



SUMMARY

ANGA Coordination Meeting and UNFCCC Negotiations Training 12-14 February 2020, Bangkok, Thailand



Group photo of participants attending UNFCCC Training Workshop in Bangkok, 13-15 February 2020.
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The ASEAN Negotiating Group on Agriculture (ANGA) held a coordination meeting and a subsequent training workshop on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from the 12th to the 15th of February 2020 in Bangkok.

The coordination meeting provided a venue for debriefing ANGA's performance at COP25 and discuss key negotiation positions for upcoming the UNFCCC technical workshops, focusing on the Koronovia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA).

The workshop participants were the ANGA Focal Points, as well as selected ASEAN Member States representatives engaged in the UNFCCC negotiations on topics related to land use and forestry and ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) under the Environment Division. In addition, selected UNFCCC agriculture negotiators from South Asia and the Pacific were also present during the training.

ANGA Coordination Meeting – Key Takeaways.

- The ANGA representatives were mapping out common positions of the ten ASEAN Member States on the topics of 2(e), Improved livestock management systems, including agropastoral production systems and others and topic 2(f), Socioeconomic and food security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector.
- These positions would also be further discussed and approved within their national governments in the upcoming weeks and ultimately to be endorsed as a joint submission to UNFCCC's KJWA.



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The UNFCCC Training

The second and third day focused on strengthening capacities for the UNFCCC negotiation sessions. Mr. Ayman Tharwat Amin Abdel Aziz, lead negotiator from The G77 & China Group, provided insights into the strategic positions of G77 and China, as well as rationale behind the views of the group. Mr. Dirk Nemitz, of the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, also provided foundation knowledge of UNFCCC bodies and structures.

Dr. Tekini Nakidakida, Koronivia Research Center – Fiji Ministry of Agriculture and Dr. Buddhi Marambe, Negotiator and Chairman of the National Experts Committee on Climate Change Adaptation (NECCA) from the Ministry of Environment and Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya of Sri Lanka who both joined the group on the training workshop, expressed the desire for their regions, the Pacific Islands and Fiji, to learn from the experiences of ANGA in coming together as a group with common positions.

Key Takeaways:

- It is important to coordinate with other agencies and representatives at the national level, to get the broadest and most comprehensive picture possible of the UNFCCC structure.
- It is important to understand the interests, policies and plans of other Parties and negotiating groups. This makes it possible to identify least common denominators with them, as well as be prepared for what positions and tactics they may take.
- It is important to be forward-looking about the KJWA, and what it might mean for future COP decisions.



Participants during the ANGA Coordination meeting and the UNFCCC Training Workshop in Bangkok, 13-15 February 2020. Photo credit @GIZ/Build Yosawat

The ASEAN Climate Resilience Network (ASEAN-CRN) established ANGA in 2017 in order to promote resiliency and the mitigation opportunities of agriculture under the UNFCCC and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements. Alongside its establishment, the group's Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures were endorsed by the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF).

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