



# **ALiSEA Internal Policy Dialogue Working Group in Laos – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

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- What / why / how for AE policy dialogue
- Representatives for policy dialogue
- Questions for moving forward

# What is Policy Dialogue? ການສົນທະນາດ້ານນະໂຍບາຍ ແມ່ນຫຍັງ?

- A policy dialogue is a reflective process that involves different people who discuss an issue in which they have a mutual – but not necessarily common . ການສົນທະນາດ້ານນະໂຍບາຍແມ່ນການທົບທວນຂະບວນການທີ່ມີການກ່ຽວຂ້ອງກັບບຸກຄົນທີ່ມີການສົນທະນາປະເດັນທີ່ຈຳເປັນ ແຕ່ບໍ່ຈຳເປັນຕ້ອງມີຫລາກຫລາຍທີ່ຄ້າຍຄືກັນ
- Policy dialogue can be conducted at any level of the food system where a problem is perceived and a decision, policy, plan or action needs to be made (adapted from WHO).
- There are thus different ways and means to implement policy dialogues and deliver messages to relevant stakeholders (directly and/or indirectly related to policy making processes), at different levels.

# Why is Policy Dialogue needed?

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- Policies could provide enabling or constraining environment for agricultural actors to be innovative and/or taking necessary transition towards sustainability.
- Without supporting policies, we can not expect for AE transition at medium and large-scale

# How to organize Policy Dialogue?

- We are somehow in Step 3, but not limited, to restart from Step 1 as long as we identify and agree on policies / specific thematic topics and/or advocacy approach that should be targeted by ALiSEA



<https://www.fao.org/3/ca4756en/ca4756en.pdf>

# Representatives

## ■ 7 organizations Answer to the questionnaires

Name of the organization	Have you and/or your organization any experience in terms of public policies (research and studies on public policies, policy dialogue, advocacy)?	If YES, <b>how many years of experience</b> do you and/or your organization have on public policies (research and studies on public policies, policy dialogue and advocacy) (any topic)?	Have you and/or your organization any <b>experience in terms of public policies specifically related to Agroecology and food system issues</b> (research and studies on public policies, policy dialogue, advocacy)?	If YES, how many years of experience?
HuamJai Asasamak Association	Yes	Less than 5 years	No	
Village Focus International	Yes	5 to 10 years	No	
LFN	Yes	5 to 10 years	No	
AVSF	Yes	More than 10 years	Yes	More than 10 years
The Participatory Development Knowledge Agency	Yes	5 to 10 years	Yes	Less than 5 years
Oxfam in Laos	Yes	5 to 10 years	Yes	5 to 10 years
Lao Natural Resources and River Network	Yes	5 to 10 years	Yes	Less than 5 years

Name of the organization	What are the main public policies issues addressed by your organization?
HuamJai Asasamak Association	Citizen engagement for community development
Village Focus International	Land tenure and human trafficking
LFN	Farmer indebt
AVSF	RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SMALLHOLDERS FARMING, SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND FAIR VALUE CHAINS DEVELOPMENT, ANIMAL HEALTH, AGROECOLOGY, LAND MANAGEMENT, BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION
The Participatory Development Knowledge Agency	Education, Youth, Community Livelihood Development and Environment
Oxfam in Laos	social justice, gender equality and natural resources management
Lao Natural Resources and River Network	Justice approach, customary land tenues, sustainable land and forests management, FPIC

Dissemination and impact	Challenges and difficulties	Policy dialogue and advocacy focus	Main Interest?	Join ALiSEA working group
Organizing workshop between government organization and community	the topic discussion, procedure of meeting	government policy support to agroecology for CSO and community	the organic farming and ecotourism	Yes
We have not done the public policies around agroecology yet.	We have not done the public policies around agroecology yet.	Document experiences and lessons learnt from successful farmers who apply agroecology. Create interactive platform for all stakeholders to learn and share experience and discuss how to promote good practices.	Integrated farming system which can help farmer to be self sufficient and sustainable	Yes
Via <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeOV6_ZYR59wwvhtjPo05qw/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeOV6_ZYR59wwvhtjPo05qw/videos</a> and Facebook page and participate in the Sub sector working group meeting	negotiation skill, data collection from the field and raise voices to relevance stakeholder	LFN focusing on Access to finance, transportation fee, youth engagement, reduction import agriculture products from neighboring country, low input cost such as seed, electricity fee	IPM, Smart farming and innovative approach to increase yield	Yes

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ON THE FIELD WITH COUNTERPART; AVSF Staff; Coordination meeting	human resources	pesticides regulation , biodiversity and land conservation	soil conservation, agroforestry, integrated pest management	Yes
We do provide inputs related the stated public policies through network and partnerships with other agencies	We are keeping a low profile strategy, so no direct impacts are faced directly by our organization	Both issues are critical and needed to address. With this, we need to take part in development process led by ALiSEA Network	Permaculture (non-chemical farming/organic) vs modern farming toward food security and safety	Yes
disseminated through national and regional events and printing out for distribution	less women participation in the project activities and raising their voice for change	climate change and women: women and indigenous people, who are the most vulnerable to climate change and their inability to talk, to have voice in public space to influence policy	promoting indigenous people to access and use neglected underutilized species (NUS) for their food security in poor area	Yes
organized the national dialogues, region dialogues, training workshop ..	limited funding for carry out the activities with multi-stakeholders	Laos	communities network farming	Yes

# What next?

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- What policies / thematic topics should be targeted?
- How will PD team be organized?
- What need to be done? Why? How?
  - Enabling / Constraining environment in achieving AE in Vietnam?
  - AE evidence discovery
  - Communication collaboration & strategy
  - ...
- What advocacy approach is considered?
- Resources?

# Possible checklist for speakers

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- You have been talking about policy X, do you have any lessons learnt for PD regarding the issue of that policy? Who? How? Why?
- For your suggestion X regarding AE policy promotion, what can you do / plan to do to contribute to that progress?
  - How? Why?
  - What resources needed?
  - How ALiSEA can assist you/your organization?
- Do you have or learnt any experience on PD failures? What? Why?
- If we agree to work on specific AE policy X,Y,Z what shall we do to promote them? At different levels?