

Agriculture and Rural Transformation in Asia: Past Experiences and Future Opportunities



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Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
December 12th - 14th, 2017

Objectives:

- Exchange experiences and promote cross-country learning in agricultural and rural transformation
- Bring together researchers and analysts with policy makers to disseminate policy research results and encourage dialogue
- Strengthen the ReSAKSS-Asia network, identify emerging policy-relevant research topics, and outline future networking opportunities

Tuesday, December 12 (Day 1) (Moderator: Suresh Babu, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI)

8:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Goal and Objectives of Day One: Moderator

9:00 – 10:30 OPENING SESSION (Chair: Suresh Babu)

Welcome remarks

Jariya Suthichaiya, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Jeffrey Spence- USAID Deputy Mission Director, Regional Development Mission to Asia

Nipon Poapongsakorn, Distinguished Fellow / former TDRI President

Hermann Waibel, TVSEP Coordinator

PK Joshi, Director, IFPRI Asia

Keynote address

“Rural incomes in the context of agricultural and rural transformation”

Speaker

David Dawe, FAO Senior Economist, Bangkok, Thailand

Q&A and Discussion



10:30 – 11:00 Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 12:00 PANEL SESSION 1: Policymaker Panel Discussion on the Role of the Government and Challenges the Government Face in Agricultural and Rural Transformation (Chair: Ammar Siamwalla, Distinguished Fellow/ former TDRI President)

Panelists

Dang Van Cuong, Director, Communication and International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

Masuma Younus, Deputy Research Director, Agriculture Policy Support Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh

Vinoth Vansy, Director, Economic Integration Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR

Vinaroj Supsongsuk, Secretary General, Office of Agricultural Economics, Thailand

Tin Htut Oo, Chairman, Agriculture Group, Yoma Strategic Holdings

Facilitator

Duncan Boughton, Professor, Michigan State University–Myanmar

12:00 – 13:30 PLENARY SESSION 1: Country Experiences with Agricultural and Rural Transformation: A National Perspective (15 minutes each presenter; Chair: PK Joshi, Director, IFPRI Asia)

Vietnam

Tuan Nguyen Do, Director, Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural development (IPSARD), Vietnam

Thailand

Nipon Poapongsakorn, Distinguished Fellow and Kamphol Pantakua, Researcher, TDRI

Indonesia

Gracia Hadiwidjaja, Stanford University and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia.

India

Alwin D'Souza, Arizona State University

Bangladesh

Minhaj Mahmud, Visiting Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and Binayak Sen, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Q&A and Discussion



13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 PLENARY SESSION 2: Country Experiences with Agricultural and Rural Transformation: An Assessment from the Bottom up (20 minutes each presenter; Chair: Ulrike Grote, Professor, Leibniz University Hannover)

Thailand

Priyanka Parvathi, Post-doctoral researcher, Leibniz University Hannover, TVSEP

Vietnam

Thanh Nguyen, Assistant Professor Leibniz University Hannover, TVSEP

India

Ranjit Kumar, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, India

Q&A and Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

16:00 – 17:15 PARALLEL SESSION 1A: Modern Farm Management Technologies and Their Adoption (15 minutes each presenter; Chair: Kevin Chen, Head of East Asia and Central Asia Office, IFPRI-Beijing)

Thailand

Isara Vongkusolkit, Chairman of Mitr Phol Group

Precision agriculture in smallholder systems. From innovation to evidence

Alejandro Nin-Pratt, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Pursuing Sustainable Productivity with Millions of Smallholder Farmers

Zhenling Cui, China Agricultural University

Q&A and Discussion

16:00 – 17:15 PARALLEL SESSION 1B: Mechanization and the Role of Evolving Machine Services in Agricultural Transformation (15 minutes each presenter; Chair: Mr. Somsak Mauthorn, Senior Executive Vice President of Siam Kubota Corporation, TBC)

Myanmar

Ame Cho, Research Associate, Centre for Economic and Social Development

Bangladesh

M. A. Sattar Mandal, Emeritus Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural University



Cambodia

Sim Sockcheng, Research Fellow, Cambodia Development Resource Institute

Sri Lanka

Melvin Samarasinghe, Director, Agfour Engineering

Q&A and Discussion

17:15 – 17:30 Closing Remarks (*Suresh Babu*)

18:00 – 20:00 Reception and Dinner



Wednesday, December 13 (Day 2) (Moderator: Hermann Waibel, Leibniz Universität Hannover)

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Summary of Day 1 and Goal/Objectives of Day 2: Moderator

9:15 – 10:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 2A: Economic Linkages and Migration** (15 minutes each presenter; Chair: *Hermann Waibel, Leibniz Universität Hannover*)

Does Migration Support Technology Diffusion in Developing Countries? Evidence from Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia

Michael Hübler, Junior-Professor, Leibniz Universität Hannover, TVSEP

Rural-Urban Migration and Integration of Labor Market in India

Amitabh Kundu, Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

Migration, Employment and Food Security in Central Asia: the case of Uzbekistan

Bakhrom Mirkasimov, Senior Lecturer, Westminster International University, Tashkent

9:15 – 10:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 2B: Rural Labor Markets, Migration, and Economic Opportunities for the Landless** (Chair: *Emily Weeks, USAID*)

Go or Stay: Inter-relation between Migration and Agriculture Policies in Cambodia

Vathana Roth, Research Fellow, Cambodia Development Resource Institute

Migration, Microfinance and the Mechanized Service Market: Explaining the Puzzle of Landless Tenancy in Rural Bangladesh

Binayak Sen, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Myanmar Migration in a Time of Transformation

Mateusz Filipski, Research Fellow, IFPRI

Land Reform and Child Nutrition: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan.

Olga Shemyakina, Associate Professor, Georgia Tech University

Q&A and Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break



11:00 – 12:30 PANEL SESSION 2: Attracting Private Sector and Promoting Agriculture, Agribusiness and Exports (Chair: *Abdul Wajid Rana, Country Program Director, IFPRI-Pakistan*)

Panelists

Syed Mahmudul Huq- Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation

Steven Bartholomeusz – Food Industry Asia

Saumil Shah- CEO, Energaia

TBC- CP Company

Facilitator

Shahidur Rashid, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI-New Delhi

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 PARALLEL SESSION 3A: Domestic Markets for Smallholder High-Value Agriculture (Chair: *Nazim Ali, USAID- Pakistan*)

A role of Social Enterprise Company

Pruitt Kerdchoochuen, Managing Director, Dairyhome, Thailand

The Emerging ‘Quiet Revolution’ in Myanmar’s Aquaculture Value Chain

Ben Belton, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University-Myanmar

Fish Value Chain Development in Bangladesh

Shahid Rashid, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI-New Delhi

How to Promote Transformation and Upgrading of Agriculture by E-Commerce- ShuYang Case from China

Hongdong Guo, Chair and Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Management of Zhejiang University, China

Q&A and Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 PARALLEL SESSION 3B: Expanding Regional and Global Markets (Chair: *Nipon Poapongsakorn, TDRI*)

High Value Vegetables for High-End Market, GAP

Chusak Chuenprayot, CEO, K.C. FRESH, Thailand

Assessing Myanmar’s Agri-food Trade Comparative Advantages

Kevin Chen, Head of East Asia and Central Asia Office, IFPRI-Beijing

Poultry Sector Development in Thailand

Phunjasit Chokesomritpol, Viroj NaRanong and Nipon Poapongsakorn, TDRI

Q&A and Discussion



13:30 – 14:30 PARALLEL SESSION 3C: Regional Pulse Trade (Chair: Ye Aung, Myanmar)

Should Myanmar Enter into A Long-term Pulse Export Deal with India?

Avinash Kishore, IFPRI-New Delhi

Pulse Sector Development in Myanmar

Duncan Boughton (MSU-Myanmar) and Cho Cho San (MOALI/DOP)

Kidney Beans Value Chain and Export Capacity in the Kyrgyz Republic

Kanat Tilekeyev, Senior Research Fellow, University of Central Asia

Q&A and Discussion

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

15:00 – 15:15 Introduction to TVSEP panel data base

Rattiya S. Lippe, TVSEP research manager

**15:15 – 17:00 FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSION: Conference Synthesis, Way Forward
(Facilitator, Xinshen Diao, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI)**

17:00 – 17:15 Closing Remarks (and logistical announcement for field trip):

Hermann Waibel, TVSEP

Nipon Poapongsakorn, TDRI



Thursday, December 14th (Day 3)

Field Trip to Charoen Pokphand (CP) Company Factory

Meet in the Dusit Thani Hotel lobby (international participants, breakfast box provided):	5:30
Depart for Nakhon Ratchasima Province	5:45
Arrival at Charoen Pokphand (CP) Company Factory	10:00
Lunch at CP Company	12:00
Leave for Bangkok	14:00
Arrive at Bangkok	18:00

