



Policy Guidelines on Agroecology Transition in ASEAN

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1. Planning for agroecology transitions

Explanation

- Planning for agroecology transitions involves setting the right targets, promoting agroecology transition in specific landscapes, formulating coherent policies and strategies, and ensuring that environmental, social, and economic outcomes are well integrated.
- The planning process must involve relevant sectors and stakeholders to create synergies and co-benefits across farming and agrifood systems while anticipating and mitigating trade-offs.
- Agroecology transitions are best planned at the landscape or territorial scale.

Policy Guidelines

- 1.1 Formulate coherent policy and better targets for agricultural planning through agroecology
- 1.2 Engage stakeholders in planning processes
- 1.3 Apply a landscape or territorial approach
- 1.4 Engage the private sector and strengthen planning rules for agribusinesses



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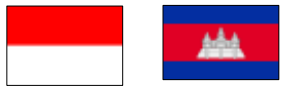
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Q1: What are the main challenges to implementing these guidelines in Laos?

- **Lack of Awareness and Understanding**
- **Limited Institutional Support**
- **Limited Coordination and Cooperation with another sector**
- **Policy Gaps and Enforcement, policy instrument, implementing**
- **Cultural and Traditional Practices** (Local agricultural traditions in Laos may not align with agroecological practices)
- **Knowledge Gaps and Training** (soil management ecological practices and training program)
- **Climate Change and Environmental Factors** (such as droughts or floods, disease)
- **Short-Term vs. Long-Term Benefits on agroecology practices to be get benefits late**



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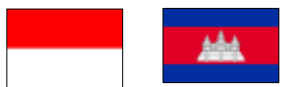
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Q2: Based on the Lao situation, which guidelines should be prioritized in the new ADS?

- **Capacity Building and Education**
- **Farmer Incentives and Support Mechanisms**
- **Improving Access to Sustainable Inputs**
- **Land Tenure and Access to Resources**
- **Support for Diversified Farming Systems**
- **Strengthening Market Access for Agroecological Products**
- **Promotion of Climate-Resilient Farming Practices**
- **Strengthening Policy Coordination**
- **Community-Based Natural Resource Management**



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Q3: What measures should be included in the ADS to improve implementation of the priority guidelines?

- **Establish a dedicate Agroecology task force**
- **Institutional Capacity Building and Coordination**
- **Incentives and Financial Support for Farmers**
- **Land Tenure Security and Access to Resources**
- **Market Development and Certification**
- **Education and Awareness Campaigns**
- **Strengthening Local Governance and Participation**
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Adaptation**