

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASEAN CLIMATE RESILIENCE NETWORK (ASEAN-CRN)

Celebrating a decade of enhanced regional cooperation
for sustainable agriculture future

22-24 January 2025 | Marriott Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASEAN CLIMATE RESILIENCE NETWORK (ASEAN-CRN):

Celebrating a Decade of Enhanced Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Agriculture Future

BACKGROUND

The **ASEAN Climate Resilience Network (ASEAN-CRN)** was established in 2014 by the ASEAN Technical Working Group on Agriculture (ATWGARD) as a vital platform for regional collaboration on climate-smart agriculture (CSA). This network was created in response to the urgent need for ASEAN Member States (AMS) to enhance their adaptive capacities in the agriculture sector, particularly in light of the increasing impacts of climate change.

Over the past decade, ASEAN-CRN has played a crucial role in fostering dialogue among policymakers, researchers, and practitioners, significantly advancing the agenda of agriculture and climate change within the region.



During the past ten years, ASEAN-CRN has achieved several key milestones:

Establishment of ASEAN Negotiating Group on Agriculture (ANGA)

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A major accomplishment of the network is the formation of ANGA, which represents ASEAN's interests in international negotiations on agriculture under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This group has been instrumental in shaping policies that address both agricultural development and climate resilience.

Knowledge sharing and capacity building

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The network has facilitated numerous knowledge exchange events and collaborative initiatives that promote CSA practices across AMS. These efforts include national studies assessing vulnerabilities in food crops and documenting best practices for enhancing resilience.

Policy development

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ASEAN-CRN has contributed to the endorsement of regional guidelines for promoting CSA practices by the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF). This endorsement signifies a collective commitment to integrating climate resilience into agricultural policies across member states.

The 10th Anniversary of ASEAN-CRN represents a pivotal moment in the network's collective efforts towards sustainable agrifood transformation in response to climate change. Under the theme "Celebrating a Decade of Enhanced Regional Cooperation for a Sustainable Agricultural Future," this event aims to strengthen collaboration and facilitate knowledge sharing among stakeholders, ensuring that our agricultural systems remain resilient and capable of meeting the needs of our populations.

Thailand's Department of Agriculture (DOA) currently serves as the Chair of ASEAN-CRN and is hosting this milestone event, which is co-organised by the Mekong Institute (MI) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Winrock International and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). This leadership reflects Thailand's commitment to strengthening regional cooperation and addressing agriculture challenges intensified by climate variability.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

As we reflect on a decade of progress, it is crucial to discuss future challenges and reaffirm our commitment to building climate resilience in agriculture. The upcoming anniversary event will serve as a platform for stakeholders, partners, and supporters to:



Celebrate achievements:

Highlight the milestones and successes achieved by ASEAN-CRN over the past decade



Discuss future directions:

Engage participants in discussions about future challenges and opportunities, and explore strategic directions for advancing climate resilience in agriculture in the region.



Share knowledge:

Provide a platform for sharing best practices, research findings, and innovative solutions that have contributed to enhancing climate resilience in ASEAN countries.



Strengthen partnerships:

Foster networking and collaboration among stakeholders, including governments, academia, international organisations, to enhance collective efforts in climate resilience.

PARTICIPANTS

The event is anticipated to attract approximately 120 stakeholders, including ASEAN-CRN focal points from each ASEAN Member State, representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and relevant working groups, as well as development partners and supporters of ASEAN-CRN.

FORMAT

The event will be held onsite and will also be livestreamed on [ASEAN-CRN's Facebook](#) page.

HIGHLIGHTS



Partners' statements

Selected development partners will be invited to provide brief 3-minute statements on partnership in support of regional cooperation and advancing climate resilience in agriculture in the region.



Gallery walk exhibition

The exhibition will showcase cutting-edge research, publications, innovative projects, initiatives, and practical tools and solutions from various organisations.



Study Tour

A study tour to Royal Project in Mae-Hia Sub-District will be organised to visit the Department of Agriculture Thailand's pilot site, which addresses agricultural burning and its associated air pollution in Northern Thailand. This visit aims to facilitate dialogue and exchange insights on tackling the issue of crop residue burning.

REGISTRATION

Please confirm your attendees by 8 January 2025 via this link:

<https://forms.gle/YpNywbmFb1jwD56f8>

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Day 0:
Pre-Workshop masterclass for the “Agriculture Sector Readiness for Enhanced Climate Finance and Implementation of Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture Priorities in Southeast Asia” Project

Tuesday 21 January 2025 | Ballroom 2, Marriott Hotel, Chiang Mai

TIME (UTC+7)	AGENDA/ TOPIC
MORNING	<p>Masterclass on project development and project presentation of the “Agriculture Sector Readiness for Enhanced Climate Finance and Implementation of Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture Priorities in Southeast Asia” project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer-to-peer presentations of project updates with Q&A • Presentation of successful existing GCF projects
AFTERNOON	<p>Preparing a GCF concept note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligning project ideas with NDCs • From project ideas to Concept Notes • Development of Theory of Change • Dos and don'ts of GCF applications <p>Project steering committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional risk finance facility • Increasing direct access to GCF funding for agriculture in Southeast Asia • Workplan update

Day 1: Technical and knowledge exchange

Wednesday 22 January 2025 | Ballroom 2, Marriott Hotel, Chiang Mai

TIME (UTC+7)	AGENDA/ TOPIC
08.00 – 08.30	Registration
08.30 – 08.45	Opening of the day
08.45 – 10.15	Project ideas for climate investments in agrifood systems in Southeast Asia • Country presentations
10.15 – 10.30	Refreshment and coffee break
10.30 – 12.30	Accelerating implementation of national climate plans Session 1: Thematic exchange on sustainable agriculture and climate action (FAO, GIZ, RAIN) • Climate baselines and agriculture standards • Food security, nutrition and climate action • Innovation for climate resilient agriculture
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Session 2: Financing National Climate Plans (FAO, GGGI) • Climate-smart agriculture investment plans • Investments for green growth • Promoting crop insurance through PPP
15.30 – 15.50	Refreshment and coffee break
15.50 – 17.00	Session 3: Policy Frameworks Alignment • COP29 Outcomes for climate action in agriculture • NDC 3.0 planning and implementation country support
17.00 – 17.05	Wrap-up for the day

TIME (UTC+7)	AGENDA/ TOPIC
	<p align="center">Reception dinner for the “10th Anniversary of ASEAN-CRN</p> <p align="center">Dress code: Smart casual with cultural elements</p>
18.30 – 18.35	<p>Greetings and welcome Anusara Tanpitak, MI, Emcee</p>
18.35 – 18.40	<p>Welcome remarks Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, MI</p>
18.40 – 18.45	<p>Welcome remarks Representative from GIZ</p>
18.45 – 18.50	<p>Opening remarks and toast Mr. Rapibhat Chandarasrivongs, Director-General, DOA, Thailand</p>
18.50 – 19.10	<p>Traditional dance and performance by DOA Set 1: Fon Pang (Pang Prateep) Dance - A blessing dance performed to welcome guests and bring auspiciousness Set 2: Fon Ting Bong Dance - A joyful and lively performance</p>
18.50 – 20.30	Dinner and networking
20.30	End of the reception dinner

Day 2: Celebrating a decade of enhanced regional cooperation for sustainable agriculture future

Thursday 23 January 2025 | Grand Ballroom, Marriott Hotel, Chiang Mai

TIME (UTC+7)	AGENDA/ TOPIC
08.00 – 08.30	Registration
08.30 – 08.40	Greetings and welcome Anusara Tanpitak, MI, Emcee
08.40 – 09.00	Recap from Day 1 Session 1: Thematic exchange on sustainable agriculture and climate action Session 2: Session 2: Financing National Climate Plans Session 3: Policy Frameworks Alignment Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, MI
09.00 – 09.05	Video presentation: “ASEAN-CRN journey: 10 years of enhanced regional cooperation for sustainable agriculture future”
09.05 – 09.30	Looking back: ASEAN-CRN journey Dr. Margaret C. Yoovatana, Retired Senior Expert in Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC) Ms. Imelda Bacudo, FAO Consultant and Former Advisor to ASEAN-CRN
09.30 – 10.40	Looking forward: Panel discussion on “Enhancing Regional Cooperation: 10 Years and Beyond” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pongthai Thaiyotin, Deputy Director General of the DOA, MoAC • Dr. Pham Quang Minh, Head of the Food, Agriculture and Forestry Division , (FAFD), the ASEAN Secretariat (TBC) • Ms. Pouchamarn Wongsanga, Project Director, GIZ • Mr. Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer – Climate Change & Bioenergy, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (TBC) • Mr. William Sparks, Country Director, Winrock International • Moderated by Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, MI
10.40 – 11.00	Refreshment and coffee break
11.00 – 12.00	Planning ahead: ASEAN-CRN workplan
12.00 – 13.20	Lunch



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13.20 – 13.30	All participants are to be seated for the official opening.
13.30 – 13.40	Reporting remarks Mr. Rapibhat Chandarasrivongs, Director-General, DOA, Thailand
13.40 – 13.45	Welcome remarks Mr. Nirat Pongsitthavorn, Governor of Chiang Mai (TBC)
13.45 – 13.55	Welcome remarks H.E. Mr. Itti Sirilattayakorn, Deputy Minister, MoAC (Thailand) (TBC)
13.55 – 14.05	Opening remarks: "Thailand's Vision for a Climate-Resilient Future" (Video) H.E. Prof. Dr. Narumon Pinyosinwat, Minister, MoAC (Thailand) (TBC)
14.05 – 14.15	Founding partners' statements Ms. Pouchamarn Wongsanga, Project Director, GIZ Representative from FAO
14.15 – 14.30	Development partners' statements Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, MI Mr. William Sparks, Country Director, Winrock International Representative from GGGI Representative from USAID (TBC)
14.30 – 14.40	Photo opportunity
14.40 – 15.30	Opening of gallery walk exhibition H.E. Mr. Itti Sirilattayakorn, Deputy Minister, MoAC (Thailand) (TBC)
15.30 – 15.45	Refreshment and coffee break
15.45– 16.00	ASEAN CRN's 10th anniversary commemoration statement
16.00 – 16.10	Wrap-up and announcements



Day 3: Study Tour (Optional)

Friday 24 January 2025 | Royal Project, Mae Hia Sub-District, Chiang Mai

TIME (UTC+7)	AGENDA/ TOPIC
08.00 – 08.30	Leave from the hotel and arrive at the pilot site in Mae Hia Sub-District
08.30 – 10.30	Exhibition on implementations to reduce burning in Thailand Organised by DOA, Highland Research and Development Institute, Pollution Control Department, and Chiang Mai University
10.30 – 10.45	Refreshment and coffee break
10.45 – 11.15	Leave the pilot site and arrive back at the hotel