

## Promoting Sustainable and Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture Development in the Lancang-Mekong Countries

# ABOUT WEBINAR

Agriculture is a cornerstone of the economies in the Lancang-Mekong (LM) countries—Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Despite the progress in agricultural production, these nations continue to struggle with nutrition-related challenges. The region faces a triple burden of malnutrition, including undernourishment, obesity, and micronutrient deficiencies, particularly among women and young children.

Integrating nutrition-sensitive practices into sustainable agriculture is key to addressing these issues. However, implementing such practices requires a multidisciplinary approach that includes agricultural growth, water and soil management, health, gender considerations, and nutritional education. The effectiveness of these practices varies by local context, making knowledge sharing and technical exchanges among LM countries essential.

With over 28 years of experience in agricultural development and regional cooperation, Mekong Institute (MI), supported by the People's Government of the People's Republic of China, is organizing a webinar on "Promoting Sustainable and Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture Development in the Lancang-Mekong Countries." The webinar aims to foster dialogue and share good practices for integrating nutrition-sensitive approaches into sustainable agriculture and food systems development across the region.

### ABOUT

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The webinar aimed at

- Knowledge Dissemination: enhance understanding of key policies, investments, innovations, and interventions to create resilient food systems that can withstand external challenges to food security and nutrition.
- Showcase Good Practices: Share proven success stories and good practices in food systems, focusing on production, supply chains, environments, and consumer behavior to strengthen resilience and improve the affordability of healthy diets.
- Transformative Actions: Discuss key challenges in transforming food systems, including governance, legislation, public-private collaboration, and resources, and identify transformative actions to address these challenges effectively.

Join us in this dialogue as we work together to promote sustainable and nutrition-sensitive agriculture development in the Lancang-Mekong countries. By sharing knowledge, experiences, and good practices, we can build more resilient food systems that meet the nutritional needs of all citizens in the region.

More Information

#### THE DETAILS PRESENT BY



**NOVEMBER 5, 2024** 



08:30 - 11:30 AM (GMT +7)









## **Program Agenda**

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Time	Event
08:30 – 08:55	Registration
08:55 – 09:00	Welcome Remarks Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn Executive Director, Mekong Institute
09:00 – 09:05	Opening Remarks Representative of the government of the People's Republic of China
09:05 – 09:10	Group Photo
09:10 – 09:25	Agri-food Innovations in Developing Regions: Closing the Nutrition Gap through Technology Prof. Anil Kumar Anal School of Environment, Resources, and Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
09:25 – 09:40	Integrating Digital Tools in Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture: Enhancing Crop Quality and Nutrient Density through Precision Farming Dr. Chanakan Kupachaka Technical Director, thaiRAIN, Winrock International
09:40 – 09:50	Q&A
09:50 – 10:00	Strategies and Measures to Promote Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture: Lessons from Farmer Nutrition Schools (FNS) in Lao PDR under the Agriculture for Nutrition Project – Phase II (AFN-II)  Mr. Ankur Aggarwal, Nutrition Specialist  Ms. Rachele Arcese, Task Manager for Lao PDR, Targeting and Social Inclusion Specialist / Mission Leader International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
10:00 – 10:15	Leveraging Agroecological Agriculture for Nutrition Security: Experiences from Viet Nam Dr. Pham Van Hoi Director Center for Agricultural Research & Ecological Studies (CARES) Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA)
10:15 – 10:30	Improving food and nutrition security through Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA), Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and market linkages Ms. Kirsty Milev, Programme Quality Director Mr. Sophorn Chhun, Senior Technical Specialist for ERL World Vision International Cambodia (WVI-C)
10:30 – 10:40	Q&A
10:40 – 10:55	Building Sustainable Food Systems for Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture: The Role of Policy, Innovation, and Regional Cooperation Dr. Yang Yong Agricultural Information Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
10:55 – 11:15	Open Discussion for Enhancing South-South Cooperation to Address Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture Development (Poll Survey and Recap) Ms. ThanTha Aung Senior Coordinator, Sustainable Energy and Environment Department, Mekong Institute
11:15 – 11:30	Closing Remarks and Way Forwards Ms. Guohua Liu Director, Sustainable Energy and Environment Department, Mekong Institute
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