



**The Regional Consultation Workshop on Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN
23 May 2019 (08:30 – 12:00 hrs.), ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta**

PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

I. Introduction

Agriculture is a core sector in ASEAN where large proportion of the population based their livelihood and income on. Southeast Asia is one of the regions that is most vulnerable to extreme weather events and natural disasters, and such extreme weather events affect economic and rural development. Without strategies to cope with such risks, the sector productivity and livelihood of millions of people in the region are constantly under threat.

While the promotion of sustainable agricultural production can help minimize the negative impacts to the environment and ecosystem in the long run, coping mechanism against sudden extreme weather events in agriculture also need to be emphasised. Risk management against natural disasters and climate hazards through crop insurance can reduce the vulnerability of small holder farmers from weather-related production risks and promote their economic development thus contributing to food security and competitiveness of the region.

Agriculture insurance is an important risk management tool that reduces vulnerability of small-holder farmers and enables the sector to become resilient to production risks (i.e. extreme climate events, mass disease/pest outbreaks). Crop insurance protects farmers' investments and ensures that, even when harvests fail, farmers have sufficient financial resources to re-invest and cover basic household needs like food and health care. It improves access to finance and the capacity to grow farm business. As a result, crop insurance enhances the contribution of the agriculture sector to food security, economic development and poverty reduction.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) recognises the importance of establishing measures to cope and manage the effects and risks of extreme weather-related events and natural disasters to ensure sustainable development of the region in the long run. Ex-ante disaster risk management in the form of disaster risk financing can reduce the impacts of the most vulnerable in timely manner, facilitate fast economic recovery, and allows for effective planning. Concerted efforts to address the issue is also presented in ASEAN policy and strategy especially in the food, agriculture and forestry sector, i.e. the Vision and Strategic Plan for ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) (2016 – 2025) which outlines the need to increase resilience against climate change, natural disasters, and other shocks through the promotion of good agricultural practices, building competencies particularly to small scale producers, provide access to financial resources and enhance regional and international collaboration.

During the meeting with the ASEAN Secretariat - Food, Agriculture and Forestry Division (FAFD) in December 2018 in Jakarta, FAFD recommended to further consider sustainability of the crop insurance initiative after the current ASEAN Sustainable Agri-food Systems project (ASEAN-SAS) ends in 2019. This includes possibility of the implementation of crop insurance at the national level, and possibility to explore for collaboration at the regional level.

Therefore, the *Regional Consultation Workshop on Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN* provides opportunity for representatives of ASEAN Member States, and relevant ASEAN bodies and

subsidiaries bodies, as well as stakeholders including private sector and development partners to be informed, share interests and concerns, and discuss, on possible next steps to formulate a project/collaboration on crop insurance promotion in ASEAN.

II. Objectives

The objectives of the Regional Consultation Workshop on Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN are as follows:

- 1) To present policy recommendations for the development and promotion of crop insurance in ASEAN;
- 2) To gather inputs including interest, challenges and recommendations from ASEAN Member States and stakeholders on crop insurance and issues related to crop insurance; and
- 3) To formulate potential scope/areas on crop insurance promotion in ASEAN.

III. Expected Outputs

The Regional Consultation Workshop is expected to come up with a set of recommendations from ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders as inputs to develop draft regional project scope/areas on crop insurance promotion responding to country's needs and interest for ASEAN.

IV. Date and Venue

The Regional Consultation Workshop will be held on **Thursday the 23rd May 2019** at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.

V. Expected Participants

The Regional Consultation Workshop on Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN is expected around 40 participants including Steering Committee Members of the ASEAN SAS Project (Extension – Crop Insurance) from the ASEAN Member States (AMS), representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and Chairperson of SOM-AMAF and relevant ASEAN Bodies responsible on crop sector policy, disaster risk financing and insurance, Agricultural R&D (i.e. ASWGC, ATWGARD, ASEAN Insurance Regulator, ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)), other ASEAN Specialised Agencies (i.e. ASEAN Insurance Council, AHA Centre), Development Partners (i.e. FAO, Stockholm Environment Institute: SEI), Bank, private sector (i.e. Swiss Re), and GIZ.



**The Regional Consultation Workshop on Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN
Provisional Agenda and Program**

Time	Session/Agenda	Remarks
23 May 2019		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:30	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening Remarks and open the Workshop <i>by SOM-AMAF Chairperson as Chairperson of the Workshop</i> ▪ Introduction on the Regional Consultation Workshop <i>by Suriyan Vichitlekarn</i> ▪ Introduction on the possibility to submit the ASEAN proposal on crop insurance topic and ASEAN requirements <i>by ASEAN Secretariat</i> 	<i>Moderator: Pouchamarn Wongsanga</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Session 1: Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key points of policy recommendations on crop insurance for ASEAN <i>by consultant</i> ▪ Common areas for crop insurance promotion at national and regional level <i>by GIZ*</i> ▪ Q&A 	
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:40	Session 2: Group Work on Key Areas for Future Collaboration on Crop Insurance Promotion in ASEAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify priority areas, key activities at the regional and national level, and concrete outcomes/impacts in 3 – 4 years ▪ Presentation on the summary outcome of the group work: key objectives, components and area of activities at regional and national level 	
11:40 – 11:50	Session 3: Wrap-up: Conclusion and Next Steps <i>by Suriyan Vichitlekarn</i>	
11:50 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing Remarks and close the Workshop <i>by SOM-AMAF Chairperson as Chairperson of the Workshop</i> 	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	

* **Note:** A set of questions on country's interests and perceptions on crop insurance and related topics will be shared before the Regional Workshop (tentatively by March 2019) for participants' inputs. The feedback will be presented in the presentation session as well as using as input for discussion in the group work session.