



Anti-Corruption Progress in Cambodia

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1. The differences between the strategic plan 2015-2020 and the strategic plan 2020-2025

- Providing a forum for stakeholders to directly implement the relevant activities highlighted in the action plan
- Providing the opportunity to participate in monitoring and evaluation of some certain activities set out in the strategic plan

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2. Stakeholder's Involvement

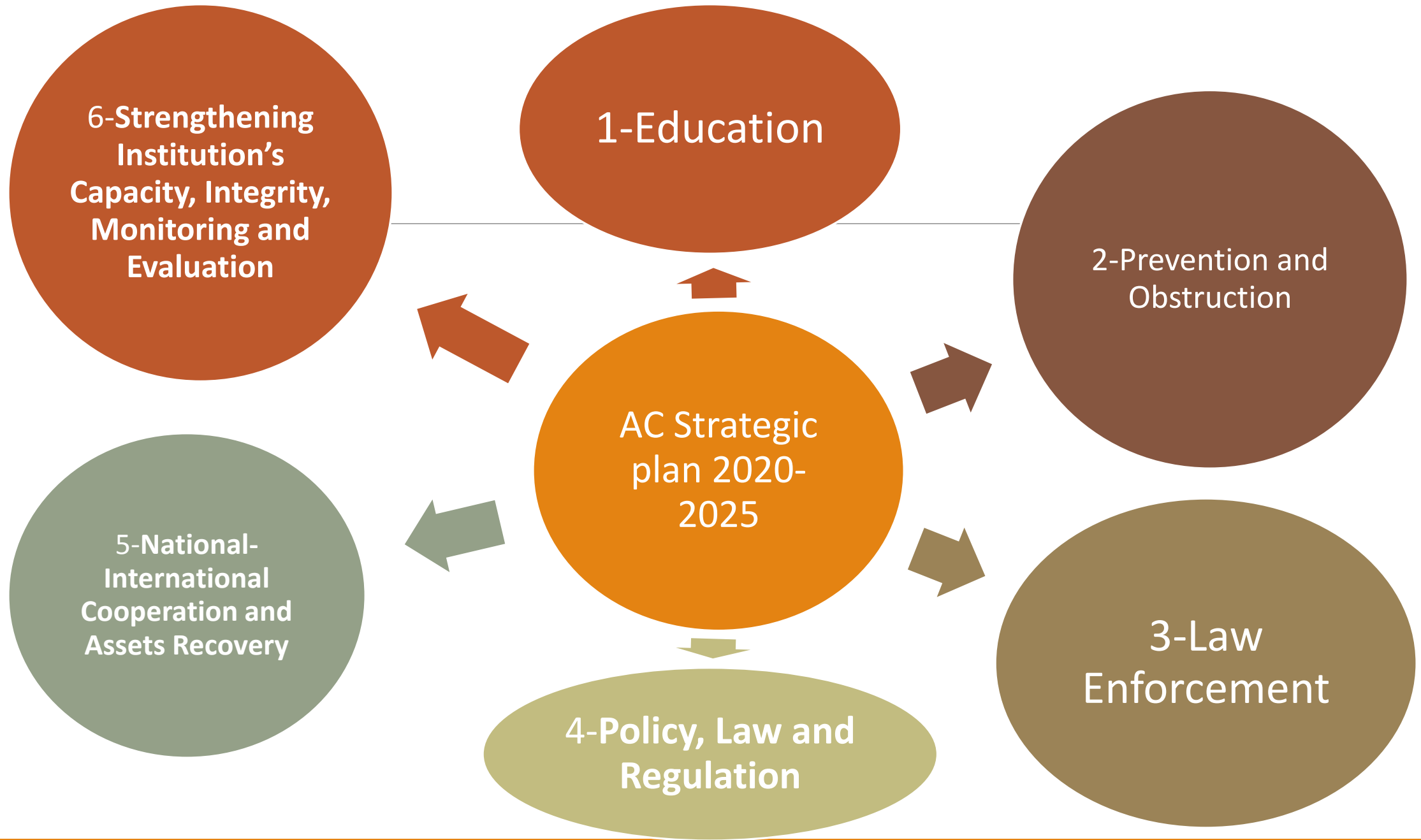
The strategic plan 2020-2025 set out the participation from National Assembly, Senate, Public Sectors, Private Sectors, Civil Society, Medias, Academia, and General Public.



Each Stakeholder has their role to play with ACU:

- **Ministry of Education:** Anti-Corruption Education is embedded in school curriculums from primary to university. They are part of longer-term strategies to change both perceptions and behavior.
- **Ministry of Civil Service:** guidelines on conflicts of interest, code of conduct...
- **Ministry of Economy and Finance:** Public Procurement
- **Civil Society:** Communities Anti-Corruption education
- **Private Sector:** MOU, Dialogue to promote a clean business





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3-Law
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1. Education

- **Aim at Raising awareness on anti-Corruption**
 - Promote anti-corruption in formal education
 - Promote anti-corruption in public and private institutions.
- **Promote participation in anti-corruption**
 - collaborate with stakeholders in disseminating on anti-corruption

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2. Prevention and Obstruction

- **Promote good governance and good service delivery**
 - Promote adherence of code of ethics and code of conducts in public institutions
- **Promote clean business in private sector**
 - Promote clean operation of business
 - Organize dialogue between ACU and private sector
- **Enhance effectiveness of public procurement**
 - Participate to observe on implementation of public procurements in procurement units
- **Enhance effectiveness of asset and liabilities declaration**

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3. Law Enforcement

- **Improve information collection, investigation, and case referral**
 - Expand scope of receiving compliant
- **Build up professional skills for law enforcement official**
 - Capacity building - forensic skills, witness and reporting person protection, money laundering, asset recovery...etc.
 - Expand and strengthen cooperation with national and international institutions on anti-money laundering, detection and recovery of assets and means related proceeds of crimes.

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4. Policy, Law and Regulation

- Promote implementation of recommendations from two review cycles of UNCAC in Cambodia
- Build capacity on legal, policies and legislations related to anti-corruption and money laundering by collaborating with national and international partners
- Develop codes of conducts for public officials

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5. National-International Cooperation and Assets Recovery

- **Strengthen partnership on anti-corruption works at national framework**
 - Cooperation between Anti-Corruption Unit:
 - law enforcing agencies and relevant institutions
 - Ministry of Economic and Finance, Ministry of Civil Service
 - Civil society organizations
 - National Assembly and Senate

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5. National-International Cooperation and Assets Recovery

- **Strengthen partnership on anti-corruption works at international framework**
 - Expand relations with anti-corruption agencies in and outside region
- **Promote cooperation and coordination on anti-money laundering and assets recovery**

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6. Strengthening Institution's Capacity, Integrity, Monitoring and Evaluation on Implementation of Strategy Plan

- **Strengthen capacities, resources and integrity of Anti-Corruption Institution**
 - Improve knowledge/capacity of ACU officials
 - Enhance infrastructures of technical tools and ICT
 - Strengthen implementation of internal regulations and integrity
 - Establish municipal-provincial anti-corruption offices

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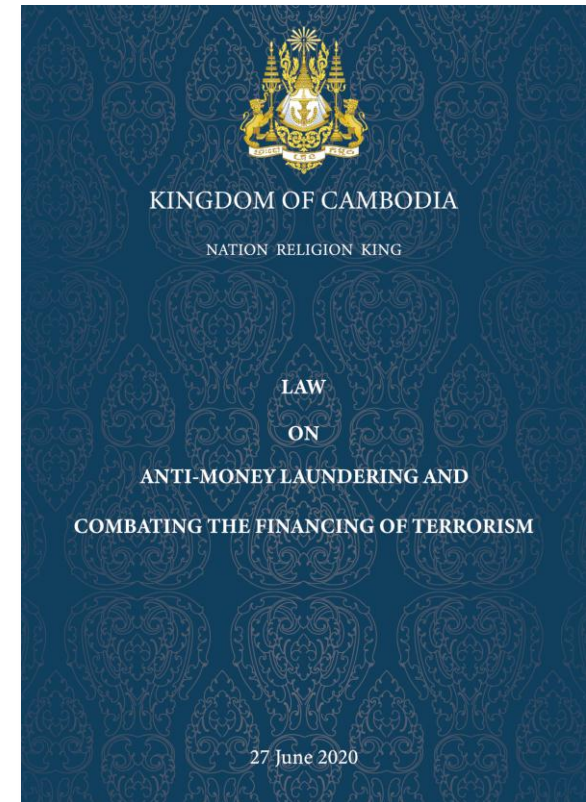
- **6. Strengthening Institution's Capacity and Integrity and Monitoring and Evaluation on Implementation of Strategy Plan**
- **Enhance integrity and capacity in combating corruption in state institutions**
 - Promote knowledge/capacity to anti-corruption focal points on education, prevention, and obstruction works
 - Strengthen integrity and the combating corruption in state institutions
- **Strengthen monitoring and evaluation on implementation of ACU strategy plan**
 - Report to National Council Against Corruption
 - Report to the public
 - Report to head of royal government

II-The promulgation of 3 key laws & way forward

1. Law on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) (27 June 2020)
2. Law on combating the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (27 June 2020)
3. Law on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (MLA) (27 June 2020)

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- 1. Law on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) (27 June 2020)**
 - The law is designed to guarantee against AML/CFT by identifying measures to prevent it, crack down on it and combat such activities in Cambodia's territory.
 - Introducing significant changes relating to customer due diligence measures, obligations of government ministries and inspection institutions, and penalty provisions.
 - The penalties are more severe than the penalty provisions under the previous laws



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2. Law on combating the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

- Promulgated on 27 June 2020
- List out procedures for freezing and seizing assets and establishing a number of new criminal offences.

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3. Law on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (MLA) (27 June 2020)

- The legal assistance provided under this law is limited to the following:
 - collection of evidence and testimonies;
 - searches and retention;
 - evidence presentation in court;
 - disclosure of information under the purview of Cambodia;
 - liaisons of court documents;
 - transfer of detained person for evidence discovery;
 - location identification;
 - asset identification;
 - execution of requested freeze, retention, or confiscation of assets; and
 - confiscation of evidentiary equipment from financial institutions.
- The Ministry of Justice is the central authority

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The effective implementation of 3 key laws:

- 1. Institutional Capacity building for Central Authority, Law enforcement official and judiciary
- 2. Establish mechanism to implement the laws

Thank you for your attention!



Q&A