

SOCFIN Cambodia welcomes public disclosure of mediation agreements in Bousra and highlights ongoing implementation of commitments on the ground

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Socfin-KCD (Varanasi and Sethikula Economic Land Concessions) and Coviphama (Socfin Cambodia) today welcomed the public disclosure of [the 26 agreements signed under the Cambodian Land Dispute Independent Mediation \(CLAIM\)](#), marking an important step in making the outcomes of the mediation process publicly accessible.

The disclosure took place during a public ceremony in Bousra commune convened by Legal Aid of Cambodia (LAC), following consultations completed in December 2025 and a joint decision by the parties to lift the confidentiality provisions that had applied during the mediation.

The 26 agreements were signed progressively between 2018 and 2021 by community representatives from the five Bousra villages that took part in the mediation and by the companies. They address four land-related disputes within the concession areas: communal land, land along the streams, family rubber farmland and related farmland. They include arrangements relating to access to sacred sites and forests of cultural significance to the Bunong people, compensation for affected families, and mechanisms for continued dialogue.

The CLAIM process was voluntary and based on each community's decision to participate. It was facilitated by the Independent Mediation Group (IMG), funded by the Mekong Region Land Governance programme (MRLG), and observed by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). A Joint Statement summarising the agreements was issued on 27 September 2022.

Socfin Cambodia emphasised that the 26 agreements disclosed today are not simply a record of what was signed during the mediation process, but a framework for continued implementation, follow-up and dialogue. The commitments they contain are being implemented through ongoing actions on the ground.

Among the implementation measures already underway, 511 hectares of communal land within the concession areas have been jointly identified and mapped in collaboration with four eligible villages : Pu Luk, Pu Raing, Pu Char, and Pu Teut as part of an ongoing process to clarify land use, in accordance with applicable administrative procedures. Community development funds have been established for each of the five participating villages on three-to-five-year cycles, with the current cycles running until

2026; and infrastructure facilitating access to water and local mobility has been donated.

Shanid Aluppy, General Manager of Socfin Cambodia, said: *"Today's disclosure is an important step in transparency. These agreements reflect a serious and long-term process, and their publication helps provide greater visibility on the work that has been undertaken together. For us, what matters most is that the commitments set out in these agreements continue to guide implementation, follow-up and dialogue on the ground."*

Dr Julien Bastrup-Birk, Secretary General of the SOCFIN Group, said: *"The public disclosure of these agreements is significant because it places on the public record the outcome of a structured and voluntary mediation process. It also shows that such agreements are not static documents: they are intended to support continued implementation and engagement over time. This is particularly important in the context of complex legacy land issues, which require patience, consistency and continued dialogue."*

SOCFIN Cambodia underlined that the disclosure of the agreements does not mark the end of engagement, but rather provides greater public visibility on a process that remains active. The mediation architecture agreed by the parties remains in place, and channels for dialogue and grievance resolution continue to exist, including through the Bunong administration, the Tripartite Committee and other established platforms.

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Socfin Cambodia is committed to responsible agricultural management and long-term sustainable development. Through all its operations, the company seeks to contribute to local socio-economic development while promoting respect for community rights, environmental stewardship, and constructive engagement with stakeholders.

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