

# **ALiSEA 2023 Main Progress activities and achievements - Lao PDR -**

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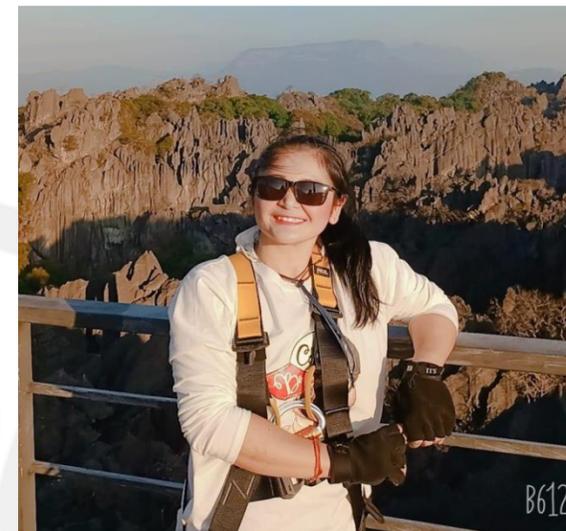


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# Networking and communication Activities in 2023

## ❖ ALiSEA Website article and Facebook page:

- Posting and update ALiSEA member activities.
- Organized online thematic “Vegetables & Seeds, the significance of seeds could not ignored ”; Pesticide risk reduction; Youth & Agroecology.
- Participate in the International tea day, Lao Farmer network annual meeting.... share information to members and interview audiences in the event to share on ALiSEA Facebook.
- Develop and Manage Communication tools (poster, leaflets, videos etc. in Lao language).



# Networking and communication Activities in 2023

## ❖ Review/update ALiSEA membership:

- Update membership form and send to member to update the organization information.
- Meet with organizations interested to become members (depending on interested)
- Welcome 2 new member in 2023: Pheun-Ban enterprise and Khao Kai Noi Houaphanh Promotion Association

## ❖ Members attend significant international event:

- Bansuan Aoun participated the Mekong Young Farmer Exchange, August 2023, Thailand;
- APL+ participated World Organic Youth Forum Conference, September 2023 in Taiwan;



# Networking and communication Activities in 2023

## ❖ Member attend to National event:

- The World Environmental 's Day and National Aquatic and Wildlife Conservation's Day, there were celebrate on the same day on July 2023 at the campus of the Faculty of Forestry Science organized by Environmental Education Awareness
- Environmental Education Awareness in Laos Laos Physical Dialogue Exchange Conference Nov 2023, organized by Environmental Education Awareness
- Laos CSOs Fair 2023 on Nov 2023 organized by Laos CSOs

## ❖ Linkage with existing network in Laos: SUN CSA, LaoCSOs, TOA (Thailand), IFOAM.



# Knowledge Management and Production

## Thematic Knowledge sharing:

- Vegetable VS Seed, Significance of Seeds that could not be ignored. March 2023 (50 Ps)
- Pesticide Risk Management on August 2023 (30 Ps)
- Youth and Agroecology on October 2023(40 Ps)

## Produce case study

- Quality seed production “ Cucumber Seed Production “
- Throwing rice field
- Natural dam of life



# Capacity Building

- TOT Training on the introduction of food safety management on the farm level including OA, GAP and ICS, Date 27-31 March 2023 in Phonesavan(45participants,22 females) organized by FAG
- TOT Training on introduction of Good hygiene and Good Manufacturing Practice, Date 19-21 December 2023, Phonsavanh (25 participants and 8 women). organized by FAG
- Training on agro-ecological principles, food hygiene and nutrition courses in schools Date 14-16 November 2023 (Peak, Kham and Phoukut), 140 participants (60 females). organized by FAG
- **On process to develop assessment tools to evaluate the capacity building need (Personal and institutional need) of ALiSEA members.**



# Policy Dialogue

## ❖ Member attend to National event:

- Training workshop on Public Policy supporting agroecology and safe food system on Feb 2023 organized by MAF and CIRAD.
- Policy dialogue with other national networks such as FG-RAI, SSWG-AE on April organized by DALaM

## ❖ Members attend significant international event:

- 10th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) On Mar 2023 in Bangkok Thailand organized by ESCAP.
- Online Harnessing the potential of agroecology in Southeast Asia to transform food systems to become sustainable Apr 2023 in Vietnam organized by Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS).
- 6th Organic Asia Congress for building Worlds Peace through Organic Agriculture and food security in June in Kauswagan, Philippines organized by IFOAM Asia
- TARASA workshop in October, Siem Reap, Cambodia organized by MAFF, CASIC, FAO, ESCAP, CIRAD, SWISSCONTACT, GRET, ASSET and SA



## Key learning and recommendations to reinforce ALiSEA activities:

1. Limited inclusiveness of the AE policy related platforms.
2. Different levels of understanding and various definition of Agroecology.
3. Issue of enforcement and implementation of AE national policies at the sub-national levels.
4. Assessing how existing policies and strategies may enter in opposition with agroecology transition.
5. Further coordination with CASIC, LICA and other networks in regional and international.
6. Link with Agro-ecology sub-sector working group in Lao PDR.
7. Integration of Sub-Sector Working on AE events' participation and presentation to the national policy dialogue workplans.

# Potential Opportunities and Difficulties

## ➤ Opportunities:

- Good collaboration among ALiSEA BoM, regular meeting and always communicate within the team,
- Improve communication and visibility of ALiSEA activities (website article)
- Many events will happen in coming month that good time to promote ALiSEA to wider audiences and develop communication tools (poster, leaflets, videos etc. in Lao language)
- Link with other national policy platforms for agroecology

## ➤ Difficulties:

- ALiSEA members also member of other networks (*LaoDRHA, Lao Farmers Net, LIWG, SUN-CSA, Lao CSOs*) so limit participation = set up meeting with other networks.
- Limited information in Lao on AE for farmers.
- Limited tools on Agroecology in national language for members.
- There are not specific policy for Agroecology and difficult to implement.

ALiSEA Regional General Assembly 2024

# 2023 MAIN PROGRESS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN Vietnam

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# INTRODUCTION



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# Communication and Networking Activities in 2023



**Increased** visibility of ALiSEA in government events and member organizations: workshops - meetings - training (internal & external), policy advocacy toward Agroecology and Food system transition

**Sharing knowledge:** videos, leaflets; manual books, videos provided by members, and from the 1st media training



**ALiSEA Vietnam**  
57 members

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**139** links, **91** photos/videos, **57** files shared and discussed

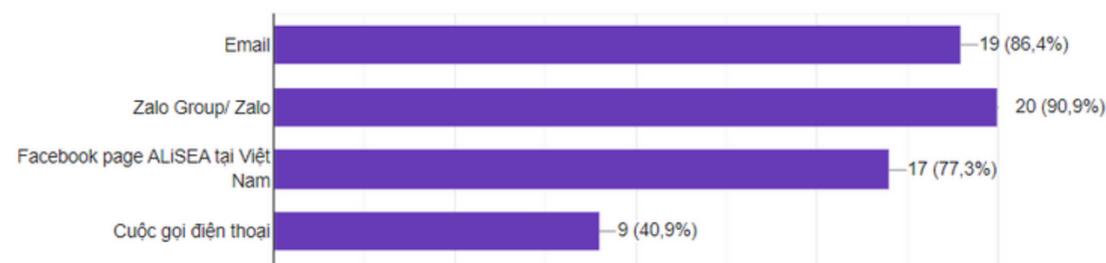


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**Appreciated** by members via activities on social media channels: Zalo, Facebook page



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**Welcome 7** new members



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**Contacted and discussed** with members in Vietnam

**Actively collected** information in the field, in-person workshops, and have close contact with farmer groups: CIAT, CARES, CASRAD, Rikotol, SPERI, PGS Vietnam, TABA



# Communication and Networking Activities in 2023



Participated in Gender streaming workshop with NOMAFSI, CASRAD, RUDEC - ALiSEA Members



Participated in the ALiSEA Regional WS, Laos

Actively share and translate the above documents to attract audiences



Dr. Dao The Anh introduced ALiSEA network in the WK of IPSRAD about Circular Economic in Agriculture





# Knowledge management and production in 2023

Two Thematic Knowledge Sharing Webinars:

No	Topic	Nb of Participants	Time	Speakers
1	<b>Initiative to accelerate Agroecology transition in Mountainous Area in Vietnam</b>	58	Oct 2023	CISDOMA, VNUA, Vietnam International Women's Coffee Alliance
2	<b>Initiatives to Accelerate Agroecology Transition of Rice Farming System in the Delta area in Vietnam</b>	33	Nov 2023	Climate change Institute, An Định Company

The series of themes based on topics of interest raised by ALiSEA Members (University, NGOs, Private Sector, Farmers' Unions, etc.)

1. Increased strengthen knowledge and experience sharing on agroecology among a diversity of stakeholders;
2. Encouraged informal exchanges and foster learning among ALiSEA members;
3. Enhanced the visibility of agroecological initiatives from the field;
4. Facilitated for identifying potential locations to organize field visits for ALiSEA members.



# Knowledge management and production in 2023

Developed knowledge product: 2 Case studies/Videos in Nov 2023

Composting/Vermicomposting – A model that contributes to clean the environment and change the farmer's mind creates additional income for people in Mountainous Areas- Northern VietNam.  
*(in Tam Duong, Lai Chau)*

## Soft skills

Participated in the training course of writing workshop, Media training in Son La, Gender mainstreaming



Building a production process for off-season vegetables following VietGAP standard and Vietnamese organic standards in Van Son highland commune, Tan Lac district, **Hoa Binh province**



# Capacity Building Activities in 2023

1. Attended the regional board of members workshop in Siem Reap, Cambodia and **contributed opinions and ideas for network development.**
2. Participated in the **evaluation board** to assess the proposals of the **Small Grant funds** from Vietnam and Cambodia.
3. Promoted ALiSEA in the activities/event that NOMAFSI took part in.



## Soft skills

1. Organized the Photo, Podcast, and Video production on smartphone
2. Nominated and supported colleagues to attend the training course of writing workshop and gender mainstreaming.



# Policy Advocacy Activities in 2023

1. Two **AE promotion articles** (in Vietnamese) on Vietnamese media.
2. Policy supports through IPSARD (**training TAPE for IPSARD** research team, presentation at the workshop + AE policy paper).
3. Assessed Proposals for ALiSEA Small Grant 2024 : Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia
4. Participating in ASSET side event in Bangkok (March 2023)
5. **Developed Policy position paper on Agroecology in Vietnam** with Mr. Hoi and Mr. Hieu BoM in Vietnam. Policy position paper is based on the results of the ToC workshop and National Assembly held in Hanoi in 2022.
6. **Participated and contribute ideas at the Tarasa23 Conference** held in Siem Reap in October 2023, a Side event of ALiSEA to **develop SDC's proposal**





# Members follow-up, suggestions & concerns

## **Members**

1. More face-to-face meetings are needed between members to share and exchange experiences in the fields
2. Members wish ALiSEA can provide Consultancy services: from experts in ALiSEA network
3. Connect to members at the regional level to share and learn
4. Members would like to contribute to developing the ALiSEA network
5. Support to members in the Southeast area,

## **Farmers / Private Sectors collaboration**

1. Increase sharing and targeting of farmers: short audio and video about 10 elements, 13 principles
2. Enhancing Awareness, training FARMER, Student, youth related to AE, TAPE (toolkit)
3. Develop guideline on AE that is simple and easy to understand for all people
4. Cooperation, development: AE products brand
5. Expand private sector engagement with AE, supporting the food systems transformation



Agroecology and  
Safe Food System  
Transitions



**ALiSEA**  
Agro-ecology Learning alliance in South East Asia



Cambodian Farmer Federation  
Association of Agricultural Producers  
CFAP-CAMBODIA



# SC1.1 ALiSEA Network Achievement 2023 Report for Cambodia

## ALiSEA Regional General Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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# Impact Pathway Selected during the National GA

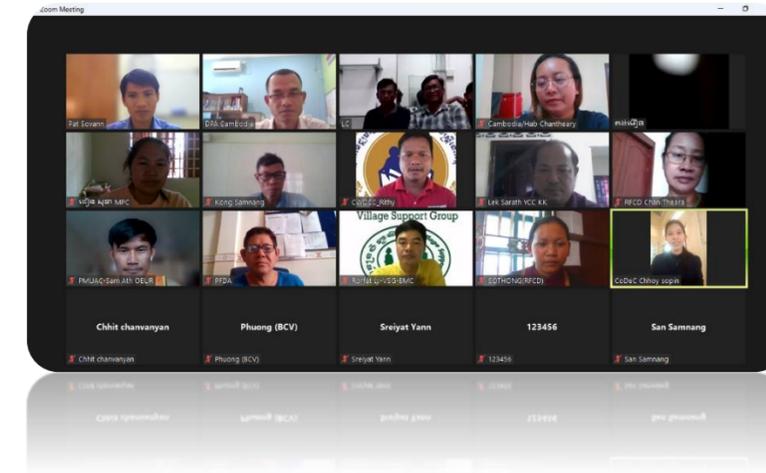
Three pathways are prioritized for ALiSEA:

1. Improve knowledge and experiences in Agroecology
2. Increase profit/primum price for Agroecology products
3. Link actors on agroecology policy dialogue (CASIC, Farmer Forum)

# **Key ALiSEA Achievements Jan to Dec 2023**

# Networking and communication

- Conducted online ALiSEA orientation session to interested organizations (Mar),
  - 23 participants from 4 UACs and 13 NGOs
- Participated and co-organized Regional Board Members meeting in Cambodia (May) → to discuss and develop the ALiSEA internal structure
- Conducted ALiSEA Small Grant Orientation & proposal writing workshop to Local NGOs and Farmer Federations, private sectors (Aug)
- Participated and co-organized Regional BM meeting in Laos (Nov) → to discuss the development of ALiSEA communication tools, knowledge hub and preparation the regional general assembly
- Regularly updated ALiSEA Facebook page and website (article writing)



# Networking and communication

- Participated discussion to update ALiSEA website (July to Dec) and revise ALiSEA logo, development of Graphic Charter and Branding (Oct to Dec)
- Organized Agroecology field visit for local journalists (Oct) → Journalists from national TV, radio and online media
  - Participants 7 journalists
  - 12 articles and videos produced,  
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlnArqdMkgw>



# Capacity Building

- ❖ Soft skill training to ALiSEA members:
  - ✓ Technical training on sound recording and video filming → 2 training sessions were provided (June, August)
    - Participants : 27 people included ASSET partners
    - All participants will produce 1 video and 2 podcasts of AE
  - ✓ ALiSEA members attended the training session on Business Model and Private Sector Engagement → organized by Swisscontact (September)
    - Participants : 7 people from ALiSEA members



# Capacity Building

- ❖ Soft skill training to ALiSEA members:
  - ✓ ALiSEA members attended the training session on Writeshop training → organized by APAARI (June)
    - Participant: 11 people from ALiSEA members
    - Each participant will a story after the training
  - ✓ ALiSEA mbers attended the Gender training → organized by SEI (September); to provide knowledge and capacity building on gender mainstream and social equity awareness into project implementation
    - Participant: 8 people from ALiSEA members



# Capacity Building

## ❖ Agroecology technical training:

- ✓ Training on IPM and crop protection to ALiSEA members → to enhance knowledge of agroecology crop protection and raising awareness on bee pollination (August)
  - Co-organized between ALiSEA and DCA
  - Total 36 participants (13 people from ALiSEA members)

- ✓ Agroecology field visit for students and young farmers to visit flagship site → targeted students from NUBB and URA young farmers; to share AE knowledge and practice in the field to students and you farmers (October)
  - Participants: 17 people (5 young farmers)

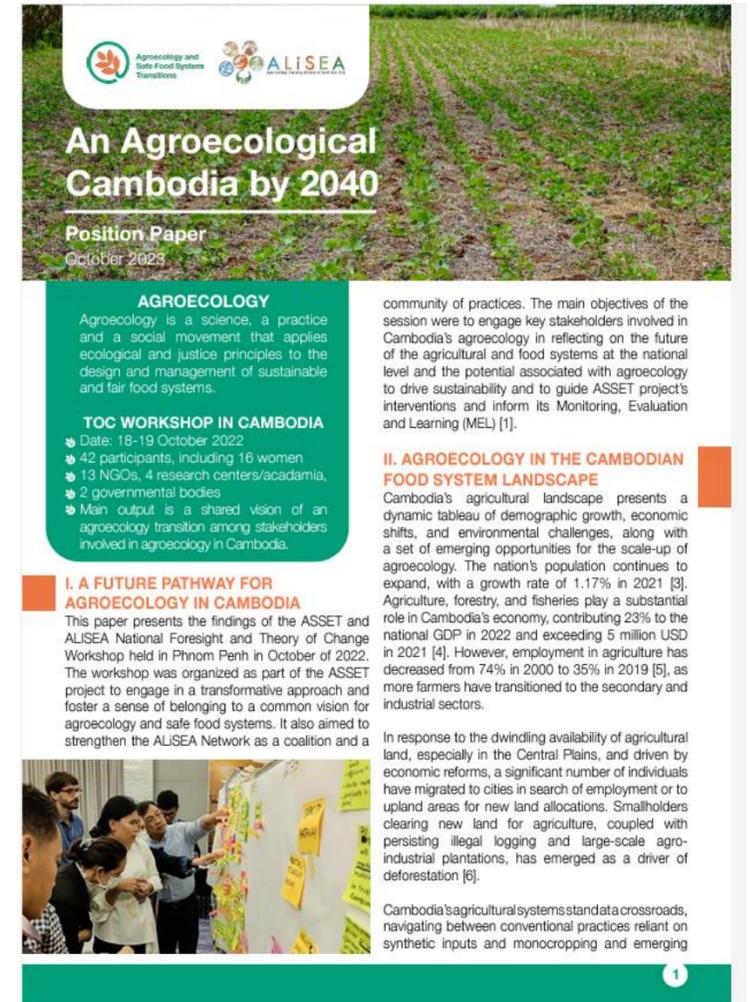
- ✓ Agroecology field visit for 17 ALiSEA Members (Nov)



# Knowledge Management and Production

Topics	Rationale
Agroecology model farm visit/workshop targeting students at university (NUBB and RUA)	Engaging the student and academic to do more research on agroecology and promotion.
Current promotion of bio-inputs (bio-fertilizer and bio-pesticide) in agroecology transitions	Workshop on bio-inputs is important to encourage ALISEA members/farmers to use them and obtain higher agricultural sustainability. Agroecological transitions should promote agricultural and food systems with the necessary biological, socio-economic and institutional diversity and alignment in time and space to support greater efficiency.
Input Reduction in AE Practices: Case of Local Practices in Horticulture Production	Draft case study template
Discussion on improvement on KH of ALiSEA, logo revision and website improvement.	Contribute inputs for the knowledge hub and website

- ✓ 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD) in Thailand. (March)
- ✓ TARASA Conference 23 (Oct), made presentation on policy dialogue.
- ✓ Participated and Co-organized the Farmer Forum on the topic of Food safety and knowledge fair (December)
- ✓ Linked with the CASIC; field visit to ALiSEA member in Battambang province. (Dec)
- ✓ Participated in sub-national policy dialogues in collaboration with GDA-DALRM-MAFF (Sep-Dec)
- ✓ Participated in TWGAW to discuss on ADP policy
- ✓ Developed position paper based on the result of National ToC [https://www.asset-project.org/media/fichiers/position-paper\\_theory-of-change\\_cambodia](https://www.asset-project.org/media/fichiers/position-paper_theory-of-change_cambodia)



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