



Agroecology and
Safe Food System
Transitions



ALiSEA
Agro-ecology Learning alliance in South East Asia

ALiSEA Internal Structuration & Organization

Participatory Process based on Learning loops

Potential SCENARI for discussion

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Internal Structuration & Organization:

A participatory process and adapted step by step

- How do we want to collaborate together and develop the network ?
- What is the most suitable organization and team structure for working together?
 - How do we take decision for the future of the network?

TODAY :

- Share the **lesson learned after 1.5 years** (April 2021 – November 2022)
- Go further in the discussion, **Get YOUR feedback** on defining the structure
- **Decision on 4 Questions**
- NO decision on SCENARIO > we **explore options & want YOUR feedback** to drive the work

ALiSEA : regional network

VISION

OPEN coalition of MULTI-stakeholders, INCLUSIVE Network

- *Connect diversity of organizations with diversity of background, practices, approaches and transition paces*
- *Join together for one purpose supporting AE scaling up in the Mekong region*

Promote a BROAD understanding of AGROECOLOGY concept and principles

GOALS

1. Answer the need for **knowledge exchange and experiences sharing**;
2. Foster **interactions and create safe space for actors**;
3. Highlight **impactful grassroots initiatives** to increase the visibility and credibility;
4. **Bring up and contribute to national and regional debates**;

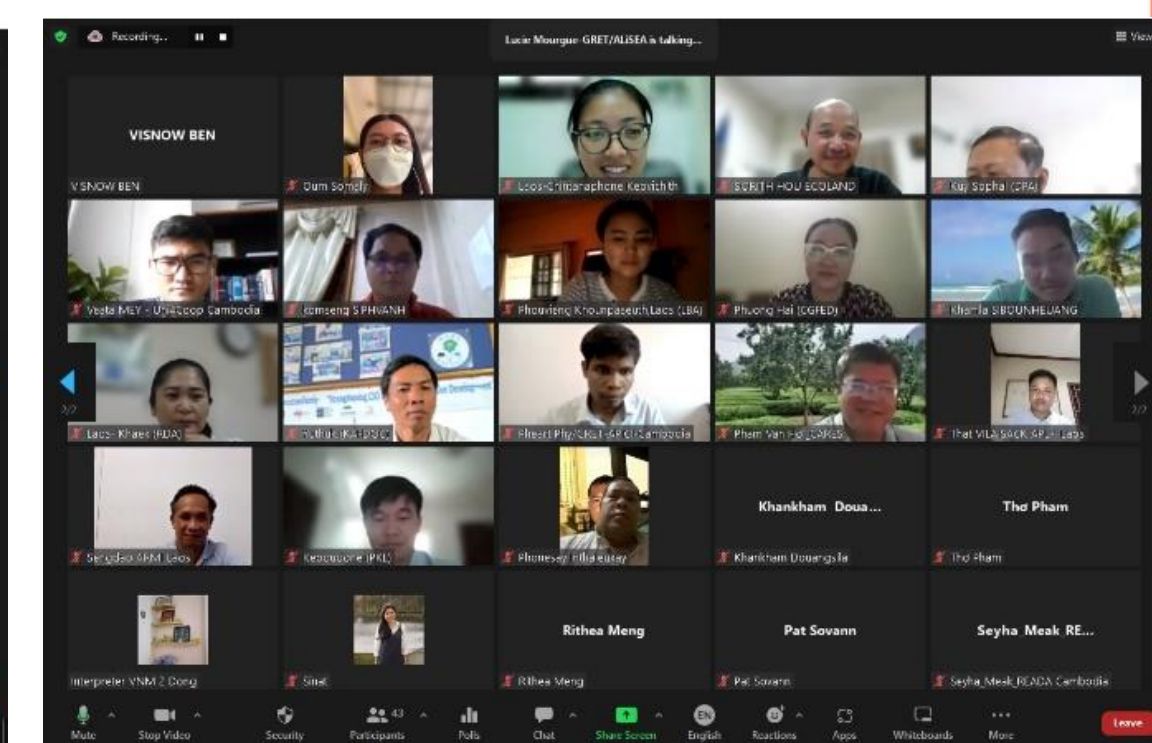
ALiSEA mandate: 4 main intervention strategies

- 1/ **Foster networking** through the organization of multi-stakeholder events, thematic workshop, field visit, training
- 2/ Implement and **support studies and co-creating of knowledge** (demonstrate relevance and feasibility of AE in the contexts of GMS countries)
- 3/ Set up **communication channels** for agriculture professionals **to access knowledge** about agroecology and **raising awareness of consumers**
- 4/ Launch small grant facility **to boost innovation and capitalization**



Results of the Members Consultation

Online Seminar
80 participants from 3 countries
12th and 13th July, 2022





4 Current criteria to become member

1. Type of stakeholders allowed

- Farmers Cooperatives, Union and Federations,
- CSOs including local and international NGOs, consumers association, networks
- Research centers and Universities,
- Private sector,
- Government agencies responsible for Agriculture, Fishery, Livestock, Forestry and Rural Development

2. Geographical area : Greater Mekong Sub-region

3. Members pledge :

- Respect ALiSEA charter (vision, mission, objectives)
- Actively engage in promoting agroecology

4. Voluntary basis



Welcoming new ALiSEA members: *how to answer to these new requests?*

CURRENT SITUATION


1/ Only Organizations

Legal entity, status, registered

2/ No Journalist are members



*Researchers, professors, experts
Which vision, mission, goals?*



*Importance of relationship:
promotion, visibility, awareness
What benefit of journalists as
member VS strong relationship?*

RESULTS CONSULTATION

Regional Seminar

1/ Individuals

- OK but need specific criteria like current work, studies

2/ Journalists

- Ok for specialized media only (Organic magazine etc.)
- Develop a Communication Strategy on how to engage with journalists
- Engage with state and private journalists

Welcoming new ALiSEA members: *should we add criteria to become member?*

CURRENT SITUATION

3/ Welcome All based on commitment to promote AE

No minimum requirement of AE engagement

Inclusiveness and Diversity of organization, background, practices

- Strength of the network

4/ No limited period on the membership

Join forever but some inactive members



Should we profile members based on their engagement?



Should we set a fixed period?

RESULTS CONSULTATION

Regional Seminar

3/ Profile Members

Interesting to tailored services and mission of the network to different organizations.

- Answer to different needs
- Provide 2 status

4/ Membership Renewal for a set period

5 years period

- Strengthen the commitment



3 Potential Scenari for Discussion



SCENARIO N1: Internal Structuration - Current Situation

REGIONAL LEVEL :

1 organization: GRET, 4 people

TEAM

- 1 Coordinator : 25%
- 1 Social Media & Website Officer: 100%
- 1 Small Grant Manager & Support BM: 100%
- 1 National Coordinator: 50%

ROLE

- Promote the Network
- Small Grant Facility Guidelines & Implementation of the process
- Communication Implementation and tools (website, FB)
- Regional General Assembly

- 1 Internal Charter = mission, values, objectives
- 1 Communication Strategy
- 1 Common identity = name, logo

NATIONAL LEVEL :

Board Members, 5 organizations , 20%/month

TEAM

- 1 National Secretariat : networking & COM = **DPA**
- 1 Knowledge Management Officer = **Ecoland**
- 1 Small Grant Officer = **Action Aid**
- 1 ToC/M&E Officer = **DCA**
- 1 Policy Dialogue Officer = **CFAP**

ROLE

- Promote the Network
- Co-develop National Strategy & action plan
- Facilitate and implement Activities
- Facilitate National General Assembly

- 3 National Action Plan to take into account national specifics and ensure members ownership

Observations & Lesson Learned

- Number of **members is increasing**, national secretariat is a key position to facilitate the network. It require more time of involvement.
- **How to deal with turnover of Board Members?**
e.i 1 position = 3 different people in 1.5 years
- What are the **common services and topics** to be addressed at the regional level?
- **Only GRET involved at Regional level.** Who is **legitimate to represent the network?**
More autonomy given to the countries?
- **Renewing all Board Members at the same time** : risk of losing dynamic and history > change to 1 or 2 positions
- **Yearly rotation of Board Members:** ensure effective, quality and stable work > change to every 4 years



SCENARIO N2: Focus on strong regional dimension

Regional Executive Committee
Consortium of 9 organizations (3/country)
 Volunteer / Stable
Diversity of actors & countries

1 Regional Coordinator / Secretariat
 1 Regional COM & Knowledge Hub
 2 Full-time staff

Internal Charter (vision, mission, goals)
 Regional Strategy
 Fund raising
 Represent & Promote the network

Example of consortium: Farmers representatives, LCSOs, Researchers, INGOS

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 3-4 organizations, 30%/month

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- Tailored/Adapt Regional Strategy to national context & Implement National Action Plan
- Board Members = rotation every 4 years, not all Board at the same time
- Rotation = election during National General Assembly
- One Organization Member = One vote





SCENARIO N3 - Focus on national dynamics (Alliance)

- 1 National Secretariat
- 1 Knowledge Officer
- 1 Policy Dialogue
- 1 Small Grant

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NATIONAL level

**ALiSEA Board Members
Cambodia**
4-5 organizations

ALiSEA Board Members Laos
4-5 organizations

ALiSEA Board Members Vietnam
4-5 organizations

National Strategy,
National Action Plan
Fund raising

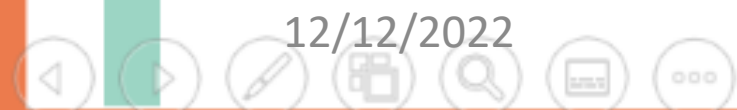
REGIONAL level: Informal

Working group on
COMMUNICATION

Working group on
Knowledge HUB

Organize & facilitate regional
exchanges and actions

Common resources?
Representative/Promotion?
Internal Charter





WAY FORWARD



Next Steps to reach a decision on SCENARI

1. Consolidate and Build on **feedback and recommendations** made at the General Assembly in the **3 countries**: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam (Nov 2022 – Jan 2023)
2. Online Regional **Webinar to invite other existing Networks** to share their experience and suggestions (February/March 2023):
e.i: AFA, Earth Net, Education for Environment, WOCAT
3. **Working Sessions** between the national **Board Members of 3 countries to develop a proposal** (February to June 2023)
4. Present proposals and take decision at the **Regional General Assembly** (October 2023)



VOTE on 4 QUESTIONS

CONSULTATION and DISCUSSION

on 3 Scenari

VOTE Process

- VOTE on 4 Questions about the membership
 - Do you agree to welcome individuals as member with specific criteria?
 - Do you agree to welcome specialized journalists/media as member?
 - Do you agree to set up 2 status/role for members?
 - Do you agree to renew membership every 5 years?

- 1 Organization = 1 Vote

- Decision = highest number of votes