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**EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE**

**Elected to be Executive Director of The Bunong Indigenous People Association (BIPA)**  
February 2015-Present

**Created and as facilitator of a tripartite committee to negotiation between Indigenous community, Local authorities, and Companies for a win-win approach solution**  
**September 2015-Present, Bousra, Mondulkiri**

This tripartite committee are joined together, Indigenous local representatives, Local authorities and Companies to create a platform for dialogue to solve land conflicts and other problems based on negotiation for a win-win together. There are two types of this committee meeting, tripartite committee meeting which involve local community representatives, local authorities and Companies representatives to solve specific problems and Multi-stakeholder meeting which involve, local community representatives, local authorities, Companies, National and international NGOs and the UN Human Right is the moderator in this stakeholder meeting. Multi-stakeholder meeting take place during 3 months each one and it had done already two times

**Participated in the celebration of the World Forum on Access to Land and Natural Resources (FMAT 2016)**

**March 31 to 2 April 2016, Valencia, Spain**

On behalf of The Bunong Indigenous People Association and on behalf of Bunong Indigenous population I had invited to participate in the celebration of the World Forum on Access to Land and Natural Resources with other NGOs, States, European Union and United Nation Representatives to discuss on using the land between private companies plantations enterprises

**Worked at United Nation Human Rights (OHCHR) as Cambodian Indigenous Fellow**  
**October 2015-December 2015, Phnom Penh Cambodia**

Worked to support the indigenous people in Cambodia those have problem that need to seek intervention from the United Nation Human Rights my works to received their cases and report the social and Economic Unit and helped to advocate their issues to the national and international level on behalf of them and learnt the work from the OHCHR in Cambodia on solving issues of land in Cambodia especially the IPs land issues in Cambodia.

**Attended Indigenous Fellowship program 2015 to learn about international Human Rights and Business training prepared by United Nation Human Rights (OHCHR)**  
**June 2015- 25 July 2015, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Advocated the Indigenous people Rights and Indigenous Land Right to both UPR and EMRIP mechanisms at United Nation**  
**July 2015, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Attended international training on Enhancing conflict resolution and conflict prevention prepared by United Nation (UNITAR)**

**July 2015-August 2015, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Attended the training on skill of Negotiation prepared by ReAct organization  
September-23 October 2014, Paris France**

**Advocated on Bousra Land conflict to a Company in Europe  
24 October 2014, Paris, France**

On behalf of Bousra, Mondulkiri Indigenous population I went to negotiate on land conflict to Bollere Group and Socfin Group Companies those granted the land concession in Bousra, Mondulkiri by on negotiation to resolve the land together with 5 other African representatives who affected the same Companies.

**International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights  
March 2014, Geneva, Switzerland**

I was invited by the film festival to present the film *The Last Refuge* (produced by Rithy Panh), about the impacts of the arrival of rubber companies on Bunong in Bu Sra, Mondulkiri. I gave a presentation before the film and hosted a Q and A session after the film. Representatives from a number of international NGOs were in attendance. While in Switzerland, I took the opportunity to meet with NGOs to explain the current land situation faced by the Bunong in Mondulkiri.

**Research Assistant for Catherine Scheer PhD student of EHESS Paris University to research about Bunong culture and Religion  
August 2008-2015, Mondulkiri, Cambodia**

I work as a research assistant, interpreter and translator from Bunong to English, Interview and data collecting.

**Research Assistant for Dr.Esther Leemann from University of Lucerne, Switzerland work for the project to research on land grabbing impact the Bunong people, Mondulkiri province, Cambodia  
June 2010-2017, Mondulkiri, Cambodia**

My work, to interview community, interpreter, translator, field coordinator, data Collection and reporting

**Assistant of Dr. Mehdi Sahebi the film director, *the field or Mirr*, documentary about land grabbing impact to the Bunong funding by Swiss nation Science foundation June 2010-2015, Mondulkiri province, Cambodia**

I work as film director assistant, field work manager, interpreter and translator

**Researcher/ Translator, *Last of the Elephant Men*, documentary about domestic elephants and the Bunong**

**Dec 2012 - 2014, Mondulkiri and Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

I worked as a researcher for the project in Dec 2012. We interviewed about the two remaining domestic elephants in Bou Sra. I provided extensive background research about the current land situation. From Oct 2013 to present, I've been working as the lead translator. I will be in charge of checking the final translation of the documentary.

**Co-Founder, Bunong Association for a Good Future,  
Sept 2012, Mondulkiri, Cambodia**

The association was established in response to the confusion about land rights in July 2012, that caused many people to withdraw from the process. Its aim is to act quickly as

situations change.

**Researcher/ Location Manager, *Bunong guu oh*, documentary about Bunong birthing practices**

**2009, Mondulkiri, Cambodia**

I worked as a researcher and location manager on the documentary *Bunong guu oh*. The documentary looks at traditional Bunong birthing practices and midwifery. The documentary won several awards at international film festivals. Parts of the research have been published in various anthropological journals and books.

**Exchange agriculture visit between Bunong Indigenous people in Vietnam and Bunong Indigenous people from Cambodia**

In February 2013, I took a team of 12 community representatives to Dak Nong, Vietnam to research cash crop to learn about farming techniques that the Bunong farmers in Cambodia can choose the best crops to grow for their farms after the visiting and they also could learnt between themselves about each sides situation which are related to their land, Social and political issues between Bunong in Vietnam and Bunong in Cambodia.

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**EDUCATION**

**Master of Social Work 2016-2017**

EWHA University- Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Bachelor of Science in Rural Development, Sept 2009- July 2013**

Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Global Advocacy Training Program, Bangkok, July 2012**

Minority Rights Group

**1-year Online Legal Training Indigenous rights and Human Rights, Oct 2010- Aug 2011**

Minority Rights Group

**Media Training, Nepal, June 2009**

Minority Rights Group

**Center for Information Systems Training at Passerelles Numeriques, Sept 2005 - August 2007**

Certificate of networking administrator

**High school, Phnom Penh, 2001-2005**

Pour un Sourire d'Enfant (PSE)

**Primary and Secondary School Education, Kampong Cham, 1998-2001**

School education was funded by the Catholic Church

**Key Skills:**

- Advanced knowledge of land rights law for community and private land titles for Indigenous Peoples (IP)
- Experience of working in a participatory way with IP communities
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team and to lead others
- Native Bunong speaker, native Khmer, advanced English, elementary French and basic Vietnamese language

**Interests:** Cinema, current affairs, reading and travel

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