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## **Regional and National Policy Dialogue/Fora on Sustainable Agrifood Food Systems Towards Food security and Nutrition**

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## Policy Dialogue/Fora

- **Bring Sustainable Agrifood Systems forward, experiences drawn from many policy dialogue/fora**
- **Sustainable Agrifood Systems and Food security, how we learned that contributes to subsequent regional training?**
- **How training can contribute?**

## Promoting Multi-sectoral Cooperation



### Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition and the AIFS Framework

- National Policy Dialogue conducted in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand in 2015 & 2016 and Cambodia in 2017
- Multi-sectoral platform addressing food and nutrition security and sustainable agrifood systems
- Participated by government officials from Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, development partners and the private sector

# Strengthen Capacity on Food Security and Nutrition



## Training on Food Security and Nutrition

- Regional Training for Practitioners on Food Security and Nutrition in ASEAN (March 2015)
- National Training on Food Security and Nutrition in Lao PDR and Thailand (October 2015)
- Participants from Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, and relevant agencies
- AIFS Framework and SPA-FS (2015-2020) translated into national languages of Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Thailand



## Thailand's National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition

The National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) was organised in Thailand in March 2015 with over 60 participants from various agencies and ministries in Thailand, including high level policy makers from relevant Ministries



**Objective:** To foster understanding and awareness on regional policy framework and to discuss and clarify among concerned agencies the issues, challenges, and collaborative mechanism in implementing the AIFS Framework in Thailand through the promotion and contribution of sustainable agrifood systems.



# Thailand's National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition

## Way Forward

- 1) The need to revise the mechanisms of the existing food security Frameworks in Thailand and their implementation. Clear roles and responsibilities have to be assigned to the relevant ministries, private sector and other actors
- 2) Participants call for a concrete cooperation mechanism that facilitates and mandates coordination between the private and public sector.
- 3) Improved cooperation and communication is necessary between the different ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry reporting food security bodies and parallel initiatives.



## Lao PDR's National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition

The National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) was organized in Lao PDR in July 2015 with over 50 participants from Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, other relevant ministries and private sectors.



**Objective:** To be a platform to discuss and exchange information and agree on recommendations, concrete actions and coordination mechanism to implement national policies and strategies on food security and nutrition in Lao PDR in accordance with regional and global policy frameworks.

# Lao PDR's National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition

## Way Forward

To achieve national food security and nutrition in Lao PDR, the Policy Dialogue recommended that more efforts should be put into:

- Strengthening cooperation among agencies at national and local levels,
- Measuring of progress and achievements of food and nutrition security interventions, and
- Providing capacity development of both government personnel and farmers.





## Myanmar's National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition

The National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) was organized in Myanmar in September 2015 with about 30 participants from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and relevant Ministries.



**Objective:** a platform to discuss and exchange information and agree on recommendations, concrete actions and coordination mechanisms to implement national policies and strategies on food and nutrition security in Myanmar in accordance with national, regional, and global policy frameworks.

# Myanmar's National Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Nutrition

## Way Forward

To support the implementation of the new Action Plan and relevant policies and strategies, the Policy Dialogue recommended that Myanmar should:

- Provide capacity development of government officials,
- Develop food and nutrition security monitoring and evaluation, and
- Strengthen inter-agency collaboration and partnership with other stakeholders in agriculture such as private sector, civil society, academic and research institutes.



# ASEAN “Inter-sectoral Consultative Conference on Food Security and Nutrition”

ASEAN SAS co-organised “ASEAN Inter-sectoral Consultation on Food Security and Nutrition” with FAO, WHO and ASEAN on 23-24 February 2016.

**Objective:** To strengthen and promote better inter-sectoral collaboration and coordination between ASEAN Sectoral Bodies related to agriculture, rural development, health and social welfare for achieving food security and nutrition.



The “Matrix of Synergies and Collaboration among ASEAN Sectoral Bodies” and Donor/Development Partners’ Mapping and Collaboration in support of ASEAN Food Security and Nutrition” were identified.

## The Regional Training on Food Security and Nutrition

The Regional Training on Food Security and Nutrition was organized in Thailand in March 2015 with 12 participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam .

**Objective:** To enhance their knowledge and capacity to scaling up the implementation of food and nutrition security policy and strategies at national and regional level.



# Thailand's National Training on Food Security and Nutrition

Thailand's National Training on Food and Nutrition Security was organised in September 2015 with 20 participants of 11 government offices from line Ministries, including the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and Ministry of Health .

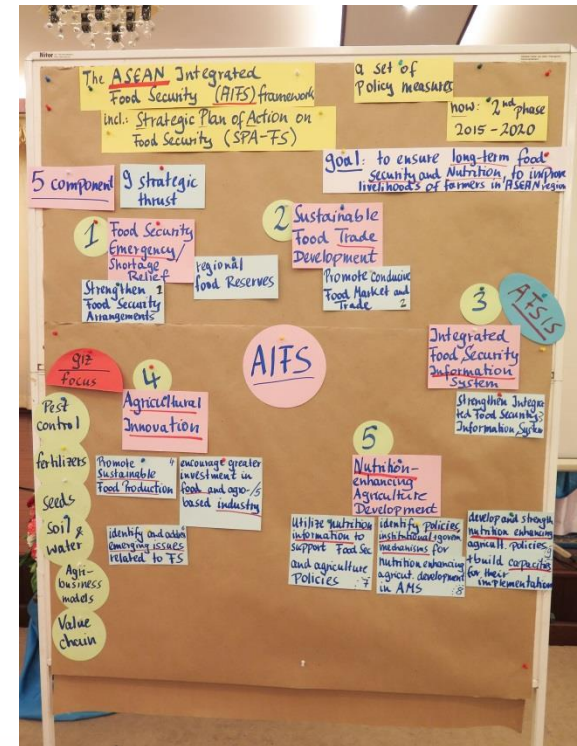
**Objective:** To enhance knowledge and understanding on food and nutrition security and strengthen capacity of government personnel for effective and efficient implementation of policies and strategies on food and nutrition security in Thailand.



# Lao PDR's National Training on Food Security and Nutrition

In Lao PDR, a 5-day national training on Food and Nutrition Security was organised in October 2015 with 25 participants from Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and other relevant ministries.

**Objective:** to strengthen capacity of Lao personnel through the National Training on Food and Nutrition Security in order to develop and implement effective policies and strategies addressing food and nutrition security in Lao PDR.





## Key Issues & Challenges

- How to Build Leadership and Capacity for Stakeholders ?



## Experience & Lessons Learned

- Promoting Multi-sectoral Cooperation through Policy Dialogue at regional and national levels will be platform for awareness building and exchange of roles and responsibility of relevant agencies and stakeholders and their contribution and coordination mechanism to promoting sustainable agriculture/agrifood systems
- Strengthening Capacity on Food Security and Nutrition and contribution of agriculture to food security and nutrition through training public & private sectors and other stakeholders both at regional and national levels will contribute to promote sustainable agriculture/agrifood systems
- ASEAN “Inter-sectoral Consultative Conference on Food Security and Nutrition” at regional level will be platform for awareness building and exchange of roles and responsibility of relevant agencies and and their contribution and coordination mechanism to promoting sustainable agriculture/agrifood systems





## Recommendations

- **Technology and innovation** supporting sustainable agrifood systems should be screened and pilot tested to ensure adoptability by farmers.
- Due consideration should be given to **gender and youth** when planning capacity building for stakeholders.
- Extension service framework should encourage **private sector engagement and investment.**
- Extension service support together **incentive mechanisms** should be developed for transitional period.
- Fostering **small-medium enterprises service provision** will ensure relevance and adoptability of technology and accessibility of services.



## Recommendations

- **Leadership programs targeted at key stakeholders** and various levels should be developed and regularly monitored.
- Relevant **ASEAN bodies and networks** could spear head leadership to ensure trigger down effect to national and local levels



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