



ASEAN Conference on Policy and Governance for Climate-Smart Land Use

16-18 November 2021 | Virtual exchange format

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Background

The **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** is spearheading climate-friendly and resilient land use in agriculture and forestry. ASEAN Member States have enshrined objectives and principles for climate-smart land use in a number of ASEAN strategies, work plans, guidelines and other policy outputs, such as the Vision and Strategic Plan (SP) for ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) (2016-2025), and recently the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF).

In line with this, the **ASEAN Climate Resilience Network (ASEAN-CRN)** was established in 2014 to facilitate regional exchange and cooperation for climate-smart land use and food security in the region. In 2021, the network continues to initiate knowledge-sharing events on different aspects related to climate change and food security in agriculture, culminating in this first wide-ranging virtual *ASEAN Conference on Policy and Governance for Climate-Smart Land Use*.

Conference Objectives

The conference promotes a systemic approach to the connections between climate change and land use and shed light on successful approaches and lessons learned. It aims to increase knowledge about strategies, policies, and governance frameworks for promoting the development, adoption and upscaling of climate-smart land use practices at local, national and regional level in the ASEAN region.

The outcomes of the conference will feed into further regional dialogue and cooperation activities, inform the implementation of ASEAN strategies such as the ACRF, and raise awareness of regional policy tools such as the *ASEAN Guidelines on the Promotion of Climate Smart Agriculture Practices* and the *ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry*.

Target participants

The event is aimed at ASEAN-CRN members, national focal points from different ASEAN sectoral bodies and other policy-makers from ASEAN Member States working on food agriculture and forestry, rural development and on environmental issues. It is also open to development agencies, research institutions and civil society organisations.

Organisers

The conference is being hosted by the Department of Agriculture Thailand acting as the Chair of ASEAN-CRN. It is being supported by the *Climate-Smart Land Use in ASEAN (CSLU)* project, which is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) and several other partner organisations are contributing to the event by providing organisational support and expertise.

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Draft programme overview

The conference will address three core topics:

- Multi-level governance for climate-smart land use (Day 1)
- Inclusive and participatory policy-making for the promotion and adoption of climate-smart land use (Day 2)
- Enabling environment for private investments in climate-smart land use (cross-cutting, Day 3)

Each day starts at **1 pm (Bangkok/Jakarta time, UTC +7)** on all days.

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 16 November	DAY 2 – Wednesday, 17 November	DAY 3 Thursday, 18 November
Theme: Multi-level governance for climate-smart land use	Theme: Inclusive and participatory policy-making for the promotion and adoption of climate-smart land use	Theme: Enabling environment for private investments in climate-smart land use
Opening programme and introduction of plenary and parallel sessions	Summary of the previous day and introduction of plenary and parallel sessions	Summary of the previous day and introduction of plenary
PLENARY SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of regional ASEAN frameworks that guide implementation of climate-smart strategies and practices in AMS - Examples of national and local policies and implementation programmes - Reflection on how to improve multi-level governance 	PLENARY SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the importance and roles of local communities and marginalised stakeholders in achieving the goals of climate-smart land use - Reflection on the challenges with participation in policy-making and good practices - Reflection on the role of ASEAN and specifically ACRF in this context 	PLENARY SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflection on the role of private investments in financing climate targets and green recovery in agriculture and forestry, with examples of good practices - Highlighting prerequisites for private investments in climate-smart land use - Reflections on the role governments can play in order to create an enabling environment for mobilising private finance
Break	Break	Break
Instructions on parallel sessions	Instructions on parallel sessions	
PARALLEL SESSIONS Topics: different case studies for designing and implementing regional, national and local programmes	PARALLEL SESSIONS Topics: engaging women, engaging youth, engaging local communities and indigenous peoples	Input: ASEAN Guidelines for Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry – insights from development and implementation
Presentation from parallel session	Presentation from parallel session	Closing panel – Highlights and key messages
Input: Updates on ASEAN CSA Guidelines Volume III		Reflection on the way forward for climate-smart land use in ASEAN
Daily Closing	Daily Closing	CLOSING PROGRAMME

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