

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

24/11/2025 – Pre-event

25-27/11/2025 – TARASA25

Pre-event. Monday, 24 November 2025, 8:00 to 16:15	
08:00-16:15	<p>Policy dialogue: continue moving forward the implementation of the ASEAN Policy Guidelines for Agroecology Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broaden the regional multistakeholder agroecology coalition and process in support of raising further awareness about the Guidelines and implementation of agroecological transitions, • Discuss how the Guidelines can help better align and strengthen public and private initiatives, create road map and visions, • Explore how best these guidelines can be adapted to and improve national policy frameworks and action plans in the different countries in the region towards sustainable food systems <p>The outputs from this pre-event will be presented during TARASA25 event</p>
19:00-21:00	Welcome Cocktail

Pre-event. Monday, 24 November 2025, 8:00 to 16:15 - Detailed program	
Time	Session
08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-08:45	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/opening remarks • Dr Thatheva Saphangtong, Deputy Director of Lao Department Land Management (DLAM), Lao PDR / LICA regional coordinator • H.E Yeou Asikin, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries Vice Chair of CASIC Steering Committee, Cambodia • Introduction to objectives & linkage with TARASA25 Dr Estelle Biénabe, CIRAD, ASSET coordinator
08:45-09:55	<p>Session 1: ASEAN Guidelines and national policy frameworks and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on ASEAN Policy Guidelines for Agroecology Transitions (15') Dr Thatheva Saphangtong, Deputy Director of Lao Department of Land Management (DLAM) <p>Presentation on concrete country policy actions on agroecology by LICA focal points (30')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam: Mai Huong Nguyen, Deputy Director of the Center for Rural Development, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Agriculture and Environment (ISPAE), Viet Nam / LICA focal point • Malaysia: Mohamad Sofian Bin Omar, Principal Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture, Malaysia / LICA focal point • Cambodia: Phy Chhin, Department of Agricultural Land Resources Management, General Directorate of Agriculture (GDA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia / LICA focal point

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philippines: Carl Vincent D. Gapasin, OIC-Chief, Crop Research and Production Support Division, Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry, Philippines Indonesia: Eryk Barlianto, Agricultural Product Quality Supervisor, Cooperation Subdivision, Directorate General of Horticulture, Indonesia Thailand: Phatthicha Plianphanich, Policy and Plan Analyst, Planning and Technical Division, DOA Thailand <p>Commentaries from stakeholders (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Baguilat, Coordinator for Sustainable Agriculture, Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) Fergus Sinclair or Sandhya Kumar & Stéphane Guéneau, Researcher - Transformative Partnership Platform for Agroecology (AE-TPP) Dao The Anh, Agroecology Learning Alliance in Southeast Asia (ALiSEA) <p><i>Facilitator: Andrew Bartlett</i></p> <p>Q&A (10')</p>
09:55-10:45	<p>Session 2: Parliamentary insights and pathways forward for agroecological Transitions</p> <p>Parliamentary experience sharing (25')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insights from South East Asia: Members of parliament from Lao PDR, Malaysia (in person and online participation, TBC) (8') Insights from Latin America: sharing the development of the Model Law on Agroecology, Hon. Rolando González Patricio, Presidente del PARLATINO (video recorded message) (7') Insights from East Africa Legislative Assembly: Advancing agroecology across the region through legislative action, Hon. Gideon Gatpan Thoar, - chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism & Natural Resources of EALA (video recorded message) (5') Insights from ASEAN Inter-Parliament Assembly (AIPA)'s experience in advancing the implementation of the ASEAN RAI Parliamentary Implementation Framework: Turning regional policy commitments into actions at the national level - Her Excellency Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary-General of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) (Video recorded message) (5') <p>Discussion in pair and/or by table (20')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guiding questions: what are your biggest takeaways? What surprises you? What is the one thing you plan to do next (<i>write on papers, no need to report back formally - to be shared freely</i>) <p>Wrap up of the session – participants share freely (5')</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Pierre Ferrand</i></p>
10:45-11:00	<p>Coffee break / Networking</p>
11:00-12:15	<p>Session 3: Synergizing agroecology with regional and global processes</p> <p>Synergizing agroecology with other ASEAN guidelines, processes, and programmes (25')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN guidelines for recognition of customary tenure - Femy Pinto, Non-Timber Forest Products – Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP) Asia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN guidelines on promoting responsible investment in food agriculture and forestry (RAI) - Souvanthong Namvong, Dep DG Dept Agric Extension and Cooperatives (DAEC), Laos • ASEAN Climate Resilient Network (CRN) and guidelines – Dada Bacudo, FAO, ASEAN CRN • Insights from the regional initiatives spearheaded by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) - Dr. Mercedita Sombilla, Director, SEARCA <p><i>Facilitator: Andrew Bartlett</i></p> <p>Synergizing agroecology with global agendas on food systems transformation, biodiversity, and climate change (25')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agroecology as a lever for food systems transformation: delivering benefits for climate, biodiversity, and nutrition – Oliver Oliveros, Agroecology coalition • Agroecology and biodiversity - Dr. Souvilay, Deputy Director of the Environmental Policy Division, Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Lao PDR • Agroecology and climate change- Ms Bu My Binh, National COP climate Agriculture negotiator, Vietnam (virtual) • Agroecology and climate change - Convergence Action Blueprint (CAB): Convergence Initiative in Lao PDR and across the region – Dr. Rathana Peou Norbert-Munns, FAO <p><i>Facilitator: Yi-Ann Chen</i></p> <p>Insights from speakers: How can we leverage and empower LICA as regional facilitating platform? (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 minutes intervention from all the speakers <p><i>Facilitator: Estelle Biénabe</i></p>
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:15-14:55	<p>Session 4: LICA Strategy Action Plan</p> <p>Presentation on LICA Strategy Action Plan (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Thatheva Saphangtong, DLAM, LICA regional coordinator <p>World cafe discussion (60')</p> <p>* 2 rounds, each participant could choose two topics</p> <p>* LICA focal points to sit in one group and discuss all four topics</p> <p>1. Turning Policy Guidelines into National Action Plans</p> <p>- <i>Facilitators: NTFP-EP (Femy Pinto), AsiaDHERRA (Marlene Ramirez), CIRAD (Estelle Biénabe, Stéphane Guéneau)</i></p> <p>2. Knowledge Exchange Between Countries</p> <p>- <i>Facilitators: AFA (Irish Baguilat), ALiSEA/ GRET (Lucie Reynaud), ESCAP (Yi-Ann Chen)</i></p> <p>3. Resource Mobilization for Agroecology</p> <p>- <i>Facilitators: AE Coalition (Oliver Oliveros), AFD (Francois-Xavier Duporge), SDC (Patrik Ollson)</i></p> <p>4. Monitoring, Learning, and Governance</p> <p>- <i>Facilitators: AE TPP (Sandhya Kumar), FAO (Pierre Ferrand), CIRAD (Pascal Lienhard, Mélanie Blanchard)</i></p>

	<p>Report back with actionable proposals from 5 groups (20')</p> <p>Open discussion and wrap up (10')</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Andrew Bartlett</i></p>
14:55-15:10	Coffee break
15:10-16:00	<p>Session 5: Moving forward: Reforming policies aligning with the ecosystems of support from the private sector, CSOs, FOs actions at scale</p> <p>Perspectives from regional networks on how to strengthen the regional multistakeholder process? How to better align across different stakeholders' initiatives? How to ensure accountability? (2' each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dao The Anh / Pat Sovann, ALiSEA - Irish Baguilat, AFA - Marlene Ramirez, Asia DHRRA - Femy Pinto, NTFP-EP <p>Perspectives from global networks and research partners (2' each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oliver Oliveros, AE coalition - Fergus Sinclair / Sandhya Kumar, ICRAF, AE TPP - TBC, CIRAD, AE TPP <p>Perspectives from private sector representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBC <p>Perspectives from development partners (2' each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFD (Country Director, Laos or regional direction) - EU (Inpone Senekhamty, Program Manager to EU delegation to Lao PDR) - FAO (Pierre Ferrand) - ESCAP (Yi-Ann Chen) - IFAD (Antonella Cianciotti, TBC, online) - SDC (Patrik Olsson, Regional Advisor for Food Systems, Water, and Sanitation) - WWF (Robert Cole, Food and Sustainable Agriculture Lead, Asia Pacific/Greater Mekong) <p><i>Facilitator: Rathana Peou Norbert-Munns</i></p>
16:00-16:15	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Thatheva Saphangtong, DLAM, LICA regional coordinator, AE coalition regional focal point



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TARASA25- Day 1. Tuesday, 25 November 2025, 8:00 to 17:15	
08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:00	<p>MC announcement and invite key speakers (2')</p> <p>Official opening</p> <p>Welcome remarks (25')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE), Lao PDR (6') French Ambassador to Lao PDR (6') EU Ambassador to Lao PDR (6') FAO Country Representative to Lao PDR (6') ESCAP's Deputy Executive Secretary Lin Yang (6')
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening remarks (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Land Administration and Management (DLAM): objectives of TARASA25 workshop (5') LICA Focal Point of Lao PDR: Lao-facilitated Initiative on Agroecology of Lao PDR (LICA) in brief (5') H.E Yeou Asikin (CASIC, Cambodia): Reminder and recommendations from TARASA23 Regional Workshop (5')
09:30-9:50	<p>Present gifts basket by DLAM for VVIP speakers (MAE Minister, French Ambassador, EU Ambassador, FAO Country Representative to Lao PDR, ESCAP Deputy Exe Sec (10')</p> <p>Group photo (10')</p>
09:50-10:30	Coffee break & Visit of the Innovation Fair by guests of honor
10:30-12:00	<p>Setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How Agroecology can contribute to transforming our food systems? keynote speech by Lim Li Ching (IPES) (20') Support to innovations large-scale adoption: the case of Andhra Pradesh Community managed Natural Farming, India; keynote speech by Swati Renduchintala (CMNF) (20') Current development of financing landscape and opportunities for agroecology; keynote speech by Francois-Xavier Duporge, AFD Country Director, Laos (20') <p>Moderated by: Oliver Oliveros, Agroecology Coalition</p> <p>Q&A session (30')</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	<p>Learning from Global initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agroecology Coalition, Oliver Oliveros (15') Regen10 network, Tara Shyam (15') COSTEA, Together to face the challenges of irrigated agriculture, Céline Papin (15') <p>Moderated by: Pierre Ferrand, FAO</p> <p>Q&A session (15')</p>
14:00-15:00	<p>Learning from Regional initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agroecology and Safe Food Systems Transition project (ASSET), Estelle Bienabe (CIRAD) and Marie-Christine Lebret (GRET) (15') Asian Farmers Association & the Youth agenda for AE (AFA), Esther Penunia (15') The Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), CSAM representative (15') <p>Moderated by: DALaM, LICA team</p> <p>Q&A session (15')</p>
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break





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15:20-16:30	<p>Learning from key events in 2025 (round table)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take away messages from UN Food System Summit, Rathana Peou Norbert-Munns (UN FSH) Lessons learnt from FAO (80 years, 15 years of support to AE), Pierre Ferrand Lessons learnt from COP30 on Climate, Bu My Binh, COP30 negotiator for Vietnam Take away messages from AE TPP Forum, Fergus Sinclair <p>Moderated by: Mélanie Blanchard, CIRAD Open discussion with panelists (30')</p>	
16:30-17:15	<p>Wrap up Day 1 – Comments/remarks on Day 1 (15')</p> <p>Overview of Day 2 agenda - information on field visit & innovation fair awarding (15')</p> <p>Appreciation certificates ceremony - Distribution of certificates of appreciation to speakers and moderators (15')</p>	
<p>TARASA25- Day 2. Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 07:00 to 17:30</p>		
07:00-09:00	<p>Field visits (optional) 4 agricultural and tourism options Facilitated by: DLAM and Vientiane capital PAFO</p>	
08:30-09:00	<p>Registration</p>	
09:00-10:30	<p>Session1: Technologies Innovations development, and Practices changes 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advancing Agroecology in Northern Laos: Sustainable Silvopastoral Interventions and Incentive Mechanisms for Food System Transformation, Simone Vongkhamho, NAFRI Agro-ecology transition in action for the Myanmar Paddy smallholder producers, Yadanar Win, GRET Enhancing agroecology and circular economy through increased crop-livestock integration in Northwestern Vietnam, Trung Nguyen, NIAS Living labs for co-generation of innovations in a changing world as a foundation for agroecology transitions, Powell Mponela, CIMMYT <p>Moderated by: Irish Baguilat, AFA Q&A session (30')</p>	<p>Session2: Approaches to evaluation and metrics 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disentangling the causes of grain yield variability in rice cropping systems in Preah Vihear Province, Cambodia - Myriam ADAM, CIRAD Advancing Regenerative Agriculture through Metrics: The Composite Nature Positive Index (CNPI) Methodological Framework, Mansi Tripathi, IWMI Measuring Agroecological Performance and Multidimensional Sustainability of Agrosilvopastoral Farming Systems of Indigenous Communities in Kerala, India using FAO's TAPE, Shweta Sharma, SES Analyzing pathways to agroecological change in Northern Laos, JC Castella, IRD <p>Moderated by: Fergus Sinclair, AE TPP Q&A session (30')</p>
10:30-10:45	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
10:45-12:15	<p>Session1: Technologies Innovations development, and Practices changes (Cont'ed) 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning from Piloting Territorial Branding for Agroecological Transitions in Vietnam, Thi Huong Giang Do and Estelle Bienabe, CIRAD 	<p>Session2: Approaches to evaluation and metrics (Cont'ed) 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holistic System Assessment to Support Agroecological Transitions in Asia, Sandhya Kumar, CIFOR-ICRAF Initiating the food systems transformation through national food



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantification of Ecosystem Services in Tea-Based Agroforestry Systems in Northern Laos, Khamboua Keovilay, PAFO XKG Scale-appropriate agricultural machinery for advancing regenerative and agroecological farming across ASEAN, Powell Mponela, CIMMYT Do N₂O emissions undermine the climate benefits of soil organic C sequestration in long-term cassava-based conservation agriculture in Cambodia? Vira Leng, GDA <p>Moderated by: Pascal Lienhard, CIRAD Q&A session (30')</p>	<p>systems assessment: case studies of countries under food systems transformation transect in ASEAN, Pham Thi Mai Huong, Alliance Bioversity and CIAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating Agroecology Performance for Economic Efficiency Among Household Farming in Cambodia, Dany Meas, ECOLAND Outcome Harvesting in the ASSET Project, Lampehuy Kaensombath <p>Moderated by: Dao The Anh, dP MALICA Q&A session (30')</p>
12:15-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	<p>Session3: Supporting skills development and knowledge sharing 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALiSEA Network: Engaging members in sustainability journey and widespread adoption of agroecology, Sovann PAT, ALiSEA-GRET Cultivating Change: Integrating Agroecology in Himalayan Schools for Resilience and Learning, Krishna Prasad Paudel, CEPP Developing Natural Farming Villages through a Network of Farmers in Himachal, India - Devinder Kumar Sadana, ILSI SeqCOI, a decision support tool for calculating and mapping GHG balances of the land use sector at territorial level: study case in northern Cambodia, Phy Chhin, GDA <p>Moderated by: François Enten, GRET Q&A session (30')</p>	<p>Session 4: Market and value chains 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Scalable Framework for Agroecological Transitions: Insights from India's Landscape-Based Planning Initiative, Vibhusha Gupta, CAT Dei Meas: Exploring financial mechanisms for farmers transition to Agro-ecology, Socheata Sam, Swisscontact E-commerce and Market Transformations for Agroecological Products in Vietnam, Michaël BRUCKERT, CIRAD Evaluating Contractual Relationships and Certification Processes in Cambodian Organic Rice Value Chains: example of Preah Vihear province, Kim Lan MAS, CIRAD <p>Moderated by: Setha Rath, Swisscontact Q&A session (30')</p>
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15-16:45	<p>Session3: Supporting skills development and knowledge sharing (Cont'ed) 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge, Narrative, and Networks: The Pha Khao Lao Approach to Raising Awareness on Agrobiodiversity, Albrecht Ehrensperger, CDE Reclaiming Wisdom, Restoring Balance: Agroecology Transitions and 	<p>Session 4: Market and value chains (Cont'ed) 4 presentations of 15' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Himalayan Agroecology Initiative: Pathways towards agroecological food systems, Jai C. Rana, Alliance Biovrsity & CIAT Organizational innovations to boost the availability of safe and healthy

	<p>Resilient Livelihoods through "The Forest Dialogue" in Myanmar, Mony, PMM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaling Nature-Based Solutions and Indigenous Knowledge for Agroecological Transition and Resilient Livelihoods in Northern Vietnam, Ho Ngoc Son, TN UAF Transforming Agroecology Training for Youth: Digital Approaches and Interdisciplinary Engagement in Cambodia, R. DUCROT, CIRAD <p>Moderated by: Teky Vishy, APAARI Q&A session (30')</p>	<p>vegetable in local markets in Cambodia, Elise PERNICENI, GRET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of an Analysis on the Potential for GAP and AE Integration to Promote more RAI and Agrifood Systems in the Mekong, Thiphavong Boupna, LEI Service Model for agricultural machinery -scaling regenerative and agroecological farming across ASEAN, Bharathi Parupalli, CIMMYT <p>Moderated by: Sayvisene Boulom, NUoL Q&A session (30')</p>
16:45-17:00	Appreciation certificates ceremony - Distribution of certificates of appreciation to speakers and moderators (15')	
17:00-17:30	Poster Session	

TARASA25- Day 3. Thursday, 27 November 2025, 8:00 to 17:30	
08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:00	Wrap up Day 2 – Synthesis from Session 1 to 4 (sessions moderators, 30')
09:00-10:00	<p>Session 5: Financing</p> <p>Round table with public and private donors and impact investors</p> <p>Moderated by: Andrew Bartlett</p>
10:00-10:20	Coffee break
10:20-11:20	<p>Session 5: Financing (Cont'ed)</p> <p>Round table with public and private donors and impact investors</p> <p>Moderated by: Andrew Bartlett</p>
11:20-12:00	<p>Innovation fair awarding</p> <p>Distribution of certificates of appreciation to all participants to the innovation fair</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:20	Launching of ALISEA Knowledge Hub (Albrecht Ehrensperger, CDE)
13:20-15:20	<p>Session 6: Public policies</p> <p>Round table with representatives of ASEAN and non-ASEAN countries</p> <p>Moderated by: ASEAN Policy Guidelines for AE Transitions team</p>
15:20-15:40	Coffee Break
15:40-16:40	<p>Session 7: Voices from the Youth</p> <p>Introduction to Mekong Young Organic network - Mrs Tanya Limkhumduang Learning from 3 young farmers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Mimee Phommary (Laos): From a Forest Child to a Fruit Orchard Owner and Youth Agriculture Promoter Phoo Phoo Myint Han (Myanmar): Empowering Myanmar's Rice Farmers Through Online Knowledge Parichat Dokkaew (Thailand): From Factory Engineer to Founder of KHONG GREEN <p>Moderated by: Tanya Limkhumduang, Mekong Young Organic network</p>
16:40-16:55	Appreciation certificates ceremony - Distribution of certificates of appreciation to speakers and moderators (15')



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16:55-17:15	Wrap up workshop: Lessons learnt & Focus areas for the next workshop
17:15-17:30	Closing remarks

