Harnessing agroecology through partnerships to transform food systems

Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development
Wednesday 29 March 2023, 12:00-13:15 Bangkok
Meeting Room A, United Nations Conference Centre

Organizers
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Centre for International Cooperation and Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD)

Registration

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Background

By 2030, the demand for food and fiber is expected to more than double. Viable alternatives to climate-vulnerable, input-intensive agricultural approaches are needed to boost climate resilience, meet food security and nutrition needs and ensure ecosystem health in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Organized by ESCAP, FAO and the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), this side event at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2023 will focus attention on multilateral and multi-stakeholder cooperation to accelerate the uptake of agroecology approaches in support of food system transformation.

Aligning with this year’s APFSD’s focus on SDG 17 among others, this event will explore agroecology as an opportunity for food systems transformation which positively impacts the range of SDGs. It will be most useful for Government officials and stakeholders seeking opportunities for joining and strengthening subregional, regional and global partnerships and understanding how governments are moving forward together on agroecology and sustainable agriculture.
### Key outcomes

- Increased awareness of the modalities and opportunities for strengthening multilateral and multistakeholder cooperation on agroecology approaches
- Increased opportunities for partnership development on agroecology transition

### Programme

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| 12:00-12:10 | **Opening remarks**  
Cooperation on agroecology in support of a sustainable food system and the Agroecology for Safe Food System Transitions (ASSET) project  
*Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, FAO (by video)*  
*Dr. Estelle Bienabe, Scientific Coordinator - ASSET Project, Senior Agricultural Economist - INNOVATION joint research Unit (CIRAD)* |
| 12:10-12:45 | **Sub-regional and global cooperation and partnership**  
The Lao-facilitated Initiative on Agroecology  
*Dr. Thatheva Saphangthong, Deputy Director of Department of Agriculture and Land Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR*  
ASEAN Climate Resilience Network  
*Dr. Margaret Yoovatana, Chair (Thailand)*  
ASEAN Climate Resilience Network  
*Ms. Marion Chaminade, Regional Counsellor on Agricultural Affairs, Government of France* |
| 12:45-13:15 | **What makes multilateral cooperation and partnership effective? What are the needs?**  
H.E. Dr. Saruth Chan, Under-Secretary of State for the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Chair of the Executive Board, Cambodia Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Intensification Consortium (CASIC), and Interim representative for Asian countries, Steering Group of the Agroecology Coalition, Cambodia.  
*Dr. Dao The Anh, Vice-President, Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS) Viet Nam*  
*Ms. Marlene Ramirez, Secretary General, AsiaDHRRA* |
| 13:15 | **Closing**  
*Dr. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP* |

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