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Summary

ANGA Virtual Coordination Meeting

- Road to COP26 -

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On 17th November 2020, the ASEAN Climate Resilience Network arranged a coordination meeting for the ASEAN Negotiating Group for Agriculture (ANGA). It aimed to discuss strategic joint participation to upcoming relevant meetings that lead towards COP26 and to further promote ASEAN views submitted by ANGA to the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA). The specific objectives of the meeting were to (1) share insights of the FAO Koronivia Expert's meeting (2nd - 4th November) organized by FAO Rome, (2) discuss preparation and participation strategy for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) November Dialogues, and (3) reflect on possibilities for implementation of KJWA at the national level. The meeting was divided into Open and Closed Sessions.

The participants were ANGA Focal Points and development partners such as FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP), the FAO Koronivia Working Group, the Climate Smart Land Use (CSLU) in ASEAN Project implemented by GIZ. Representative from the Global Research Alliance New Zealand and Mr. Ayman Abdel Aziz, representative of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and current G77 and China Agriculture Coordinator also attended the Open session.

Presentations

Koronivia Dialogues

- Roadmap to COP26 - The Way Forward was presented by Mr. Martial Bernoux from the FAO Koronivia Working Group. He provided a brief overview of the KJWA roadmap and highlighted some topics which have been discussed at the FAO 4th Koronivia Expert's Dialogue that took place earlier this month. During this informal meeting agriculture experts under the UNFCCC shared their insights and position on how to further advance decision on the KJWA and their implementation. More information: <http://www.fao.org/climate-change/our-work/what-we-do/koronivia/en>

Two upcoming UNFCCC Koronivia workshops:

24th and 25th November 2020. Koronivia workshop on improved livestock management systems. <https://unfccc.int/event/koronivia-workshop-on-improved-livestock-management-systems>

1st and 2nd December 2020. Koronivia workshop on socioeconomic and food security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector. <https://unfccc.int/event/koronivia-workshop-on-socioeconomic-and-food-security-dimensions-of-climate-change-in-the>

Information from G77 and China

- Mr. Ayman Aziz, Agriculture Negotiator for G77 and China, highlighted the opportunities for ANGA to present countries' experience after the key presentation session in both workshops (*Session I: Party presentations*). There will be an hour given to the Parties during the November workshop. There will be only one representative who will be allowed into the workshop, however others watching via the livestream should take note and stay alert on points serving a country or regional interest. Furthermore, he reminded ANGA to focus on adaptation.
- Mr. Aziz also discussed the directions for Koronivia, looking at the feasibility of establishing a separate entity or body under UNFCCC. He also mentioned the financial component and mechanism were not mentioned in KJWA. Koronivia is the only agenda advancing in the Subsidiary Bodies and therefore there is an edge to make strong concrete suggestions such as financial mechanisms. He asked the focal points if another organizational meeting for financial component be considered.
- As a result of the Koronivia workshops, the UNFCCC Secretariat will produce reports which will be considered during the Climate Change Conference in June 2021.

New Zealand, Global Research Alliance

- The presentation cited the Joint ASEAN-New Zealand Leaders vision statement in November 2020 to continue promoting climate-smart agriculture in ASEAN, with a focus on improving food security and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Several focus activities include measurement hubs, pilot activities such as regional research projects and capacity building, relevant topics are, among others, greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation, GHG inventory. The potential collaboration with ANGA and ASEAN-CRN is to be explored further.

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Key discussion points

- The ASEAN-CRN Secretariat has forwarded an email by the UNFCCC Secretariat on UNFCCC November Dialogues, which requested for possible presentation during the Koronivia workshops. The CRN Secretariat also enclosed a schedule of relevant activities for 2020-2021, underscoring the need for ANGA to once again convene in order to define strategies for joint engagement.

- The CRN Secretariat has inquired availability of ANGA representative or one of the ASEAN Member States (AMS) to present during the Koronivia workshops, but did not get any reply.
 - In preparation for this particular meeting, ANGA focal points were asked to prepare answers for the following questions.
 - Is your country intending to participate in the UNFCCC Koronivia November Dialogues? Who will be the official representative?
 - How does ANGA plan to participate? What are our entry points?
 - Is there anything you wish to share with the group?
 - Can we ask a brief sharing from those who attended the FAO Koronivia Experts' Dialogue?
 - In regard the nomination of the country focal points in both UNFCCC workshops. Mr. Mohammad Hariz of Malaysia shared with the group the name of the UNFCCC focal point who will be attending the event. Dr. Margaret C. Yoovatana of Thailand and Ms. Poh Bee Ling of Singapore have been identified as the official representatives of their respective countries to the November workshop.
 - As this was a short notice to make a regional / ANGA presentation or engagement, the group suggested that the [ASEAN joint submission under the KJWA UNFCCC on topic 2\(e\) and 2\(f\) in April 2020](#) be circulated again reminding countries poised to attend the November workshops to take note of the already-endorsed ASEAN views on the livestock topic. They may intervene using this as guidance and reference so the ASEAN views can still be reflected as country interventions into the workshop report.
- The Open Session discussion highlighted that while the November meeting is only a workshop and not a negotiation, it is equally important that ANGA Joint submission are further reflected into the upcoming workshop report on the lead up to COP26.
- The group was reminded of the relevance of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [Special Report on Climate Change and Land Use](#) and utilizing it as a reference to interventions during the Koronivia workshops will be useful. In the future, technical assistance can be given to ASEAN from science and technical agencies to assist in understanding the IPCC report and its relevance to work in agriculture.
 - As Brunei has completed the term of ANGA chairmanship, Cambodia is the current ANGA chair. As informed by Dr. Mak Soeun, the appointed focal points of ANGA are Dr. Suon Sothoeun, Mr. Kuy Huot and Mr. Chheng Vibolrith, of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The ASEAN-CRN Secretariat suggested to organize a meeting with Brunei to provide background and progress of ANGA to prepare the Cambodia for the ANGA chairmanship.

List of Participants

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