

CONCEPT NOTE
Study Tour of Mongolian CSOs
Support for strategy development of Mongolian CSOs
Location: South Korea
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INTRODUCTION

The Open Society Forum (OSF) is a Mongolian non-governmental, non-profit, non-partisan organization that promotes transparency and accountability in broader governance of Mongolia especially in natural resource revenues and increasing citizen oversight of government budgets and expenditures, supports activities such as expanding access to justice, monitoring elections and public services. It provides both physical and virtual space for high quality policy research and analysis, and a venue for public engagement in the policy formulation and implementation monitoring process. OSF has been supporting the Mongolian Civil Society Organizations in such engagement in policy formulation, and implementation of monitoring process ever since its establishment (www.forum.mn). Most NGOs were established since 1997 when the NGO law has been passed and currently the number of NGOs have been reached approximately up to 13,000 (unofficial reference).

PURPOSE:

OSF Mongolia would like to support 10 NGOs in their strategy development for their sustainable institutionalization and propose a study tour to key Korean NGOs to study their experiences. The selected Mongolian NGOs will be the National NGOs which are recognized by their public interest activities in the following themes/areas:

- Strategic litigation
- Policy advocacy
- CSO and civic engagement in policy development and implementation
- Accountability in Law enforcement sector
- Community mobilization
- Public sector accountability

International donors financial support plays a major role in sustainability of Mongolian NGOs. At the same time, the recent amendment in the NGO law provides opportunity to NGOs to implement some of the public roles with public budget. Therefore, the focus of the study tour would be studying **how Korean CSOs keep their sustainability institutionally and financially, independently from both national government and international donors' support and influence.** In addition to individual visits to each institutions, a roundtable meeting with several Korean CSOs would provide opportunity to exchange mutual experiences. We expect the learnt experiences from Korean peers will be a great contribution to Mongolian key NGOs in their institutional strategy development.

Participant List

No.	Participant name	Affiliation
1	Zolzaya .D	Center Against Violence
2	Mandkhaitsetsen Urantulkhuur	Center for Human Rights
3	Tuyatsetseg Tsedev	Environmental Lawyers Association
4	Bayarmaa Byambasuren	Khuvsgul Lake Patrons
5	Enkhjargal Purevee	Liberal Women's Brain Pool
6	Bujin Damdinsuren	
7	Enkhjargal .D	MonFemNet
8	Chuluundolgor Bat	Mongolian National Wheelchair users' Association
9	Erdenejargal Perenlei	Open Society Forum
10	Erdenechimeg Dashdorj	
11	Bayarsaikhan Namsrai	Steps without border
12	Byambasuren Budvaa	Transparency Fund
13	Oyuntuya Sumya	Women for Social Progress
14	Ariuntuya Lkhagvajav	
15	Zolzaya Batkhuyag	Young Women for Change