**Lord Puttnam as special guest in ECCIL’s CSR workshop**

With the support of the British Embassy and the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ECCIL organized a workshop on CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) on October 17.

The event, which took place at the Mercure Hotel, Vientiane, was attended by about 60 participants. It consisted of the presentation of a recent study on CSR, the Baseline Assessment of Social and Environmental Regulations and Standards, which was implemented by Earth Systems on behalf of the German Development Service GIZ, and a consecutive panel discussion, followed by a reception.

On the panel, which was moderated by Mr. Pedersen from Mascot, were Mr. Richard Taylor (Phubia), Mr. Andy Schroeter (Sunlabob), Mr. Chris Smithies (Earth Systems), and Lord David Puttnam, the British Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy for Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Burma.

Lord Puttnam was on his third official visit to Lao PDR and can already be considered as a regular guest in ECCIL events. He visited Laos to promote UK-Laos business opportunities.