



Policy Guidelines on Agroecology Transition in ASEAN

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4. Capacity building and knowledge sharing

Explanation

- Agroecology transition requires renewing and strengthening agroecology literacy (essential values, knowledge and skills) among the different actors in agriculture and other relevant sectors.
- The shift requires interdisciplinary knowledge and cross-sectoral collaboration drawing from technical, social and sustainability knowledge systems.
- It covers the different dimensions of food systems and consists of collective action, territorial autonomy, circular economy, environmental stewardship, food sovereignty, food mileage, climate justice and other themes.

Policy Guidelines

- 4.1 Build farmers and rural communities' capacity and facilitating farmers to farmers learning and exchange for agroecology transition
- 4.2 Reshape extension and advisory services
- 4.3 Mainstream agroecology in vocational training, higher education and academic curricula
- 4.4 Enhance public awareness on agroecology



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Integration of ASEAN guidelines into the next Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS)

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

- Farming population is scattered
- Landscape is diverse
- Markets are changing rapidly
- Field workers are poorly paid
- Govt budget is insufficient
- Projects coordination is weak



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Integration of ASEAN guidelines into the next Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS)

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

The top priority in Laos is to combine two of the ASEAN
guidelines....

‘Reshape extension and advisory services’

so that they

‘facilitate farmers learning and exchange’



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

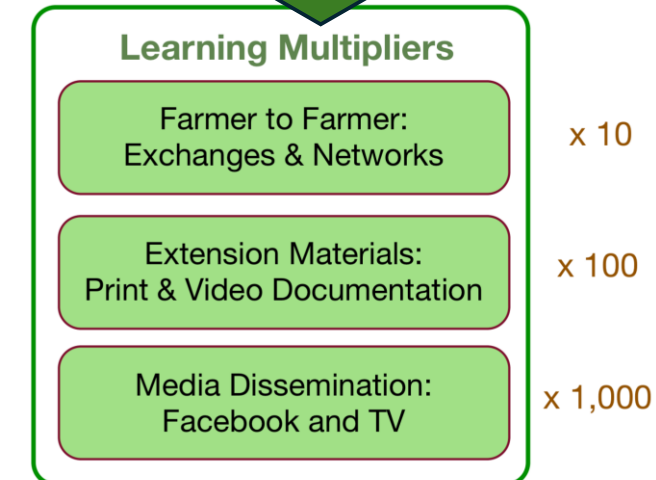
Green Extension is the answer!

Green Extension Process	What this involves
Participatory agro-ecosystem analysis	Rural families take stock of available resources; inventories and maps prepared
Community Planning	Analysis of opportunities and constraints; agreement reached on priorities for innovation
Action research	Innovations are piloted; options are compared; communities collect data and analyse results
Farmer-to-farmer learning	Experience is shared among households and communities; knowledge and skills transferred
Organisational development	Informal networks and/or formal groups are created to sustain and scale up innovations

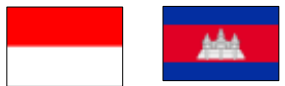
**Green Extension:
Multiplying the Impact**



Each Centre = 20 to 200 Learners



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