

## Newsletter:

### The National Intellectual Property Policy 2023-2028

#### In Brief

On December 27, 2023, under the leadership of Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, The Royal Government approved the National Intellectual Property Policy 2023–2028. The policy focuses on six strategies to modernize the intellectual property system, foster digital economy innovation, and transform Cambodia into a knowledge-based society.

#### Key Takeaways

The six strategies are:

##### **Strategy 1:**

Create intellectual property laws and regulations aligned with international agreements to ensure fair protection, support public interests, and promote economic, scientific, technological, and cultural growth, benefiting both the public and investors;

##### **Strategy 2:**

Modernize the administrative system to strengthen institutions for effective management of intellectual property laws. Improve registration services, promote intellectual property protection, and establish data systems to support research, small and medium enterprises, and foster technology and innovation in the Kingdom of Cambodia;

##### **Strategy 3:**

Strengthen human resources in public institutions by improving training, research, and intellectual property skills to support growth in culture, agriculture, health, science, and technology;

##### **Strategy 4:**

Promote education and raise public awareness of intellectual property to support economic, social, cultural, agricultural, tourism, and scientific advancements;

##### **Strategy 5:**

Establish systems to strengthen law enforcement, effectively resolve intellectual property disputes, and combat IP infringements, creating a society that respects and trusts intellectual property; and

##### **Strategy 6:**

Commercialize intellectual property to generate economic value for its owners.

To achieve these strategies, the National Intellectual Property Policy includes an action plan to create a legal framework, strengthen the capacity of officials and institutions, and raise public awareness, particularly in supporting small and medium enterprises. The National Committee for Intellectual Property Management (NCIPM) will lead, monitor, evaluate, and support the effective implementation of the policy to ensure its success.

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## Conclusions

The National Intellectual Property Policy 2023–2028, approved on December 27, 2023, aims to modernize Cambodia's intellectual property system and promote innovation in the digital economy. With six key strategies, the policy focuses on improving legal frameworks, administrative systems, human resources, public awareness, law enforcement, and commercialization of intellectual property. The action plan supports these strategies by strengthening institutional capacity and promoting intellectual property in small and medium enterprises. The National Committee for Intellectual Property Management will oversee the policy's implementation to ensure its success.

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