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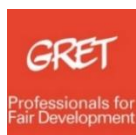
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## Acronym

AF	Agroforestry
AFD	French Agency for Development
ALiSEA	Agroecological Learning Alliance in South East Asia
ASSET	Agroecology and Safe Food System Transitions
BM	Board Members
CA	Conservation Agriculture
CARES	Center for Agricultural Research and Ecological Studies
CARDEC	Cambodian Conservation Agriculture Research for Development Center
CASIC	Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Intensification Consortium
CFAP	Cambodian Farmer Federation Association of Agricultural Producers
CGFED	Research Center for Gender, Family and Environment in Development
CISDOMA	Consultative Institute for Socio-Economic Development of Rural & Mountainous Areas
CLICK	Click Knowledge For Development
CPAM	Community Pesticides Action Monitoring
DCA	DanChurchAid
DAEC	Department of Agricultural Extension and Cooperatives (Lao PDR)
DPA	Development and Partnership in Action
ECOLAND	Ecosystem Services and Land Use Research Center
EU	European Union
FFEM	French Facility for Global Environment
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FiBL	Research Institutes of Organic Agriculture
FO	Farmer Organization
GA	General Assembly
GRET	Professionals for Fair Development
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organizations
KH	Knowledge Hub
LFN	Lao Farmers Network
LICA	Lao facilitated Initiative on Agroecology for ASEAN
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOMAFSI	Northern Mountainous Agriculture and Forestry Science Institute
NUoL	National University of Laos
OA	Organic Agriculture
PAN-AP	Pesticides Action Network - Asia and Pacific
PARtNER	Partnership for Agroecology Transition, Networking and Efficient Resilience
PHANO	Vietnam Rural Development Science Association
RDA	Rural Development Agency
SAEDA	Sustainable Agriculture and Environment Development Association
SSWG	Sub-Sector Working Group
TAPE	Tool for Agroecology Performance Evaluation
Uni4Coop	Consortium of Belgian Universities NGO at the service of cooperation

The ALiSEA Regional Board Members Workshop is part of the ongoing activity of the ALiSEA network on its internal structuration, governance, strategy and development of synergies with existing networks in the region.

This regional workshop was co-organized by GRET and DPA, as part of the ASSET project funded by the French Agency for Development (AFD), the European Union (EU), and the French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM) and Partnership for Agroecology Transition, Networking and Efficient Resilience (PArTNER) project funded by the Belgium Development Cooperation (DGD).

## 1. Workshop Objectives and Participants

The ALiSEA Regional Board Members Workshop aims to build on the national discussions held at the national General Assemblies (November 2022) to continue the participatory process of developing a regional vision and internal structure for the network (see the workshop agenda in annex 1).

1. To build **good communication and relationships between** ALiSEA Board Members in the region;
2. To rebuild the **history of ALiSEA network (past-present) together** and co-develop its **future**;
3. To develop a **common vision of the internal structure and management** of the ALiSEA network in the region;
4. To prepare the organization of the **Regional General Assembly** (tentatively November 2023).

The event brought together all the national Board Members Organizations from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, GRET regional coordination team and organizations guest likely Mediaseeds, and Uni4Coop representatives. A total of 19 people attend the workshop (including 6 women, 32%) (see detailed list of participants in annex 2).

Participants	Organizations	Number
<b>Farmer Organization</b>	CFAP	1
<b>Social Enterprise</b>	Click	1
<b>International NGO*</b>	Uni4Coop, DCA, GRET	3
<b>Research/ University**</b>	CARES, NOMAFSI, VAAS/NOMAFSI, NUoL	3
<b>National NGO/ NPA</b>	DPA, RDA, SAEDA, CISDOMA, PHANO	5
Total		<b>13</b>

Table 1: List of participants by stakeholder category

\* **Note:** Mediaseeds joined the last day of the workshop related to communication strategy and action plan of the network

\*\***Note:** Ecoland, one of the ALiSEA Board Members in Cambodia, could not attend the workshop

## 2. ALiSEA Network River of Life and Priority Actions to shape the Future

### **a) Rebuilding the story of ALiSEA network collectively**

To engage all Board Members to recall and rebuild the history of the ALiSEA network together, the “River of Life” method was used to start the workshop. This collective exercise aims to: (i) raise awareness of the evolution of the ALiSEA network, what has happened from its creation to the present day, (ii) highlight key events and activities that have taken place over the life of the network until now; (iii) imagine and co-develop a common vision of the future; and (iv) identify external factors that have had an impact on the ALiSEA Network.

### **To do this, ALiSEA Board Members were asked to answer the following questions:**

Past: What has the ALiSEA network done in the past? Where do we come from?

Present: What have we done recently? Where are we today?

Future: How will ALiSEA look like in the future? Where do we want to go?

The meeting provided an opportunity for participants to reflect on ALiSEA’s journey since its inception, acknowledging the organization’s milestones, achievements, and challenges along the way. By revisiting its history, board members gained valuable insights that informed their discussions about the future of ALiSEA.

### **PAST**

### **PRESENT**

### **FUTURE**

ALiSEA Board Members collectively envisioned the organization’s trajectory, shaping its strategic direction and ensuring its continued impact in the region. Furthermore, participants have identified seven priority elements on which to work to shape the future of the ALiSEA network:

1. Define economical strategy
2. Improve knowledge management and sharing
3. Contribution to policy dialogues processes
4. Enhance and boost members’ services and collaboration
5. Improve internal structuration and governance mechanisms
6. Support members on market access and quality certification
7. Broaden partnership and alliances

The detailed elements of the ALiSEA story are available in annex 3.

### **b) Group Discussions on Priority Actions to shape the future**

Three out of the seven categories were selected by the Board Members as priority discussion topics for shaping the future. Therefore, participants were split into three groups to describe and agree on concrete activities to reach this future.

#### **Group 1: Membership**

How ALiSEA Engage with other networks and develop more alliance partnership? How can ALiSEA be extremely interested by private sectors and researchers to be membership?

- Increase membership by targeting private sectors and researchers. ALiSEA must develop clear actions and objectives that provide benefits or meet to their needs;

- Develop clear guideline or instruction to be ALiSEA members;
- Develop more communication materials for promoting ALiSEA on the website and Facebook page, (for example: leaflets, etc.)
- Organize awareness raising events, online or in person, to promote ALiSEA network;
- Organize exchange program or exchange visit with other networks in the region or national;
- Regularly communicate and follow-up with members in order to enhance communication and encourage members to share information, training workshop and other events with ALiSEA. So that ALiSEA and its members can join or co-organize specific events.

## Group 2: Policy Dialogue

*During the group discussion, participants agree on 3 steps to promote Agroecology in Public Policy and bring it to the national level*

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3 Outcome impact
<b>ALiSEA influences public policy and development of advocacy actions by documenting field-evidence</b>  Document successful agroecology initiatives at local and national levels through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Grant</li> <li>• Case study of the flagship site, on technical and value chain aspect</li> <li>• Workshop</li> <li>• Press/media/social media (TikTok)</li> <li>• Training program, focus on extension government staff</li> <li>• ALiSEA website</li> <li>• AE talks on television</li> <li>• Agroecology policy assessment</li> <li>• AE Successful case study, promotion/formulation in policy platforms</li> <li>• Need to valorize/ disseminate the result</li> <li>• Farmer contest event</li> <li>• Summary of ToC Synthesis note for policymakers(it is ongoing)</li> </ul>	<b>ALiSEA is a part of the Agroecology Sub Sector Working Group, of policy dialogue platform (such as CASIC), contributes</b>  ALiSEA inputs shared AE experience from the field to be proposed and brings a part of the platform for utilization by these working groups assisting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National platform in Cambodia: CASIC</li> <li>• Responsible Agriculture Investment (RAI) in Laos</li> <li>• VAAS in Vietnam</li> <li>• LICA, Regional policy dialogue working group</li> <li>• Strengthening the farmer organization</li> <li>• Strengthening Union Agriculture Cooperative</li> <li>• Scaling up and weight</li> </ul>	<b>Agroecology is framed in micro policies and policy to fund AE at national level</b>  Mainstream Agroecology into National Agriculture Policy on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change mitigation</li> <li>• Control chemical overuse</li> <li>• Promote specific Agroecological Farming model</li> <li>• Nationally determined contribution (NDC) regarding yearly funds for AE research and development</li> <li>• Food safety control</li> </ul>

## Group 3: Knowledge Management

How to produce more and better knowledge products?

How to better valorise the knowledge products in each country and between countries?

How to identify weaknesses, gaps and bring knowledge and innovations?

### 1/ Knowledge Organization on the ALiSEA website

- The list of members should be re-organized by thematic (CA, OA, AF etc.) to better know the field of expertise of each member and facilitate exchanges and collaboration
- Improving the search function tool. The online library search functionality is currently categorized by the 6 common Agroecological Schools. Sub-levels could be added to facilitate the navigation and the search for resources.
- Scientific papers should be on open and free access. ALiSEA KH could include a section to gather scientific productions in one dedicated database.
- On the Map, first a short description of the case study could be provided to attract people and then, the full case study.

## **2/ Knowledge Production and Contribution to attract more content from members**

### **a) Knowledge products format and their adaptation to specific audience**

- Different and new formats for knowledge products could be developed, such as short videos (1 to 3 minutes), short articles, infographic posters and podcast.
- Tiktok videos would be useful for targeting consumers.
- It could be useful to develop case studies and then, turn them into press releases or media content for journalists.
- ALiSEA should support the production of useful knowledge content for journalists' stories and articles.
- ALiSEA should engage in adapting scientific research study and knowledge mobilization to reach the general public.

### **b) Members contribution**

- Members must submit their knowledge products to a committee whose task is to review the content to ensure that it complies with the agroecology principles, before publishing it on the website.
- When members share resources (article, case studies, videos, materials), the network should ensure to provide visibility to their work, as a benefit.
- On the Website Home page, a specific box should present the process for members to contribute and share their resources (short description and simple method).

### **c) Co-production of Knowledge products**

- ALiSEA should encourage and facilitate the co-development of knowledge products on priorities topics, for examples: market access and consumption, agroecology assessment study (how to gather data from different members to show national perspectives)
- ALiSEA should continue to valorize local knowledge from field actors, like farmers and accompany them to document, collect information and disseminate it.

## **3/ Knowledge Promotion and Sharing**

- We should identify what knowledge products should be translated into national languages for farmers' organizations, youth etc.
- Members could receive notification to inform them when new knowledge products are uploaded and available on the website
- Cross-sharing posts and information between the different ALiSEA FB pages will allow fostering interactions between the countries
- We should promote ALiSEA website into other website through useful links and ask if members would agree to add a section about ALiSEA network into their website
- ALiSEA could organize Knowledge Fair and invite members to share and display their resources including space for FO.



Overall, ALiSEA should engage into developing an **“Atlas of the ALiSEA Members” to map the knowledge and experience of the members**. This process will aim to collect and identify the key areas of expertise (background, thematic, research, initiatives) as well as the needs of the members. The ALiSEA network will then attempt to fill the gaps identified by coordinating exchanges and training between members. In the longer term, we could imagine that the network will promote these training services to external organizations. This Atlas of ALiSEA Members could be initiated by a national consultation, or during the membership updating and feed at the registration step for new member.

### 3. Brief Presentation about the ASSET Project and Synergies between the ASSET project and the ALiSEA Network

#### a) SC1.2 Transformation of ALiSEA Multi-media into a Knowledge Hub

A Strategic Committee has been created to provide overall guidance, ensure coordination about the transformation process and take decision on the design of the Knowledge Hub. This committee includes representatives from 6 organizations (Cf. Table N2). Three people from the ALiSEA network are part of this strategic committee to ensure linkages and ownership.

A Technical Committee has also been created to coordinate and to advance the technical development of the KH with the purpose to harmonise work on the various components of the KH and to advance them all in parallel.

	CDE	GRET	ALiSEA	CIAT	CIRAD	Mediaseeds
<b>Strategic Committee</b>	Albrecht, Zar Chi	Marie-Christine, François	Buntha, Noy, Lucie	Ricardo	Estelle, Matthieu, Thierry Pierre	Germain
<b>Technical Committee</b>	Albrecht, Zar Chi	Marie-Christine, Tik	Buntha	Ricardo		
<b>Role &amp; Responsibilities</b>	Mapping interface	Online Library Knowledge products	ALiSEA Network Section	Datahub	Online Library Datahub	Forum & Exchanges between members

Table 2: List of people involved in the Knowledge Hub Committees

Stakes:

- Finalize the overall design (book of specification) to launch KH V0
- Ownership & management of the KH handover from GRET to ALiSEA Network

#### b) SC1.3 Communication and Capacity Building

As part of the ASSET project, the ALiSEA Network is in charge to organize field awareness events to reinforce the journalists’ knowledge related to agroecology issues. ALiSEA will organize these field awareness events targeting the flagship innovations and ALiSEA members’ initiatives. Once the ALiSEA Communication and Visibility Strategy is finalized, working sessions with the ASSET communication officer will be organized to develop and foster synergies beyond the current mutual information sharing from website articles and Facebook pages.

**Regional Training Sessions organized by the ASSET project partners are open to ASSET partners and ALiSEA members.** These training sessions are listed below:

- Writing skills for success stories: APAARI (Vietnam in January, Cambodia in June,

Laos to be confirmed)

- Sound recording and video production: Mediaseeds (June)
- Private Sector Engagement & Business model: Swisscontact (August)
- Gender Mainstreaming: SEI (Vietnam 19/20 Sep, Cambodia 26/27 Sep, Laos 03/04 October)

Stakes:

- There is a need to measure the impact and benefit of all training sessions organized as part of the ALiSEA network.
- NOMAFSI in Vietnam, DCA in Cambodia and NUoL in Laos are in charge to address this need. Regional meetings will be organized to develop a monitoring system and adapt it in each country accordingly.

### c) SC2.1 Flagship Action Research Program

Among all the activities and innovations supported under the flagship programs, **topics of common interest have been identified in regard with the ALiSEA network** (based on discussions at the General Assemblies, the Small Grant Facility). They are presented below:

- **Vietnam:** Tree-Crops-Livestock Integration, Market access and PGS certification
- **Cambodia:** Red ants for insect-pests control on cashew plantation, Rainfed and irrigate organic rice farming, Cover crop seeds production
- **Laos:** Young Farmers Network, Crop diversification with perennial crops (tea, robusta coffee, banana)

**Joint activities will be organized to foster agroecological innovations sharing** between the flagship teams and the ALiSEA network. Three joint activities are planned and presented below:

- Invite Flagship Partners to share experience during ALiSEA Thematic Webinar
- ALiSEA members will be invited to the Agroecological Fair at Flagship level
- Joint National Exchange visits will be organized with ALiSEA members and ASSET partners

GRET is in charge to **develop a methodology for documenting agroecological practices, farming system and initiatives**. This methodology and the tools proposed, such as case study template, will be the same for the flagship program and the ALiSEA network, in order to feed the KH through a harmonized process. A joint working session is scheduled for the end of June.

Stakes:

- To foster the sharing and dissemination of agroecological innovations between the ALiSEA network and the flagship program (in both ways).
- The ALiSEA network should act as a sounding board to share agroecology innovations widely and contribute to scaling up these innovations.
- ALiSEA Board Members are interested to have access to the whole flagship program actions and innovations to know more about the activities, research topic and partners involved.

### d) SC2.2 Assess Performance and impacts of Agroecology innovations and transitions

To engage actors in multi-stakeholders' consultations to define a common framework for action and interventions to support Agroecology transition, **one Team of facilitators was set up in each country, composed of the ASSET government and the ALiSEA Board Members**. These teams of facilitators led the Theory of Change process at flagship and national

levels.

One of the three topics of the ALiSEA 2022 Small Grants Facility is the assessment of agroecological systems. Three organizations have been selected for this topic:

- **CLICK in Laos:** set up multi-experts' team (researchers, farmers, NGOs), document 14 Agroecological practices in Laos, generate knowledge products (case studies and videos), organize knowledge fair
- **CGFED in Vietnam:** monitoring of pesticides use and biodiversity via CPAM tools, training farmers' groups for self-evaluation (20 women) and AE practices, develop policy brief, organize communication events (1st week of December, PAN-AP), produce video on best practices and lessons learnt
- **Ecoland in Cambodia:** FAO-TAPE training open to some ALiSEA members, baseline survey, on-farm survey 120 farmers in Battambang province, organize restitution workshop at province level and produce video and scientific article

Stakes:

- Synthesis notes about the Theory of Change methodology and action plan will be jointly produce by the ASSET partners and the ALiSEA Board Members.
- Even though this topic was not selected for the 2023 Small Grant Facility, we can note a high interest from ALiSEA members, especially in Cambodia to develop further assessment study on agroecology and to be trained about these methodologies.
- At the moment, several ALiSEA members in Cambodia are involved in agroecology assessment (DCA, LWD, Action Aid, Ecoland, Uni4Coop, ? To be completed

#### e) SC2.3 Evidence based Policy Dialogue from local to ASEAN levels

##### ASSET Project Activities

- Public policy stock taking and analysis in each country: in progress
- Organize field visit at flagship with policy makers
- Support to creation of a sub sector working group (SSWG) on AE in Laos based on demand from Lao partners
- Support LICA initiative to develop common vision and guidelines on AE at ASEAN level

##### ALiSEA Activities:

- 2022 Small Grant Topic on Public Policies didn't receive any proposal > 2023?
- Produce evidence from the field to contribute to national and regional debates
- Organize multi-stakeholders consultation workshop at national and regional levels

Stakes:

- Key steps towards grounding the Agroecology Coalition in the region and linking it with regional and national initiatives (LICA, CASIC, ALiSEA)
- Develop common position and contribution to Policy Dialogue Initiatives new skills for ALiSEA network > variety of topics and dimensions including in Agroecology

In conclusion, it was recalled that all ALiSEA Board Members are invited to join the 2 days ASSET Annual Partners Workshop, to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June in each country.

## 4. 2023 National Action Plan and Discussion

ALiSEA Board Members from each country reminded the results of the Pathways selected at the National General Assembly in November 2022, presented the activities implemented in the first 2023 semester and the upcoming actions until the end of the year.

	Cambodia	Lao PDR	Vietnam
Pathway N1	Lack of <b>knowledge</b> and <b>experiences</b> in AE from farmers and stakeholders	Support <b>Young Farmers</b> . Increase Knowledge from national & international <b>exchanges</b> .	Lack of <b>collaboration</b> between Stakeholders
Pathway N2	Limited <b>market access</b> and <b>premium price</b> for AE products	Limited <b>technical capacity</b> of FOs, technicians on AE, SF and <b>increasing trend</b> of AE/SF products due to <b>health and safety concerns</b>	<b>Consumer demand</b> for healthy food
Pathway N3	Linkages and collaboration with <b>Policy Dialogue</b> Platforms	Poor management of agricultural <b>chemical use</b>	Government <b>Policy</b> Support to Agroecology

Table 3: Summary of the Three Pathways selected by ALiSEA members at the National General Assemblies

The power point presentations are available here:

- Cambodia National Action Plan 2023
- Laos National Action Plan 2023
- Vietnam National Action Plan 2023

## Plenary Discussions:

### Cambodia

There was a clarification on the purpose of membership certificate. The membership certificate could proof as recognition of membership with ALiSEA in which it could be a recognized record (printed paper) after they officially became a member of ALiSEA. The idea was raised by an ALiSEA member during the General Assembly in November 2022. He shared that his organization has obtained membership certificate after joining as member with some other networks.

There was another clarification on the orientation workshop on the next ALiSEA small grant call for proposals that would be conducted face-to-face. Regarding this, the Regional Small Grant Manager shared that the team has experienced from the previous small grant call for proposal in which the session was conducted online and the team has reflected that the online session was not highly effective as they did not receive many applications following the session. Hence, face-to-face event could be more efficient for participants to learn both information about the next grant call and how to write their proposal.

Another question was clarifying about the technical and strategic committees for ALiSEA Knowledge Hub. Details about these two committees were mentioned in the first part of Section 3: Brief Presentation about the ASSET Project and Synergies between the ASSET project and the ALiSEA Network.

Within the session, Mr. Philippe Devaud, Country Director of Uni4Coop, shared that Uni4Coop is developing a call for proposal to recruit partners to implement project activities

relevant to gender. Therefore, details of the proposal will be disseminated later once it is completed.

## **Laos**

We should look for the possibility to organize regional activities to foster exchanges between countries such as the thematic knowledge sharing webinar and field visits on agroecology. We need to tackle the language barrier, if we want to increase interactions between countries. During these events, mixed sections could be set up, some in English, others in national languages to enable farmers' organizations to participate.

Food Safety Concept

Youth Farmers Network and Support

## **Vietnam**

Sharing mass media paper on agroecology for journalists, interest Laos researchers

How to monitor the impact and benefit of training session?

### **The session ended by highlighting 3 topics of common interest at regional level:**

Market access and PGS certification

Consumers associations, to seek for interested and concerned consumers or to support the creation of consumers' associations

Remaining pending question related to the assessment of agroecology systems (in Vietnam: CARES, RIKOLTO, FiBL, in Laos: LFN, DTEAP). A meeting should be set up with FAO team

## **5. Internal Structure and Governance**

### **a) Consolidation of the national discussions on the 3 scenarios and reminding about the Internal ALiSEA Charter**

*To be completed by Lucie*

### **b) Group Discussions**

#### **Group 1: Internal Structure**

The starting point of the discussion was the scenario N2, which received the most positive feedback from members at the national GA. Taking into account the advantages, disadvantages and members' suggestions, participants were invited to improve, adjust and detail the ALiSEA internal structuration and governance. Here are the main questions that framed the discussion:

- What positions should be designed at regional level? Communication officer, Knowledge Management, Secretariat?
- Who will be part of the Regional Steering Committee? How are they selected? What are the relation between the regional and national levels? What decisions are taken at which level?
- Should Regional BM Committee join on volunteer basis?
- How to ensure not to give up national governance and bottom-up approach?
- Should the BM and the national secretariat be split?
- Should we allow only odd number of BM? 3 or 5 organizations

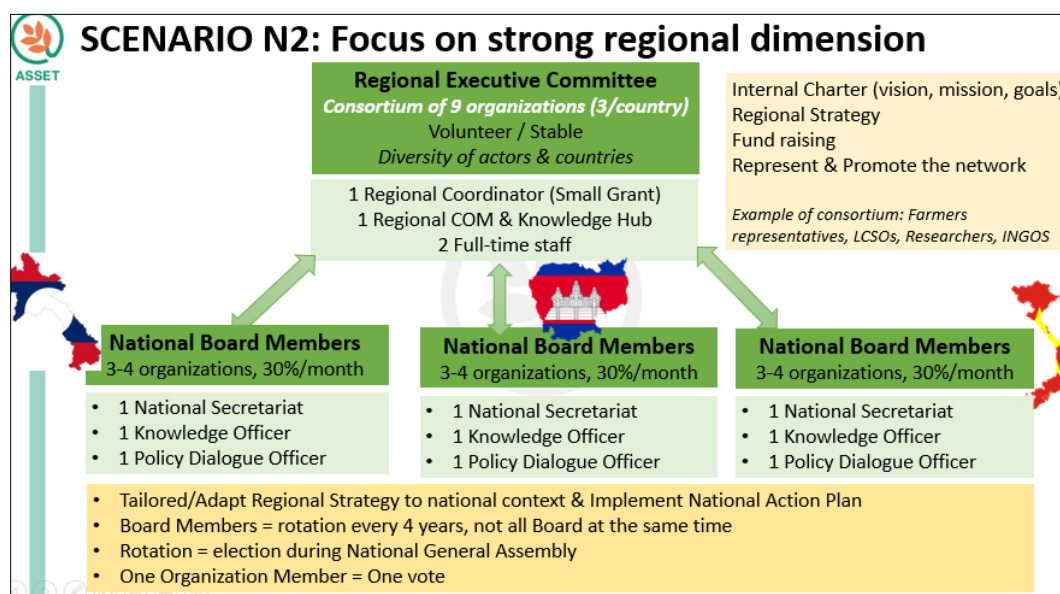


Figure 1: Internal Structure Scenario N2 related to strong regional focus

### Should the ALiSEA network officially register? Why? Where?

Administrative procedures vary in complexity from country to country. Different ministries could be considered, depending on the targeted status such as MoFA, MAFF etc.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Obtain legal status and thus, <b>official recognition</b> in the concerned countries	<b>Administrative procedures</b> can require a workload (documents preparation, lengthy process, potential costs, need to draw MoU)
Receive <b>direct access to funding</b> (without going through members' organizations like GRET and DPA)	<b>Official reports</b> to be provided to the government (narrative and financial)
<b>Facilitate collaboration with the government</b> (e.g: send an invitation on behalf of the network)	It is necessary to open a bank account for the network and set up an <b>administrative/financial team</b>
	It may be necessary to <b>pay taxes</b> to the government.

**A number of initiatives were identified by participants as interesting examples to be explored and studies, to feed the ongoing reflection of the ALiSEA network:**

In Cambodia:

- Cambodian Cooperation Committee (CCC), registered at MoFA as NGO
- NGO Network Forum, registered at MoFA as NGO
- Union of National Farmers Federations, registered at MAFF

In Lao PDR:

- Lao Farmers Network, informal network but under process of registration
- Land Information Working Group (LIWG), informal network, hosted by Helvetas

**It is very important to pursue the search for more details and accurate information about the situation in each country, and to analyse the advantages and disadvantages of an**

**official registration status**, before making a decision. The situation of LIWG seems very relevant and similar to the case of the ALiSEA network, offering a compromise between becoming a formal network and being recognized by the government to foster collaboration.

At present, the ALiSEA network benefits from the skills of GRET's administrative and financial teams in each country (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam and France), which is recognized as a key and quality service for the network. Until now, ALiSEA hasn't had to worry about all the administrative and financial procedures management and reporting.

As ALiSEA is currently an informal network, **it would be necessary and prudent to examine at the registration status of our members in order to get a clear overview of the situation.** Requesting official registration documents to become a member could then be compulsory, because ALiSEA is a network based on organization membership and not individual membership. However, we should not exclude individuals and interesting local initiatives, such as individual farmers or informal farmers' groups.

### **Structuration and Committee at regional level**

A strong regional dimension is important to guide the national activities and keep us together. This will enable us to learn from each other, foster collaborations between countries and draw inspiration from other countries. Nevertheless, the members do not want to give up on national governance, as they value the importance of the participatory and bottom-up approach.

Two main positions have been identified as relevant at regional level: (i) secretariat and coordinator (ii) knowledge management and policy officer. Both positions should be filled on a full-time basis, and detailed ToR should be developed to ensure that all necessary tasks are covered.

### **Who should be part of the regional committee? And, how should it be set up?**

The members of the regional committee should be able to cover the various topics related to Agroecology. Two main roles are envisioned:

- (i) An advisory committee formed of external organizations
- (ii) A strategic committee formed of ALiSEA members and board members

	Strategic Committee	Advisory Committee
Who can be part?	ALiSEA members & board members	External Organizations, Allies e.g: FAO, SEARCA, CARDEC, CASIC?
Role	Strategy design and ensure compliance Allow to modify Internal charter (vision, mission, goals)	Support partnership development
	Represent and promote the network	Support reflection & innovations
	Decision-making capacity	Provide advice, guidance and recommendations
Setting up process	Open a Call for Interest Establish clear selection criteria (role, diversity of actors, same number per country, number of women, Agroecology background etc.)	Target specific people and approach them directly to explain the purpose



Involvement	Volunteer basis	Volunteer basis
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### General feedback and comments:

- “ALiSEA members are our bosses, we work for them; thus they need to be involved in the regional strategic committee”.
- Links between the national and regional levels will be ensured by the participation of each country’s national secretariat in the regional committee meetings.
- Currently, board members should not be involved on a voluntary basis because, they are involved both in the strategic part (such as welcoming new members) and in implementing operational activities.
- ALiSEA is to improve news and events sharing information (better overview, systematic, clear and faster sharing process) related to agroecology in the region. These may include events, forums, conference, training courses organized by the ALiSEA network, its members and external stakeholders. The advisory committee members could help to gather and complete this kind of information.
- We should set up a meeting with the CASIC team to discuss further the areas of collaboration, joint activities and potential synergies.

### Group 2: Membership

#### 1. What members can do for the network? What are ALiSEA services & incentives?

- ALiSEA members can do
  - Sharing documents related to agroecology, case studies, successful stories, and videos with ALiSEA network;
  - Sharing information to ALiSEA members, for example, workshop, training, forum;
  - Co-budget and co-organize events/training/exchange visit with ALiSEA members;
  - Members can contribute through trainers or staff by providing free of charge capacity building for members.
  - Members share and update information of the organization, focal person who involve with the network and communication channel with ALiSEA
  - Members are required to join the ALiSEA national general assembly. Members could contribute in ALiSEA action plan development, management and activity implementation.
  - Members are delighted to apply for small grants
- ALiSEA service and incentive:
  - ALiSEA manage/ facilitate exchange information, experience sharing related to agroecology with members.
  - Capacity building to members by providing technical training, workshop, exchange visit
  - Support small grant to ALiSEA members
  - Managing agroecology knowledge (ALiSEA website, Forum and Facebook page)
  - Sharing ALiSEA action plan to members, so that members can contribute or co-organize with the network
  - ALiSEA regional level supports and monitors activity implemented

#### 2. What process to update membership, re-assess commitment and get rid of free-riders?

- Yearly updated members’ profile by informing, email and phone call to members at the



- end of the year
  - Regularly follow-up inactive members by phone call, telegram, Zalo and WhatsApp
3. Mechanism to prevent and resolve internal conflict?
    - Developing/updating or improving ALiSEA internal rules for national level and regional level.
    - Develop internal membership rule which describes their role responsibility, right in specific group of members.
    - To be fair for members to join the training or capacity building, ALiSEA should deliver more option for members to join any events, in person, online and hybrid.
  4. Should we promote more individuals' involvement?
    - Following the discussion, ALiSEA should accept individuals to be ALiSEA members because they could share and learn agroecology with the network. However, individuals should be considered only from researchers who work on agroecology and journalists. Another thing, ALiSEA should develop specific rules for individual members, for example they can be observers, not allowed to vote, not allowed to apply for small grants.
  5. Additional request documents to join network? Official registration document? Should we ask members to sign the internal charter? Take commitment to contribute?
    - ALiSEA should not need the official register document from members, but all members are required to sign on the commitment letter and internal charter.
  6. Do we need a slogan? How to facilitate it creation?
    - A slogan should be developed for ALiSEA in the region by hiring an external consultant. The slogan will be shared and validated in the regional general assembly.

### **Group 3: Sustainable Features (Economic strategy)**

The idea is to offer some AE training online or via in person courses in order to bring benefit to the network. All members and even audience outside of the network can access and enroll in the courses through the ALiSEA website. There will be free courses as well as "paid courses" where learners need to pay some fee to get a certificate. We believe this feature will appeal to individuals seeking to enhance their CVs. Based on that idea, in the group discussion we raised up three questions regarding the financial strategy plan:

#### **Q1: Financial strategy and plan to support the network?**

- Quick survey among members, who already pay member fees for another application/service/ network?
- For some free software or services, they still manage to get funds from the donation of beneficiaries, and therefore, we can create a space on the website to call for the donations from the audiences who appreciate the information that we are providing and form donors who see the benefits that accrue to the communities.
  - Member
  - Non member
  - Others (included business, AE input serveries, i.e..)

- Provide AE training with fee for specific topics that are then contribute back to the network.
- Create basic AE online training for free plus further/deeper training with online material and tools on a for-fee basis. The trainers could be volunteers from members or external experts. Basically, we learn from what Coursera, Udemy or LinkedIn Learning are doing, but we specifically focus on Agroecology.
- Make sure we have some appealing trainings that can attract members and also other audiences who are interested in agroecology.
- Do not charge a membership fee. We need to run the network innovatively, providing added value for members, which will lead them to donate/contribute fees/returns (from training) freely to the network. We don't think a membership fee will work without creating added value to members.

Q2: How to ensure agility to access opportunities of collaboration and funding?

- The network needs to be strong now with concrete actions; we can provide capacity building for network members to support preparation and readiness (for example: writing the proposal)
- Produce good and strong material tools (In the native languages, as well) to show to potential candidates and funding sources.
- Delineate the strong experts on the AE topic
- Illustrate good impacts (evidence, results) to the donors (IFAD, FAO, identify at National opportunity).
- Set up a fundraising taskforce.

Q3: Transparent and Fair benefits distribution

- Need a very active management team
- Need to have a clear rule (Financial rule....) to develop a transparent financial mechanism for the network. This is particularly important if we call for donations. The donors need to know where their donations go and the benefits they bring to people. Additionally, when we call for donations, we must also state clearly how the funds we are raising will be used.
- Benefit sharing in the amount of 10-20% (for independent trainers who have trainee from ALiSEA network/ 20-25% (for ALiSEA trainers who rely on ALiSEA for trainee and admin supports) of fee back to the network. And between ALiSEA network and course creators: We must allocate a fair percentage of the course creators' earnings from students. This percentage should sufficiently incentivize members to develop courses and actively promote them on the network and also other channels where their influencers are present. The range of number 10-20%/ 20-25% was provided as an example.

## 6. Preparation of the Regional General Assembly

The ALiSEA Regional General Assembly has three main objectives:

1. Share Information with Members
2. Address the Governance of ALiSEA: discuss & take decision with Members
3. Consult and collect Members feedback/suggestions

**Participants discussed about the tentative agenda, specific objectives and modalities of facilitations as listed below:**

A/ Share Information with Members

1. To present ALiSEA main progress activities and achievements 2023;
    - a) Update on 2022 and 2023 Small Grant Projects
    - b) Training Program Design and Implementation (such as Sound Recording & Video Production)
    - c) Knowledge Production (case studies)
  2. To present mid-term evaluation results of ALiSEA as part of the ASSET project;
- ✓ Power point presentation
  - ✓ Posters to Summarize ALiSEA Achievements in each country
  - ✓ Display available documents: ToC and action plan synthesis note, ALiSEA river of life story, members' resources

B/ Address the Governance of ALiSEA: discuss & take decision with Members

1. To remind present composition, share proposal about the 2024 Internal Structure, announce potential available BM positions in each country
  2. To validate the updated Internal Charter (version 2023);
  3. To validate the Communication and Visibility Strategy and Action Plan
- ✓ Discussion and vote on remaining questions related to Internal Structuration
    - Like National GA: flip chart and sticker? Online vote?
    - E.g: Does the NS should be part of the BM? How to select Regional Committee Members?
  - ✓ Draft in advance the Updated Internal Charter with missing parts on decision points and share it with members a week before the GA
  - ✓ Poster about Communication & Visibility Strategy and link to download it?

C/ Consult and collect Members feedback/suggestions

1. To consult on a sustainable strategy for ALiSEA after the end of 2025 (results of river of life?)
  2. To consult members about the future Knowledge Hub?
- ✓ Split Participants into Group Discussion? Mixed participants from 3 countries
  - ✓ Any Fun Activity to foster interactions/exchanges between members?
    - Games?
    - QUIZZ on AE? On ALiSEA Network?

The workshop will be organized in hybrid format with in person in Laos for 2 or 3 days with a field visit, tentatively from 7 to 9 November 2023 and online with Vietnam and Cambodia members.

- Selected members will be 100% covered by ALiSEA network (set criteria based on diversity and active members)
- Ask if some members can cover their own cost by themselves or part of their cost to attend the workshop (air ticket, per diem etc.)
- Non-selected members will join online and delegate their voting power to member attending
- Estimated budget for 3 days' workshop: 80 USD/day/person, so 240\$/person is needed, it can bring around 70 people excluding plane ticket. The total available budget is 17,000 Euros.

- ALiSEA can cover around 15 or 20 people from each country (Cambodia and Vietnam)
- Field visits can be done in the ASSET Flagship site in Xieng Khouang province, as well as in the small grant activities areas or ALiSEA members implementation areas.
- ALiSEA Regional General Assembly can be linked to Agroecological fair to share knowledge, result and impact from 3 countries and the ASSET Flagship site
- Flagship team could be invited to present and share the results of the program
- Display photos by country from members on their activities or the result.
- Should interpreters be included? May be difficult to find Vietnamese and Khmer interpreters in Lao.

**The next steps** will be (i) to draw up a detailed budget estimate, as well as (ii) criteria for selecting members from Cambodia and Vietnam, which are 100% covered by ALiSEA, and (iii) an updated agenda will be shared including the proposed assignment of each Board Member.

## **7. Knowledge Hub progress, Communication & Visibility Strategy and Action Plan**

### **a) Communication Activities**

**The next step** is to finalize the communication strategy and the activities planning. Some activities could already start as soon as possible. The BoM will have to give feedback on the documents then it will be send to members before the GA.

**Link to the full draft strategy and the action plan**

[Draft strategy](#)

[Action Plan](#)

Graphic charter and ALiSEA com tool kit

**Working sessions (starting as soon as possible and could be beside other events)**

Gather members that registered for external audiences working session during GA 2022 and discuss about:

- 1) Key messages for external audiences
- 2) Favorite topics and local language vocabulary related
- 3) Sharing session (documents, events, ...)

**Creating 2023 event agenda (Using GRET model event xcel file) :**

- 1) ASSET and ALiSEA events
- 2) Members events
- 3) Other AE related events

**FB posting strategy with videos produced by trainees of the sound and video training.**

### **Share feedback from mobile tool to contact ALiSEA members (Messenger and Zalo)**

In Lao PDR: many WhatsApp's groups existing already, so messenger is safer to store documents and photos. At the moment, 28 people join the group.

The group is open to all, not only to ALiSEA members, share information on news, no many update at the moment. Messenger agriculture to sell the products and share techniques

Will be change the name of the group from ALiSEA information sharing to be Agroecology information sharing group and put more dynamic to mobile the group.

In Vietnam = 2 Zalo groups 146 people Agroecology Community. To join the group, you need to be invited by a member already present. There are open groups. Share news, articles, field trip, photos. There is no specific manager of this group. 571 people (what is the name of the second zalo group?)

**In conclusion, we agree to create Informal ALiSEA Social Network.** Different tools will be used according to each country habits: Telegram in Cambodia, Messenger in Lao PDR and Zalo in Vietnam.

- As a first step, an email will be sent to all members to explain the purpose of these groups and QR code will be created to send invitation to members for joining the group
- The National Secretariat is in charge to manage and facilitate these informal groups
- Objectives of these groups **are NOT to replace emails for formal exchanges of information but rather to share informal** news and events on Agroecology happening in the region in a fastest way (events organized by the network, by the members and by other external organizations)
- These informal groups are open ONLY to ALiSEA members

### **b) ALiSEA Graphic Charter, Communication Templates and Logo**

The TOR proposal of ALiSEA Graphic Charter and Communication Templates were presented at the session to collect feedback from the board members as they are the ones to frequently use the materials.

For the Graphic Charter, it is suggested to also include how ALiSEA can be presented on various online and offline materials of its partners such as on their websites and publications. For the Communication Templates, there are a few more products that can be added into the list such as video intro and outro, social media templates (frame with logo or banner), and additional ALiSEA e-mail signature below required signature (with or without indicating their Board Member status).

In regard to discussion about the logo, there are several ideas:

- The ALiSEA logo is recognized, but it doesn't represent what it really is at present
- The "i" is recognizable. We should not change it.
- We should not shrink the letters.
- We can also add elements to the letters to illustrate more characteristics.
- Add some symbols that represent pluralities and network such as dots or leaves.
- Make the letters more readable.

### **c) How to engage with journalists: experience sharing from Cambodia**

GERT have organized several field visit with local journalists in order to raise awareness in agriculture activities/topics to journalists, facilitate sharing experience & linkage agricultural news/topic between experts, local authorities, private sector and farmers to local journalists, and improve the access to information for journalists related to agriculture issues and innovation. The project has built connection with 65 local journalists from 35 press

organization, (18 online news, 8 TVs and 8 radios).

#### **Experience of organizing and facilitation the journalist field day in Cambodia:**

- Develop field visit program/topic: To address the topic for field visit, it is important to do a quick survey on topic identification and discuss with journalists what they want to learn from the event for the next events. Following all this information, it would be helpful for organizers to recognize fields, partners or relevant people for hosting, and develop the program for the field visit.
- Resources for providing information/interview: To produce an article, journalists require several sources of information from farmers level, local authorities and experts. Therefore, the facilitator should manage and invite all relevant people to join the event with well inform them of purposes of meeting with journalists.
- Field visit preparation: The field visit for journalists should be diversify landscapes for journalists
- Monitoring: Journalists were invited to join Telegram group. Articles produced during the field visit and other agriculture news were proposed to share with this group.

In conclusion, after attending events, most of the hosted people (farmers, experts and local authorities and government) were welcome and continued to communicate with Journalists.

### **8. Field Visit of CARDEC Center in Kampong Cham and APICI Program in Siem Reap**

Participants also had the opportunity to embark on a field visit to the **Cambodian Conservation Agriculture Research for Development Center (CARDEC) in Kampong Cham province**, under the Department of Agricultural Land Resources Management (DALRM) of General Directorate of Agriculture (GDA). CARDEC aspires to become a leading national and regional center in promoting agricultural modernization and agroecology transition. The center is composed of the training campus and the research station (14.5ha). This visit provided an orientation to the center's activities which are to conduct experimentation and research, to build capacity for relevant stakeholders, to preserve a large genetic bank of crops genetic resources and to assess and promote agroecological and sustainable intensification-based production systems. The center has received support from AFD, CIRAD, the Royal University of Agriculture, Swisscontact, the French Facility for Global Environment, the European Union, the Swiss Development Cooperation, Kansas State University, and USAID.

**A second field day was organized in Siem Reap province** to discover the EcoFarm cooperative, which officially registered in 2018, as part of the APICI project. Participants learned about the cooperative's agroecological vegetable production (composting, bio-pesticides etc.), its strategy for supplying local markets in the districts, Siem Reap and Phnom Penh cities and, its quality traceability system thanks to the implementation of PGS certification (Participatory Guarantee System). The agricultural cooperative gathers 120 members including 93 women, sells 280 tons of agroecological vegetables per year on 5 ha, produces 20 different types of vegetable seed, sells 6 tons of compost per year and manages a capital of 7,000 USD. This cooperative is supported by GRET, CIRD and PDAFF of Siem Reap.

## 9. Annexes

### Annexe 1. Workshop agenda

Time	Activities	Speaker/Facilitator
<b>DAY 1: 29/05/2023</b>		
06:30-10:00 (3h30)	Travel from Phnom Penh to Bosh Knor station	Mr. Pat Sovann
10:00-14:30	Field visit of Bosh Khnor Training Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Orientation Bosh Khnor station on field experiment, training, and promoting conservation agriculture.</i></li> <li>- <i>Visit field experimentations on cover crops production (such as cassava, maize etc.) and soil fertility improvement</i></li> </ul>	CIRAD team We will look for the restaurant for lunch which is close to the Bosh Khnor station <i>Share leaflet</i>
14:30-17:30 (3h)	Travel to Siem Reap province	Mr. Pat Sovann
<b>DAY 2: 30/05/2023</b>		
08:00-08:30	Participants registration	Mr. Pat Sovann
08:30-08:40 (10min)	Welcome speech and introduction	Mrs. Lucie Reynaud
08:40-09:00 (20min)	<b>Self-introduction</b> Stand up in cycle and briefly introduce yourself	All participants using the wool ball (name and expectations)
09:00-10:30 (1h30)	<b>River of Life of the ALiSEA Network at regional level</b> Share and discuss the past, present and the future of the ALiSEA network  <i>Where do we come from? Where do we want to go? How ALiSEA will look like in the future?</i>  It aims to raise awareness of the evolution of the ALiSEA network, what happened from the past to the present and to imagine the future development of the ALiSEA network. To highlight the key event/activities of the life of ALiSEA and the main impact of the ALiSEA Network	Sovann/Lucie/ Manivanh <i>45min Each participant write as many ideas as they want, one idea = one post (writing or drawings), post about (facts, impacts, activities) on present, past and future at the same time 20min Group the ideas and Questions/discussion 20min Tell the live story of the network by volunteer or facilitator (one per country, per section) 5min Conclusion/Summary</i>
10:30-10:50	Coffee break	All participants
10:50-12:30 (1h40min)	<b>Discuss and define the 3 priority actions or approaches for reaching the future of ALiSEA network</b>  <b>Group discussion</b> <i>Describe concrete steps to reach this future</i>  <i>What can we do between now to 2025 to prepare for what happens after the project ends?</i>	All participants  - <i>What financial strategy and plan to support the network?</i> - <i>How to ensure strong, sustainable and member-driven network?</i> - <i>How to ensure a dynamic and living</i>

	<i>What are the priorities and concrete actions to reach this future?</i>	<i>network? How to ensure the emergence of new topics/actions?</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch	All participants
13:30-14:00 (30min)	<b>Short Presentation of the ASSET project</b> Brief the achievement of working with partners and action plan for supporting ALiSEA network	Mrs. Lucie Reynaud
14h:00-16:30 (2h30)	<b>Presentation of ALiSEA achievements, national action plan and challenges from each country</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ALiSEA Cambodia (15min)</li> <li>- ALiSEA Laos (15min)</li> <li>- ALiSEA Vietnam (15min)</li> </ul> Q&A (45min)	All Board Members presentation
16:30-16:45	Debrief and closing for the day 1	Mrs. Lucie
<b>DAY 3: 31/05/2023</b>		
08:30-08:45	Recap on the previous day	Mrs. Manivanh
08:45-9:45 (1h00)	<b>Presentation on the debrief of the consolidation the 3 scenarios of ALiSEA internal structure</b> (15min) Advantages, disadvantages, recommendation, estimated budget and suggestions Q&A (45min) <b>Reminder about the current Internal Charter</b>	Mrs. Lucie, Sovann, Manivanh
9:45-10:00	Coffee Break	
10:00-11:30 (1h30)  11:30-12:00 (30min)	<b>Group Discussion about the internal structuration</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Structuration Scenario <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Design, improve and detail the internal structuration at national and regional levels</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Sustainability (Membership, Economic, Partners) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mechanism to prevent and resolve internal conflict</i></li> <li>• <i>Membership: additional request documents? Like official registration document? Should we ask to sign the internal charter? Take commitment to contribute</i></li> <li>• <i>Economic: Financial strategy and plan to support the network? Transparent in benefits distribution</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	All participants
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:40	<b>Restitution Final Consolidation</b> Comments, feedback on the result of discussion	All participants
14:40-15:00	Coffee break	
15:00-16:45 (1h45)	<b>Preparation of the Regional General Assembly</b> Objectives, Agenda, Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Share the results of the regional Meeting on internal structuration and scenario</i></li> <li>- <i>Take decision on the scenario to be tested in 2024</i></li> </ul>	All participants



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss and update the ALiSEA internal charter</li> <li>- Present the results of the mid-term evaluation as part of the ASSET project related to ALiSEA</li> <li>- Focus on Transversal topics such as Communication and Knowledge Management</li> </ul> <p>Combine with training session?</p>	
16:45-17:00	Closing remark for the two days meeting and introduce activities of field visit.	Mrs. Lucie
	<b>DAY 4: 01/06/2023</b>	
08:30-09:00	<b>Communication &amp; Visibility Strategy (20min)</b> Present the communication and visibility strategy and action plan for internal and external communication Q&A	Mr. Germain Priour
09:00-10:00 (1h)	<b>Discussion</b> ( <i>section to be detailed</i> )	
10:00-10:20	Coffee break	
10:20-12:00 (1h40)	<b>Strategy to engage with journalists</b> Sharing experience from the 3 countries Draft ALiSEA Guidelines on recommendations	Mr. Buntha & Mr. Sovann Mr. Tik & Ms. Noy
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Travel to Sotr Nikum district (GRET office) 30min travel	Mr. Pat Sovann
14:00-17:00	<b>Field visit agroecology farm of ALiSEA members</b> (GRET, CIRD and Eco Farmers Cooperative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with project team to orientate field activities (in office)</li> <li>- Vegetable production and value chain of agriculture cooperative</li> <li>- Field visit people with disability's integrated farm (chickens raising and vegetables growing)</li> <li>- Local chicken production (egg production, chick production and fattening chicken)</li> </ul>	Mr. Pat Sovann

## Annexe 2. List of participants

	<b>ALiSEA Board members and Guest</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	Vietnam	PHANO	M	Nguyen Tien Da
2		NOMAFSI	M	Trong Hieu Do
3		CISDOMA	F	Thuy Thu Doan
4		CARES	M	Pham Van Hoi
5	Laos	CLICK	F	Chintanaphone keovichith
6		RDA	F	Xaysomphone Phaipadith
7		NUoL	M	Fue Yang
8		SAEDA	M	Visith Saiyasensouk
9	Cambodia	DPA	M	Thol Buntha
10		DCA	F	Célia Del Campo Aragonés
11		CFAP	M	Sok Sotha
12	GRET		F	Manivanh Aliyavong
13			M	Samphanh Lathsakid
14			M	Pat Sovann
15			M	Chin Chav An
16			F	Lucie Reynaud
17	Uni4Coop		M	Ma Sokkeng
18			M	Philippe Devaud
19	Mediaseeds		M	Germain Priour

### Annexe 3. Detailed elements of the ALiSEA River of Life

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ALiSEA was created in 2015, under the ACTAE project</li> <li>- ALiSEA was born as a platform of multi-stakeholder</li> <li>- Gathering all actors who work on AE in the Mekong region</li> <li>- Establish and connect members in the region</li> <li>- Networking</li> <li>- Characterization of AE region Publication</li> <li>- Sharing knowledge on organic for many conservation agriculture</li> <li>- ALiSEA was an umbrella for 6 agricultural schools: OA, CA, SRI, agroforestry, integrating farming, IPM</li> <li>- First National Secretariat</li> <li>- ALiSEA led by GRET (regional coordination)</li> <li>- ALiSEA members 2016=60</li> <li>- ALiSEA members 2018=160 Cambodia, Laos, VN, Myanmar, Thailand, Chinese, regional</li> <li>- Small grant to boost innovative ideas</li> <li>- Small grant 2016= 12</li> <li>- Small grant 2017= 14</li> <li>- AE training center</li> <li>- Join FAO multi-stakeholder on AE 2015-2016</li> <li>- ALiSEA website officially started in 2016</li> <li>- National General Assembly</li> <li>- First internal Charter 2017</li> <li>- 1 Regional &amp; 4 National FB pages established in 2018</li> <li>- Film contest festival youth Laos</li> <li>- LICA section on the ALiSEA website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agroecology transition and food system: ASSET project</li> <li>- ASSET funding</li> <li>- Build strong national ALiSEA Board Members</li> <li>- National election</li> <li>- 186 members in 4 Mekong region</li> <li>- Increase membership (more and more organizations joining)</li> <li>- Less involvement of farmers and private sector</li> <li>- Facilitate knowledge sharing and the involvement of members</li> <li>- Knowledge sharing</li> <li>- Increased demands and opportunities for changes</li> <li>- First policy dialogue working group 2021</li> <li>- Small grant to support innovation ideas</li> <li>- Small grant round</li> <li>- More funds for a small grant</li> <li>- Working on Ecological empowerment (ALiSEA small grant)</li> <li>- Promote PGS in Vietnam &amp; Value chain – ASSET project</li> <li>- 2022-2023 AE assessment in Cambodia</li> <li>- Thematic discussion</li> <li>- ALiSEA talk at university: what is AE?</li> <li>- Online webinar AE markets in Cambodia</li> <li>- Online webinar PGS in Cambodia</li> <li>- Capacity building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear mandate scope</li> <li>- Ensures farmers are in the center of the AE transition participation</li> <li>- Produce better knowledge</li> <li>- AE is .....</li> <li>- Catalyze actor's initiative</li> <li>- Identify weaknesses, and bring knowledge innovation</li> <li>- Sustainable</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Member</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More involve the participially of farmer</li> <li>- Continue reminding members what is AE and facilitate its evaluation</li> <li>- Small grant for innovation ideas</li> <li>- Increase members to 250-500</li> <li>- Farmer foundation</li> <li>- Members...</li> <li>- Identify outstanding AE experiences and share them with the members</li> <li>- Research institute</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Knowledge</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a HUB of knowledge</li> <li>- Spit ALiSEA website &amp; knowledge hub</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Media</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Product the AE media local</li> <li>- Stories telling at the national and regional</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Fund</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fundraising</li> <li>- ALiSEA has different baskets that can be funded by donors.</li> <li>- Sustainability service fee? Registered entity?</li> <li>- ALiSEA could mobilize more donors to support the network</li> <li>- Member fee?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pesticides farmers Usage Vietnam</li> <li>- Farmers' usage of media study</li> <li>- Training Video making by smartphone in 2018</li> <li>- CFI Journalist training program in Laos 2020</li> <li>- AE Futures Publication 2018</li> <li>- Regional workshop on PGS to promote AE 2018</li> <li>- Field visit on organic in Thongmang cooperative, Laos</li> <li>- Regional Forum in Siem Reap 2018</li> <li>- Iram Evaluate &amp; recommendation 2018</li> <li>- Training on FAO-TAPE <b>method</b> in Cambodia 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Soft skill training</li> <li>- VDO training MOJO (<b>Mobile Journalist</b>) in June 2023</li> <li>- Survey transformation of the ALiSEA website to KH</li> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> User needs Assessment field survey</li> <li>- Workshop to define AE with members + AE lexicon</li> <li>- Develop common understanding of AE (definition and principles)</li> <li>- National Theory of Change workshop</li> <li>- National General Assembly (GA)</li> <li>- Define AE vocabulary</li> <li>- Promote Agroecology</li> <li>- Promote videos product or case studies</li> <li>- Disseminate the results of ALiSEA (videos, workshops)</li> <li>- 112 videos uploaded on the ALiSEA YouTube channel</li> <li>- 1002 documents on "Online Library"</li> <li>- 78 case studies mapping</li> <li>- Monthly newsletter sends out every 26<sup>th</sup> of each month</li> <li>- AE network regional country</li> <li>- Regional network</li> <li>- Strengthen the network at national and regional</li> <li>- Exchange visits among the members</li> <li>- Link with other networks</li> <li>- Uni4coop collaboration in Cambodia</li> <li>- IFOAM conference South Korea 2022</li> <li>- Sharing ALiSEA work in each event organized by other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Become a service provider</li> <li>- Find more donors for our network</li> <li>- Donors basket</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Policies</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To influence the policies</li> <li>- Policy to fund AE at national level</li> <li>- AE policy advocacy</li> <li>- ALiSEA is a part of AE SSWG</li> <li>- Focal group on AE</li> <li>- Is part of policies dialogue platforms (CASIC, AE-SWG)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Training</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People know well about AE</li> <li>- A training platform for AE, CA, OA</li> <li>- Supporting create a conservation research center</li> <li>- AE training center</li> <li>- Scaling up AE adaption, strengthening ALiSEA network</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Governance/ Coordination</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ALiSEA BM work voluntarily</li> <li>- ALiSEA be coordinated by a big organization/ institution</li> <li>- ALiSEA work recognized by Government</li> <li>- Become a well-known network/ platform that leads the transition of AE in the region</li> <li>- Link the global network</li> <li>- Strong networking</li> <li>- Formal network</li> <li>- Register ALiSEA on legal body in the right</li> <li>- Enables replication scaling-up dissemination</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Market access</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A set of standards for AE product</li> </ul>
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