, and engaging from local and international partners contributing needy community and schools to sustainable our projects.

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### **KUY Mearssamnang**

President at Accountability Cambodia

Master in Public Policy

2014, Australian National University

I have a great pleasure to apply as a Chair of Board of AAA-C. I have two master degrees. I graduated (Hons)-Bachelor Degree in Law at Build Bright University, (Hons)-Master Degree in Law and Political Sciences at Build Bright University, Graduate Diploma in Public Administration at the Australian National University (ANU), Australia, and another Master Degree in Public Policy, specialized in Development Policy at the Australian National University (ANU). I, also, have auditing many online courses through various international universities. I have 20 years working across sectors, including NGO, private sector, bilateral agreement, and academia. Moreover, I have achieved many consultancy work with numerous local and international NGOs, Oxfam, CCC, SACRED, and YCUD.

I strongly believe that my knowledge and experiences will be a great asset which can be contributed to the development of AAA-C.

## CANDIDATE: VICE-CHAIR OF BOARD



E Bunthet

Chairman & Signing Partner at REACHS & Partners Co., Ltd.  
Master Management Finance,  
2013, University of Melbourne

I am one of the founding members of Cambodian Australian Network of Student (CANs). My continuing role as treasure of CANs has allowed me to work closely with AAA-C over the last 6 years through implementing Joy of reading, Joy of planting being a speaker in the Association workshop. The joy of seeing smile in the face of children, hope in our alumni, and thousands of tree planted is the biggest motivation for the position. Further, the recent recognition in leadership award category make me believe that I should take a step closer to this wonderful management team. I believe that with the number we already have in a growing list of member, the continue support from Australian Embassy and other partners, we together can leave some long term positive mark for our beloved country. If opportunities given, I am commit to uphold the interest and continue the mission of the association and at the same time improving the membership management system of the association so that all member are well informed of the association activities as well as their status and contribution to the association.

## CANDIDATE: VICE-CHAIR OF BOARD



### LIM Sereyroth

National Program Officer at UN Agency

Master in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development,  
2014, Australian National University

It will be my honour to be part of AAA-C Board and to work together with incredible 700 members to maximize the growth of the AAA-C.. I am very impressed by the leadership of AAA-C in producing many great achievements for the benefits of alumni but also the society as a whole. Being part of AAA-C Board would be a great opportunity for me to share my leadership and contributions to AAA-C as I believe there are something more we, as female and male alumni, can do together to enhance our personal and professional knowledge and career development to contribute creating better impacts for our society and sustainable development of the country. We could explore together new initiatives to capitalize our AAA-C members' skills, networkig and collaboration with other partners in addressing social and development problems in more inclusive and equitable ways.

## CANDIDATE: ADMIN/FINANCE



### MAO Leakhena

Finance Officer Department of Accounting and Finance  
(Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

Master in Development Practice,  
2013, James Cook University

It is believed that “Education” is very important. It is true that education provides us knowledge and chances to develop ourselves to be geniuses. As one of the Australian Award Scholars, whom have been selected to continue a master degree in Australia, I acknowledge that I have gained a lot of knowledge and chances to oversee the world as well as to develop myself. Therefore, I am appreciate to share my time, knowledge, resources and working experiences by standing for an admin/finance in the AAA-C Board. I will try my best to work with other AAA-C board members to promote AAA-C network as well as to implement the activities to benefit Cambodian society.

## CANDIDATE: ADMIN/FINANCE



### LUN Chanvannak

Deputy Chief of Office at National Audit Authority

Master in Accounting and Finance,

2012, University of Adelaide

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Hello everyone, I would like to use my expertise this in field I have learned to help contributing to AAA-C as well as my nation as a whole. Thank you very much.

## CANDIDATE: BOARD MEMBER



### **SOK Sophany**

Social Sustainability Program Responsible at Puls Tradeing Far East Limited “Representative Office” (H&M)

Master in Labor Law, 2015, University of Melbourne

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It will be my honored to be part of AAA--C Board, and to work with other board members for the benefits of the amazing 700 members of the Association. It's an opportunity to give back. I'm moved by the mission of the Association to utilize the skills and knowledge we have obtained from Australia to benefit its members, including myself, and to use this platform to provide us with opportunity to network and improve ourselves, personally and professionally, for the sustainable development of our country. Embracing this mission in my heart, I hope to use my energy and knowledge to help the Board and the Association to expand their focus further to female alumnus and young girls in the provinces to build their leadership skill and to boost their confidence in being part of Cambodia development. This opportunity will also help me with my professional development, networking and leadership skill.

## CANDIDATE: BOARD MEMBER



### **KEO Piseth**

Vice Head of Bureau at Ministry of Environment

Master in Environmental Management and Development,  
2010, Australian National University

My professional career paths have been driven by the inspiration to contribute towards Cambodian sustainable and equitable development. Participating in such a network as AAA-C and similar types have been valuable and made my contribution more productive than me acting individually. Since 2012 onward, I have not been active in AAA-C events, as I was overseas for my doctoral study. As I have now graduated and returned to Cambodia, I cannot wait to reconnect with AAA-C. If I am elected for the above position, I believe there are boundless opportunities for me to directly interact with our members, most of whom hold high-level offices in their fields of expertise. The interactions through policy dialogues, public lecture, and personal communications, among others would generate positive feedbacks for policy formulation, implementation, and monitoring. This will eventually not only keep our members closer, but also contribute to a more harmonious and brighter Cambodia.



## CANDIDATE: BOARD MEMBER



### Wong Chon Lap (Eric)

Businessman at CC&A Property

2011, Bachelor of Commerce, Monash University

Graduate Diploma of Property (UniSA)

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I'd consider myself as an innovator and I'm happy to contribute to an organization such as AAA-C with a combination of talents. The role excites me because I feel that my proven track record of leading multi-functional and multi-national teams, and my experiences of living and working in various countries make me an excellent match for the board member position. My enthusiasm can help to motivate and inspire the team. We as a team can reach a common goal together. We possess a combination of skills and experiences and with the right attitude to excel, I'm sure we can deliver exceptional results as a team. I'm also passionate and driven to deliver high-quality work if I become a board member and being committed to AAA-C board.

## CANDIDATE: BOARD MEMBER



### **BUN Sambath**

Young Entrepreneurs Association of Cambodia

Master in Public Policy

2013, Australian National University

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I am delighted to apply for the position to serve the association for the next mandate. With my many years involving in alumni association and students association, I hope to further contribute these experiences to leverage AAA-C mission, especially engage more alumni in the association events to pay forward for community development and members' profile.

## CANDIDATE: BOARD MEMBER



### **Chean Toing, AIN**

Managing Director at Advanced Centre for Empowerment (ACE)

Master in Education in Leadership, Management & Innovation,  
2014, University of Adelaide

As I am one of the alumni who have been generously supported to study in Australia by the ADS/AAS program, which is aiming to promote knowledge and education links and build a new generation of global leaders with strong links to Australia. Moreover, the program wants the alumni with better education to return their countries and contribute to the development of the countries. Therefore, as I am using my knowledge to contribute to Cambodia society through my work; I have also not forgotten about wanting to be a part of AAA-C board member to help promote AAA-C visibility and activeness by providing inputs and experiences. Being a board member, I am hoping to contribute knowledge, skills, times, and experiences to:

- to promote strong links amongst alumni.
- to find way for them be better and active members
- to help plan and make decisions on upcoming activities and events/activities
- to be involved in the strategic plans
- to help provide strategic guidance as needed

Besides all about contributing, I also hope to learn and gain valuable experience from being a part of being a board member of this board.

## CANDIDATE: BOARD MEMBER



### PHENG Sovicheany

Bun & Associates Law Firm

Bachelor of Economics, Law, Graduate Diploma of Practical Legal

Training, Admission as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of Australia, and

Master in Law and Economics

2015, University of Sydney

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Since moving back to Cambodia in 2017 after studying and working in Australia for 8 years, I have joined the AAAC membership and continuously participated in many AAAC activities. Having spent time with AAAC members and learnt about AAAC's missions, I am very interested in taking a more active role in AAAC and would like to be nominated as of the members of the AAAC board. I strongly believe that I can bring AAA-C the following benefits:

1. **Legal Contribution-** As an admitted lawyer in Australia and legal advisor at one of the largest full service law firm in Cambodia, I strongly believe that I can use my legal knowledge to assist AAAC whenever legal inputs are required as well as ensuring that board decisions have been examined from legal perspectives. While the current board is comprised of members

from diverse professions, I strongly believe that having an additional member with legal background could add more value to the AAAC board particularly ensuring that board decisions, which undoubtedly have impacts on all members, have been considered from all aspects including legal perspectives.

2. **Gender Diversity-** Although I am very supportive of the current board composition and highly appreciate their current decisions, I strongly believe that having a more balanced board composition with gender equality could even allow better decision making because this would allow all issues commonly faced by each gender to be fully taken into consideration. Having said this, I have no intention of saying that one gender does not take into account the opposition gender's issues but just conveying that certain issues can be possibly be overlooked by the opposite gender since s/he might not have experienced it.

3. **Experience sharing-** From a background where my father is one of the Australian scholars in the 1990s and have accompanied him to Australia as a scholar's child at the age of 5 plus the other experience on opposite side of the coin where I was a private funded student who moved to study alone in Australia before 18 and being the first Cambodian female to undertake two complex degrees at the same time (i.e. economics and laws) at one of Australia's first university (i.e. University of Sydney) as well as have been admitted as a lawyer to the New South Wales Supreme Court of Australia at a young age (i.e. 23) leading to the acquisition of an Australian citizenship through the independent skill immigration scheme within just one year, I believe that these diverse experience could be of interests and can be shared to new members pre-departing to Australia.

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