

ALiSEA Internal Policy Dialogue Working Group in Vietnam – 1st Meeting

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Content

- What / why / how for AE policy dialogue
- Representatives for policy dialogue
- Questions for moving forward

What is Policy Dialogue?

- A policy dialogue is a reflective process that involves different people who discuss an issue in which they have a mutual – but not necessarily common – interest (FAO).
- Policy dialogue can be conducted at any level of the food system where a problem is perceived and a decision, policy, plan or action needs to be made (adapted from WHO).
- There are thus different ways and means to implement policy dialogues and deliver messages to relevant stakeholders (directly and/or indirectly related to policy making processes), at different levels.

Why is Policy Dialogue needed?

- Policies could provide enabling or constraining environment for agricultural actors to be innovative and/or taking necessary transition towards sustainability.
- ICRAF 2020: Policy is the most important barrier in agroforestry development in Vietnam (Vietnam does not have policies supporting for mixed agricultural systems).
- Without supporting policies, we can not expect for AE transition at medium and large-scale

How to organize Policy Dialogue?

- We are somehow in Step 3, but not limited, to restart from Step 1 as long as we identify and agree on policies / specific thematic topics and/or advocacy approach that should be targeted by ALiSEA



<https://www.fao.org/3/ca4756en/ca4756en.pdf>

Representatives

- 9 organizations registered to be member (7 research institutes + 2 departments) (including CISDOMA & CARES).
- Target: 8 research institutes (IPSARD to be invited)

Name of the organization	Organization (in short)
Northern mountainous agriculture and forestry science institute	NOMAFSI
Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development	CGFED
Agriculture and Forestry Research & Development Center for Mountainous Region (Thai Nguyen)	ADC
Institute of applied R&D (Hung Vuong University)	IARD
Vietnam Academy of Agriculture Sciences	VAAS
The Consultative Institute for Socio-Economic Development of Rural and Mountainous Areas	CISDOMA
Center for Agricultural research & Ecological studies	CARES
Institute for Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development	IPSARD

Targeted policies & experience (7 organizations)

Organization (in short)	Main public policies targeted	Years of experience on public policies (research, policy dialogue and advocacy)	Years of experience on public policies related to AE (research, policy dialogue and advocacy)
NOMAFSI	Technical policies	More than 10 years	5 to 10 years
CGFED	Pesticide policies	5 to 10 years	5 to 10 years
ADC	Gender equality, rights to food	5 to 10 years	Less than 5 years
IARD	Agriculture & rural development	Less than 5 years	Less than 5 years
VAAS	Agricultural policies	More than 10 years	Less than 5 years
CISDOMA	Agricultural R&D	More than 10 years	5 to 10 years
CARES	Agricultural R&D	More than 10 years	5 to 10 years

Contribution to PD & main difficulties

Organization	Contribution to public policies? And what impacts have you experienced/expected?	Main difficulties in policy dialogue and advocacy strategy and action
NOMAFSI	Leaflets and manual produced together with local DARD/extension for adoption and application	Does not focus on the application for long term perspectives
CGFED	Send research results, policy brief to policy makers, organize policy advocacy seminars/workshops, widely communicate to producers and consumers about the harmful effects of pesticides on human health.	Lack of resources (including budget) to carry out studies with large enough samples to ensure reliability
ADC	Publications, workshops, policy briefs	Lack of funding, lack of network or alliance for advocacy
IARD	Through collaborative research projects, agricultural cooperatives and farm HHs	Implementation settings and adoption of farmers
VAAS	Publications, workshops, policy briefs, direct inputs to MARD for policy making	Policies Settings
CISDOMA	Via website, sending recommendation to drafting team, policy dialouge/workshop	The limited legal space for non-governemental organisation
CARES	AE demoes on national TV; AE papers published on massmedia; workshops	Lack of awareness & attention of policy markers on AE

Priority for research & ALiSEA PD

Organization	What specific agroecological farming practices are you interested in?	What policy dialogue and advocacy issues for ALiSEA Network (to support agroecology); And why?
NOMAFSI	Slopping land managements, fruit shade trees intercropping in tea, coffee systems	Effeciency agaist the risk in agroecologiy application
CGFED	Organic farming	Mobilize local authorities to convert farming to ecological agriculture and promote the consumption of ecological agricultural products
ADC	Food forest, syntropic farming, agroforestry	Resources for doing research and advocacy on agroecology
IARD	Herb	Economic return for farmers
VAAS	Good agriculture practices	Capacity building for smallholders
CISDOMA	Integrated farming system	Strengthen regulations to ensure ecological friendly production; and improve extension services for small holding farmers
CARES	Integrated farming system	AE efficiency and resilient capacity vs mono-food systems and/or high-tech dependency

What next?

- What policies / thematic topics should be targeted?
- What advocacy approach is considered
- How will PD team be organized?
- What need to be done? Why? How?
 - Enabling / Constraining environment in achieving CSA in Vietnam?
 - AE evidence discovery
 - Communication collaboration & strategy
 - ...
- Resources?

Possible checklist for speakers

- You have been talking about policy X, do you have any lessons learnt for PD regarding the issue of that policy? Who? How? Why?
- For your suggestion X regarding AE policy promotion, what can you do / plan to do to contribute to that progress?
 - How? Why?
 - What resources needed?
 - How ALiSEA can assist you/your organization?
- Do you have or learnt any experience on PD failures? What? Why?
- If we agree to work on specific AE policy X,Y,Z what shall we do to promote them? At different levels?