

AGROECOLOGY SUB-SECTOR WORKING GROUP

(SSWG-AE)

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BACKGROUND



WORLD POPULATION: The South East Asia member states' population is projected to increase to 2 billion by 2030.



FOOD DEMAND: Increasing number of regional population, food and fiber in the regional is projected to be increased accordingly.



CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE: is producing negative impacts to the environment land degradation, soil erosion, the decline in biodiversity, pollution, desertification, etc..)



CLIMATE CHANGE: Countries in the region will face rising sea levels, heat waves, floods and droughts, and increasingly intense and unpredictable weather events, for which agriculture intensification relying on traditional "



DEMANDS from the consumers to have clean, green, safe food

BACKGROUND

LAO POPULATION: 78% of the population works in the agricultural sector, mainly oriented towards self-sufficiency. Rice, coffee, tea, animals, vegetables are the main products.

AGRICULTURE STRATEGY & VISION: The ADS 2025 and Vision 2030 and the Agricultural Land Management Strategy 2030 are to promote crop production, focusing on modernization, clean, safety, quality, stability, sustainability, and commercialization

CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE: Conservation agriculture has been promoted by the Lao Government as a possible means of achieving the agrarian transition while preserving the ecological environment and rural livelihood improvement

36TH AMAF MEETING: In the 36th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in 2012, the Lao MAF Minister proposed to launch and coordinate an initiative to promote Conservation Agriculture in ASEAN Members States.

1ST LICA MEETING: In this connection, DALaM, represented on behalf of the MAF, has been assigned to launch the 1st Lao Initiative to Promote Conservation on Agriculture in the ASEAN Member States (1st LICA) in 2014.

Special 38th SOM AMAF expanded from Conservation Ag to agroecology to share, compare and homogenize national regulations on AE, in order to progressively develop a Common Position of ASEAN. LICA was level up to Lao Facilitated Initiative on Agroecology in 2017

BACKGROUND

Regional and international MAF COOPERATION ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM

MAF, co-chairing with Government of France and FAO, takes the lead ARD Sector Working Group. Also, MAF signed the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in 2022 in order to strengthen the research and development programs supporting the agroecology transition.

On-going process to be a member of AE Coalition member

Laos Facilitated Initiatives on Agroecology in ASEAN (LICA)

Lao National AGROECOLOGY SUB-SECTOR WORKING GROUP (SSWG-AE)

To support the ARD Sector Working Group, the agroecology transition processes under CFS' membership, and the joining of the Coalition for the Transformation of Food Systems Through Agroecology formed as an outcome of UNFSS, as well as the Agriculture Development Strategy to 2025 and vision for 2030 and Agricultural Land Management Strategy 2030, the Agroecology Sub-Sectoral Working Group (SSWG-AE) needs to be established.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES of SSWG-AE

- 01 Provide an effective platform** for knowledge-sharing and policy dialogues on agroecology transition among relevant government agencies, development partners, and international agencies based on some key focused points to be discussed
- 02 Play a role in supporting the development** of the national pathways for sustainable land management and food systems that have emerged from the pre-UNFSS national dialogues and the Lao commitment during the UNFSS in September 2021
- 03 Bring out all existing agroecology practitioners** and interventions into actual programs (including the prioritizing research needs), plans, practices, and investment and tracking its progress
- 04 Develop inter-sectorial cooperation** and mechanism to support the agroecology-transition dialogues at the national and sub-national levels
- 05 Ensure coherence and links** between outputs of knowledge-sharing and policy dialogues on agroecology practices with the existing AE policies, strategies, and regulations implementing in the nation
- 06 Consolidating lessons learned** and policy perspectives to promote the development and scaling up of supportive policy and practice.
- 07 Promote AE practices** within the Lao PDR including, joint priority setting and resource mobilization, results-based management and monitoring of progress achieved.
- 08 Oversee and implement** guidance for AE policy dialogues.
- 09 Refine the Lao PDR AE strategy** and feed into actions to support LICA towards a common policy agenda and implementation at ASEAN level
- 10 Contribute to SWG-ARD meetings** and coordinate with the other sub-groups for the cross-sectoral and sub-national topics

OBJECTIVES of SSWG-AE

01 To facilitate and coordinate

To facilitate the sharing of lessons and capitalization of experience on AE among Government Ministries, Donors Agencies, CSOs, Private Sector and Farmers

02 To formulate and disseminate

Lao's vision of food system transformation through agroecology, including approaches that promote sustainable landscape management

04 To ensure coherence of

policies, programmes and projects related to the agroecological transition and mainstreaming of AE principles;

03 To promote the inclusion of AE transitions priorities

into actual programs, plans, practices and investments, and track progress in their application;

05 To strengthen the role of Lao PDR in supporting LICA at ASEAN level

contributing to regional policy and strategy formulation, and supporting the LICA secretariat / focal point.

ORGANIZATIONAL & STRUCTURE

SSWG-AE

Roles of Chair and Co-Chair

- ❖ Take the lead and facilitate AE-sharing dialogues
- ❖ Formulate goals, targets, areas of focus, and Action Plan (5 years-plan) of the “Agro-Ecology SSWG” in consultation with all members
- ❖ Prepare reports on the progress implementation and outputs of SSWG-AE to the SWG-ARD.
- ❖ Organize platforms, meeting and workshop for AE sharing and policy discussions at national and regional levels
- ❖ Refine the Lao PDR strategy and feed into LICA action plans, and follow up on the different actions to be implemented at ASEAN level. Develop constructive working relationships with LICA focal points
- ❖ Fundraising for supporting AE transition dialogues
- ❖ Oversee, supervise, and monitor the harmonization of existing AE policies, and feed into other policy making processes that impact on AE transitions.



Chair



Co-Chair

ORGANIZATIONAL & STRUCTURE (CONS.)

Core Technical Working Groups

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

1. Department of Planning and Cooperation/MAF as secretariat of SWG-ARD
2. Department of Rural Development/MAF as secretariat of SSWG-RD
3. Department of Forestry/MAF as secretariat of SSWG-F and SSWG-AB
4. Department of Agriculture, MAF
5. Department of Livestock and Fisheries, MAF
6. Department of Agricultural Extension and Cooperatives, MAF
7. National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, MAF

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

1. Department of Land
2. Department of Environmental Protection

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

1. Department of Food and Drugs
2. Nutritional Centre

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCE

1. Department of SME
2. Department of Industry and Handicraft
3. Lao National Chamber of Commerce

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAOS

1. Faculty of Agriculture
2. Faculty of Social Sciences
3. Faculty of Environmental Sciences
4. Faculty of Economics
5. Faculty of Forestry

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

CIRAD, IRD, FAO, UNESCAP, EU, IFAD, CDE, ALiSEA, WOCAT, other relevant AE stakeholders

NGOs and CSOs

ALiSEA, SEADA, Lao Farmer Network, etc

ORGANIZATIONAL & STRUCTURE (CONS.)

SSWG-AE's Secretariate

❖ Roles

- ❖ Support the implementation of SSWG-AE;
- ❖ Coordinating and managing logistics regarding the holding of SWG-ARD and SSWG-AE meetings, including the agenda setting and preparation of meeting content in consultation with the core technical working group of SSWG-AE and ensuing access to appropriate documentation (i.e. the minutes of Meeting);
- ❖ Facilitate and Coordinate with key SSWG-AE members to support AE transition dialogues and all communications and ensure follow up, liaising with MPI- DIC with regards to RTM and RTM and keep SSWG-AE and SWG-ARD core members abreast of ongoing policy-related, programmatic, and project activities;
- ❖ Preparing SSWG-AE inputs to RTMs (through the contribution to the SWG-ARD annual report) and ASEAN processes, including LICA, in consultation with members
- ❖ Organizing dialogue with SWG-ARD and development partners and donors

**Overall
Secretariate**

DALaM-MAF

**Technical
Support**

**CIRAD,
IRD,
FAO,
UNESCAP**

ACTIVITIES



MEETINGS

- ❖ The SSWG-AE meetings are scheduled to be synchronized with SWG-ARD meetings
- ❖ Three regular meetings per year
- ❖ Organized prior to each SWG-ARD meeting.



MODIFICATION

Revision and additions, at any time, to this Term of Reference shall be agreed upon and approved by SSWG-AE core technical working group members.



REPORTING

- ❖ The SSWG-AE is to prepare its annual progress reports to the SWG-ARD with emphasizing on main results of each dialogue, the progress of synergizing existing-AE policies, challenges, and possibilities.
- ❖ Reports and outcomes from AE transition dialogues will be available via the SWG-ARD website.

GoL's APPROVAL

Order No. 2759/MPI, date 19 October 2023 on approval of AFD to be co-Chair of SSWG-AE and SSWG-AE establishment under the SWG-ARD



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ແຈ້ງການ

ຮຽນ: ທ່ານ ວິດຖະມົນຕີ ກະຊວງກະສິກໍາ ແລະ ປ່າໄມ້, ທີ່ນິບຖື.

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ໃນຂະແໜງການບໍ່ສອບວຽກງານນິເວດກະສິກໍາ ຕາຍໃຕ້ໜ່ວຍງານຂະແໜງກະສິກໍາ ແລະ ພັດທະ
ນາຊຸມນະບົດ.

- ອີງຕາມ ດໍາລັດວ່າດ້ວຍການຈັດຕັ້ງ ແລະ ການເກືອບໂຫວ ຮອງກະຊວງແຜນຍຸດທະສາດ ແລະ ການລົງທຶນ
ສະບັບເລກທີ 636/ນຍ, ລົງວັນທີ 26 ພະຈິກ 2021;
- ອີງຕາມ ດໍາລັດວ່າດ້ວຍການຕື່ມຄອງ ແລະ ບໍາໃຊ້ການຮຸ່ວຍເຫລືອທາງການເພື່ອການພັດທະນາ ສະບັບ
ເລກທີ 367/ລຍ, ລົງວັນທີ 09 ຕຸລາ 2019.
- ອີງຕາມ ໜັງສືສະເໜີຂອງ ກະຊວງກະສິກໍາ ແລະ ປ່າໄມ້ ສະບັບເລກທີ 4058/ກຍ, ລົງວັນທີ 22 ກັນຍາ
2023.

ກະຊວງແຜນຍຸດທະສາດ ແລະ ການລົງທຶນ, ຂໍຖືເປັນກຽດແຈ້ງມາຍັງທ່ານຊາຍວ່າ: ຕົ້ນຕໍ ຮັບເອົາ ອົງການຜູ້ອຶ່ງ
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(Sub-Sector Working Group on Agro-ecology 'SSWG-AE') ຕາຍໃຕ້ໜ່ວຍງານຂະແໜງກະສິກໍາ
ແລະ ພັດທະນາຊຸມນະບົດ (Sector working Group on Agriculture and Rural Development 'SWG-
ARD').

ມອບໃຫ້ ກະຊວງກະສິກໍາ ແລະ ປ່າໄມ້ ເປັນຈຸ້ມງານຜູ້ບໍາເກນຈັດຕັ້ງປະຕິບັດວຽກງານດັ່ງກ່າວສ່ວນກັບ
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THANK YOU

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