INTRODUCTION
Agroecology Key Principles Workshop
Cambodia

Thursday 24th March, 2022
Agroecology Key Principles Workshop, as a first step towards building a common vision

Objectives of today meeting:
1/ To discuss and review the Agroecology and Food System Concept and Key Principles
2/ To share our common values and to reach common understanding of these concepts and principles

Today meeting is part of the participatory process to build a common vision and understanding of what we mean by:
- the agricultural and food system
- and the changes needed to achieve agroecological and sustainable food systems transitions at national level.

Results of today’s discussion will be used to frame the synthesis knowledge review on the current status of agroecology and food system in Cambodia
Ambition: What do we want to achieve?

To engage members of the ALiSEA network into a participatory and transformative approach, to share a common vision:

▪ of the issues at stake, including the global trends that drive social, economic and environmental changes, and
▪ of the pathways and leverages to drive changes and achieve impact.

This vision is to enhance the network coherence and sense of ownership of its members, feed into ALiSEA activity prioritization, and help strengthening synergies with other initiatives.
Method: Theory of Change (ToC) at national level

- **Purpose** is to engage ALL key stakeholders involved in agroecology (ALiSEA members and non-members) in a reflection about the future of the agricultural and food systems and the potential associated with agroecological transformations in driving changes towards sustainability.

- **Theory of Change Methodology** integrates existing knowledge and partners experience with the point of view of actors that would implement and be affected by these changes.
Method: Theory of Change at national level

Participants: who will be invited?

- Around 30 to 40 people
- Multi-stakeholder groups will be convened by ALiSEA to build a shared vision of Agroecology and Safe Food System Transitions at national level

☐ ALiSEA intends to be more inclusive and needs to continue its effort in this regard and increase the diversity of stakeholders' involvement.

➢ Inviting key external stakeholders involved in agroecology to participate to build a shared vision on the transitions will contribute to reinforce ALiSEA Network.
Synergies with Policy Dialogue Actions in ASSET: evidence-based policy strategy

- **Review of current national policies** that support agroecological transition and safe food systems

- **List the current innovative local policies** (institutional mechanisms) that support agroecological transition and safe food systems at provincial and districts levels

- **Select and document the 10 best success or learning stories on policy support** that have already been applied effectively and that *show tangible on-site effects to feed into reflections at local and national levels*

> *Results from this ongoing process will be presented at the Theory of Change Workshop*
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Concretely, how to build from the ToC approach?

Expected results
1. A shared vision of agroecology transitions of ALiSEA Network and key stakeholders beyond the network;
2. An Action Plan at country level that provides a common framework for action and interventions, for the ALiSEA network as a whole and key resource stakeholders;

And ways forward
- Share the ToC results defined collectively to ALiSEA General Assembly and into national policy making processes in relation with agroecology and safe food systems transitions.
- Build upon the ToC workshop results to develop a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning System
Timeline

- **AE Key Principles Workshop (24th March)**
- **Synthesis of Knowledge review on AE**
- **Theory of Change Workshop in Cambodia (September)**
- **ALiSEA National General Assembly (November)**
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