



Lao Farmer Network Event 2020

Together we are stronger

18-20 March 2020, Lao-Korea Training Center, DETAP, Vientiane capital

Background

Lao Farmer Network is a national organization of farmers organizations established in 2014 by farmers for the benefit of small holder farmers across the country. Currently, the network has 53 farmer organizations from 13 provinces with over 4,000 farmers who produce vegetables, rice, coffee, tea, sugarcane, sesame, chicken, duck, fish, cattle, mulberry and silk and bitter bamboo. The network support members in strengthening their organizations improve production techniques, increase income through commercial agriculture and influencing related policies.

As the network become bigger and stronger in the last 6 years, the network would like revisit their strategy and to better engage with the Government, Private Sector and Civil Society Organization. Thus, LFN is organizing a 3 days public event with the following objectives:

Objectives

1. Organize a dialogue on Producer-Private sector- Public Partnership (4Ps) where all LFN members can dialogue with private sectors on opportunities for partnership.
2. Organize a knowledge fair where LFN members share their farming good practices, experiences in processing, marketing and other issues. In additions, for other interested organizations to share information on their projects, research results, farming technologies, etc.
3. Organize a consultation meeting on LFN strategy and work plan of 2020 where relevant organizations can contribute in shaping the strategies and cooperate with LFN in the future.

Program

18 March 2020 Producers-Private Sector-Partnership	19 March 2020 Knowledge Management Fair	20 March 2020 LFN General Assembly Meeting
<p>8:00- Registration</p> <p>9:00- Talk show with buyers on market opportunities</p> <p>12:00- Lunch break</p> <p>13:00- Business matching/contract signing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contract signing on vegetable with Mueng Lao company ➤ Contract signing on rice with Phoon Nguen Company ➤ Contract signing on sesame with Eungkham company ➤ Etc <p>17:00- Close</p>	<p>8:00- Registration</p> <p>9:00- Gallery walk poster on LFN good practices</p> <p>12:00- Lunch break</p> <p>14:00- Gallery walk other good practices and initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UN Decade on Family Farming * Research result on taxation * Green Extension * Use of tablet for agriculture extension * Etc 	<p>8:00- Registration</p> <p>9:00- Report 2014-2019</p> <p>10:00- Break</p> <p>10:30- Draft LFN strategy 2020-2025</p> <p>12:00- Lunch break</p> <p>13:00- LFN annual work plan and budget 2020</p> <p>- Comments from different partners (MAF, SDC/LURAS, IFAD, EU, FAO, DGRV, Oxfam, Private sectors)</p> <p>16:00- Closing ceremony</p>