

Enhancing resilience of South East Asian agriculture to climate change



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Background

The Marrakech climate talks (including SBSTA 45 and COP 22) are an important milestone for UNFCCC negotiations on agriculture. A five-year discussion process, on issues relating to agriculture will culminate at SBSTA 45, determining the next steps for addressing the sector within the SBSTA and the UNFCCC. Meanwhile, the landmark Paris Agreement, includes food security in its preamble, and is supported by INDCs from countries. CCAFS analysis shows that INDCs overwhelmingly prioritize agriculture as sector for climate action, 119 Parties include agricultural mitigation in their INDCs, and of the 138 Parties that include adaptation, almost all (127) include agriculture as a priority.

Climate actions in the agriculture sector are a priority for ASEAN member states (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam). This has been highlighted through joint regional submissions to the SBSTA, as well as in member states' INDCs. FAO analysis shows that ASEAN member states have identified 95 climate actions related to agriculture and land use in their INDCs. The Marrakech climate talks in November marks a major milestone for climate negotiations on agriculture, and ASEAN has been pushing for a stronger and unified representation, as demanded by ASEAN Member States such as Vietnam, Thailand and Philippines.

Following this, the ASEAN Climate Resilience Network has been supporting preparatory activities to consolidate an ASEAN position for the COP22 and SBSTA45 with assistance from FAO and the CCAFS Programme of the CGIAR group. Some of the activities to consolidate common positions and build capacities of the agriculture sector in

international negotiations, were:

- The first ASEAN joint submissions to the 44th meeting of SBSTA, made by Viet Nam, on behalf of all ASEAN member states, on adaptation measures in the agriculture sector and practices and technologies to sustainably enhance productivity. The two submissions to SBSTA are based on the ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture Practices, previously endorsed by the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF).
- Follow up meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on the 15th of August 2016 to discuss the upcoming 22nd Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP22) and advance preparations for ASEAN common position on issues related to agriculture in climate change, which yielded a concept note that indicated the common positions based on SBSTA 44 submissions and the INDCs.
- The Special Senior Officials Meeting of the 37th meeting of the ASEAN ministers on Agriculture and Forestry that took place last August 22 and 23rd in Palawan, Philippines agreed on the importance of this initiative and advised on close collaboration between the negotiators and the agriculture sector.
- A consolidation meeting and negotiation meeting was held on October 28, 2016 in Bangkok to discuss coordination between ASEAN member states in advancing the endorsed ASEAN common positions during COP22 and related meetings, and to bridge the agriculture sector with the AMS' negotiation groups.

Objectives

In the context of the ASEAN member states (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) efforts to prioritize climate actions in the agriculture sector, this side event will:

- Highlight challenges related to climate change faced by South East Asian countries
- Highlight actions at the regional and national level to respond to challenges



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Programme

Ms. Imelda Bacudo, GIZ	Welcome, event objectives, introduction to speakers	5 minutes
Opening presentations		
Dr. Peter Läderach, CIAT	<i>Outlining the challenge</i> Presentation: Climate change impacts on South East Asian agriculture	10 minutes
Dr. Dora Fazekas, University of Sheffield	<i>Responding to the challenge</i> Presentation: Potential for climate actions in the agriculture sector in South East Asia	10 minutes
Dr. Chu Van Chuong, Vietnam	<i>A common approach to common challenges</i> Presentation/statement: ASEAN regional approach to adaptation in the agricultural sector	10 minutes
	<i>Moderated Q&A with audience</i>	10 minutes
Panel discussion: Achieving regional priorities through national actions Format: 'Chat show' moderated by Imelda Bacudo		
Ms. Imelda Bacudo, GIZ	Introduction to panelists and objectives	2 minutes
Dr. Alice Ilaga, Philippines	How countries in the ASEAN region are taking actions to support regional priorities	20 minutes
Dr. Margaret Yoovatana, Thailand		
Mr. Pham Quang Huy, Vietnam		
Moderated Q&A with the audience		15 minutes
Dr Chu Van Chuong, Vietnam	Final remarks and wrap up	8 minutes



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