



Agro-ecology Learning alliance in South East Asia

An innovative regional initiative

With a fast growing population, increased pressure on its natural resources and climate change impacts everyday more present, South East Asia is at a crossroads regarding its agriculture development. Agroecology practices provide credible alternatives to the current agrifood system.

Despite many initiatives supporting agro-ecological development and the local actors in the Mekong region, this is the first innovative attempt to network all of them nationally and regionally, in order to form a strong coalition of stakeholders at different levels – from farmer organisations up to national and regional research centres, and including the private sector – that is capable of feeding public policies and advocating the stakeholders for stronger support to the wider dissemination of successful alternative agricultural practices.

Following up on an important stakeholder consultation process

Prior the launching of the project, a combination of literature review with country-based consultation workshops (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam) took place. This was complemented by presentation and discussion of preliminary results (initial desk studies) with key stakeholders of agro-ecology in each country.

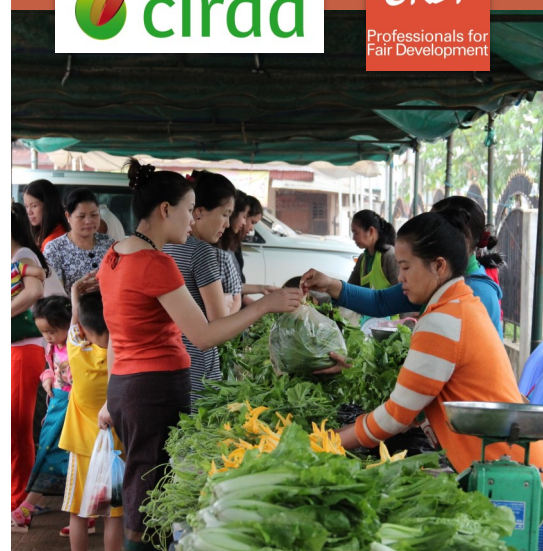
A total of 118 potential partners (NGOs, research organizations, government agencies, private companies) in the 4 target countries were identified and are expected to enrich the future network with a diversity of experiences (conservation agriculture, agro-forestry, SRI, IPM, organic agriculture, Integrated Farming, etc.).

ALiSEA objectives

- Strengthening knowledge and experience sharing among agro-ecological initiatives and actors.
- Increasing visibility and credibility of agro-ecological movement towards policy makers and consumers.
- Scaling up the development and adoption of agro-ecological practice among farmers.

A consortium with CIRAD

ALiSEA is a component of a wider program supporting *Agroecological Transition in the Mekong Region (ACTAE)*. This program is coordinated by CIRAD who is also responsible for the other component addressing the Conservation Agriculture Network in South East Asia - **CANSEA**.



Main achievements so far

- > Emergence of a regional network of 60 active members on Agroecology
- > Creation of an online agro-ecology regional platform (<http://ali-sea.org/>) which gives access to more than 200 online resources and map 34 case studies of agro-ecological practices, experiences and networks across the 4 countries
- > Creation of a dynamic Facebook page ([AgroecologyLearningAlliance](#)) updated daily with videos, articles, news, etc.
- > Organization of 4 national multi-stakeholders' workshops for sharing experience, bridging gaps, stimulating synergies (March-June 2016)
- > Organization of the 1st regional academic conference on agroecology in Myanmar (January 2017)
- > Set up of a board of experts in each country
- > Launch of 2 calls for proposals under the ALiSEA Small Grant Facility: 12 Small Grants already awarded under the 1st call with the objective to generate and share knowledge on agroecology
- > Organization of the first Annual General Meeting of ALiSEA in Cambodia with the participation of 60 national stakeholders



ALiSEA GOVERNANCE

At national level (4 countries)

National Secretariat: hosted by an existing institution involved in networks with broad area of intervention.

National Board of Experts: recognized scientists and development practitioners to help bridging scientific /academic communities with development practitioners.

Annual General Meeting: an inspiring collective moment to present main progresses done during the year for promoting the agroecological transition, addressing ALiSEA governance and discussing the new strategic action plan.

At regional level

Regional Secretariat: currently hosted and facilitated by GRET with one regional coordinator based in Laos and 2 national coordinators based in Cambodia & Myanmar.

Regional General Meeting: once every two years for upscaling national general assemblies' purposes to the Mekong region.



Agroecology Schools

Neem leaf solution making (IPM)	System of Rice Intensification	Agroforestry	Organic Agriculture	Integrated farming	Conservation Agriculture

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