### 'Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Value Chain in ASEAN' (ASEAN AgriTrade) project by Pouchamarn Wongsanga, GIZ

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### **ASEAN AgriTrade at a Glance**

**Objective**: To improve the framework conditions for the implementation of sustainability standards in agricultural value chains with focus on climate relevant aspects within the ASEAN region



**Project Proponent:** ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)

#### **Sectoral Body:**

ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops (ASWGC) and relevant ASEAN entities working on climate resilience

**Focus Countries of implementation:** Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV)

#### **Duration:**

August 2019 – December 2023



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### **Agriculture and Climate Components**

**The Output 2** of the ASEAN AgriTrade project is continuing climate-related works from the previous project, namely Climate-Smart Land Use in ASEAN (CSLU).



The main stakeholders of the project are the ASEC, ASEAN Member States (AMS), private sector, civil society, and other relevant actors along the agricultural value chains in the Southeast Asia region.



**Output 2:** the institutional and technical capacities of ASEAN actors to implement measures on climate-aspects have improved.



## **Achievements**

Technical events and policy dialogues	<ul> <li>Virtual technical event series on CSLU topics in 2021</li> <li>ASEAN Climate Leadership Program (ACLP)</li> <li>Support for representatives to attend technical and policy events related to key topics for ASEAN-CRN</li> <li>Mainstreaming agroforestry through the ASEAN Guidelines on Agroforestry Development</li> <li>Climate Finance Training for Sector Experts</li> <li>Joint climate negotiation training between ASEAN Negotiating Group on Agriculture (ANGA) and ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)</li> </ul>
Coordination support & meetings	<ul> <li>Support for Annual Meetings and other exchange formats of the ASEAN-CRN</li> <li>Continued coordination support for ASEAN-CRN, including outreach and knowledge management</li> <li>Continued coordination support for ANGA, including during climate negotiations</li> <li>ANGA coordination meetings/ negotiation trainings (incl. with selected participants from AWGFCC &amp; AWGCC)</li> </ul>
Published knowledge products	<ul> <li>6 papers of Insightful paper series on mitigation and adaptation potentials of selected CSLU practices</li> <li>Double Impact: Covid-19 and Climate Change in Food and Agriculture</li> <li>A Story about Agriculture in Times of Climate Crisis and COVID-19</li> <li>Positioning ASEAN in international climate negotiations: lessons learned from the ANGA</li> <li>Leadership for Responsive Climate Actions in Agriculture, Forestry and Food Systems</li> <li>Please visit <u>https://asean-crn.org/</u></li> </ul>
Support for ASEAN studies & guidelines development	<ul> <li>Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Guidelines Vol. III</li> <li>Nature-based Solutions (NbS) study in forest, bare land and coastal ecosystems</li> <li>Translation of selected ASEAN guidelines into 8 languages.</li> </ul>

## **Moving Forward**

Government policy	<ul> <li>Support for representatives to attend technical and policy events related to key topics for ASEAN-CRN</li> <li>Continue coordination support for ANGA, including during climate negotiations</li> <li>Support for Annual Meetings and other exchange formats of the ASEAN-CRN</li> <li>Support ASEC to develop the potential pathways toward decarbonizing the agriculture and forestry sector of ASEAN</li> </ul>
Finance	Support for 'Agrinnovation Fund in ASEAN'
Awareness	<ul> <li>Continue coordination support for ASEAN-CRN, including outreach and knowledge management</li> <li>Mainstreaming agroforestry through the ASEAN Guidelines on Agroforestry Development</li> </ul>
Technology & Innovations	<ul> <li>Capacity building for the ASEAN-CRN focal points on the optimizing digital technology</li> <li>Possible support Scaling up the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) practices in ASEAN</li> <li>Foster innovation and development in agricultural value chains through the 'Agrinnovation Fund in ASEAN'</li> </ul>
Education	<ul> <li>Capacity building for the ASEAN-CRN focal points on the optimizing digital technology</li> <li>Scaling up the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) practices in ASEAN</li> <li>Partnership with FAO to initiate the UNFCCC negotiation training and E-learning platform</li> </ul>

# Technical support towards a partnership



- Joint forces in developing project conceptualization/approach, to shape the environment for business development and business investment activities, to increase impact and ensure sustainability on the way to the SDGs.
- Advisory services and knowledge transfers for strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems, access to networks for establishing value chain, linking SMEs to international investors/companies,
- Technical assistance to improve skills and technical trainings
- Accommodate platform for public and private dialogues
- Provide public funding and reduce risks

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