

## ACTAE regional project Procedure for CANSEA grant application

ACTAE Regional Project – CANSEA Component is launching its second call for proposal under its “Competitive Grant Scheme”. The first call allowed approving 3 proposals among 5 and according to our plan. **The application deadline for this second call is October 22, 2016.**

### 1. Background and rational

ACTAE is a regional project funded by AFD to develop durable and effective networking mechanisms facilitating synergies among agroecology initiatives. This will involve activities in R&D, training and extension, optimization of existing networks and organization with the objective to enhance knowledge, exchange and capitalization.

ACTAE aims at facilitating exchanges between the different approaches of agroecology and supporting a scientific documentation of their relative advantages. Tenants of the different approaches easily agreed on their common principles and the scope of agro-ecology.

The project is expected to provide institutional and operational backstopping to the existing Conservation Agriculture Network for South-East Asia (CANSEA) while enlarging its scope to cover the whole field of agroecology. This objective is in the framework of long term process. A first phase of 3 years is funded by AFD (2015-2018).

ACTAE is organized in two complementary components CANSEA and ALiSEA under the responsibility of CIRAD and GRET respectively and CIRAD overall coordination:

- Strengthen and institutionalize the existing conservation agriculture network in South East Asia - CANSEA - in its function of promoting Agroecology (AE) and conservation agriculture (CA) effective adoption, notably through involving a wider spectrum of stakeholders, building linkage between agroecological movements, and working to diversify funding sources.
- Promote the emergence of a new regional agro-ecological learning initiative in South East Asia – ALiSEA, aiming at strengthening knowledge and experience sharing among agroecological initiatives and actors. It will focus mainly on promoting the concept of agro-ecological transition, documenting practices at grass root level and bridging existing experiences. Out/up scaling the development and adoption of agroecological practices among farmers through training and dissemination will be supported.

### 2. CANSEA call for proposal

Among a whole set of activities, the ACTAE project is supporting a «Competitive Grant Scheme» to boost R&D projects with strong multi-stakeholders and training involvement based on a tender procedure. These grants should be considered as i) potential co-fund for larger project or action, ii) as leverage to attract further funding or partners, iii) means to reinforce or strengthen existing activity. The scope of this document is to specify the conditions for potential applicant to access to these grants.

#### a. Eligibility

- Activities should concern Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

- All recognized institutions from the CANSEA member countries are eligible. Projects involving at least two the CANSEA's members will be appreciated. Members could present several proposals in the two coming years.
- Maximum funding: 30 000 USD, cofounding is actively encouraged.
- Eligible thematic for proposed activities are listed here below (this list is not limited, other subject could be proposed and will be examined):
  - Studies on soil fertility management at a large range from the plot to the farm, to the watershed and the territory;
  - Training (university level / extension staffs and farmers) aimed at CA & AE dissemination, including demonstration and training sites;
  - Agroecological crop protection;
  - Biomass management;
  - Complementarity between Conservation Agriculture and cattle / ruminant production
  - Phyto-genetic resources management and primary production (cover plants and food crops germplasm conservation and production) in accordance with a sustainable program;
  - Mechanization and technical guidelines adapted to agroecology based cropping systems;
  - Indicators of farm and cropping systems' performance based on bio-physics, environmental and socioeconomic parameters;

**b. How to Apply:**

The application should include:

- An executive summary,
- Description of the proposal with i) context, ii) objective, iii) activities description, iv) partnerships, the proposal should involve different institutions and organisms in accordance with their field of expertise and objectives of the proposals, v) planning and duration,
- A detailed budget.

Because one of the overall objective is to enhance exchange and synergies between stakeholders, proposals presented by several stakeholders, at least two including one member, will be appreciated. It is definitively important to stimulate joint / synergetic actions.

Proposal should be sent by Email to:

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**c. Selection process:**

The proposals will be selected by a specific evaluation committee involving the implementing agencies as well external evaluators involved based on their international and regional recognition to insure coherency and complementarity between action and partners. Results will be sent to applicant within one month after de deadline for application.

**d. Contract establishment**

A contract will be established between the operator and the leader institution in charge of the action. The contract will describe the action and define the implementing conditions especially duration and payment conditions.