



Policy Dialogue on Crop Insurance in ASEAN

22 May 2019, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta

PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

I. Introduction

Southeast Asia is one of the region most vulnerable to extreme weather events and natural disasters affecting economic and rural development. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) recognises the importance of establishing measures to cope and manage the effects and risks of extreme weather-related events and natural disasters to ensure sustainable development of the region in the long run.

Ex-ante disaster risk management in the form of disaster risk financing can reduce the impacts of the most vulnerable in timely manner, facilitate fast economic recovery, and allows for effective planning. The ASEAN Roadmap on Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance represents the efforts put forth by ASEAN Member States to strengthen its capacity to manage impacts of disasters, enhance financial resilient and promote cooperation on disaster risk financing and insurance.

Concerted efforts to address the issue is also presented in ASEAN sector policy and strategy especially in the food, agriculture and forestry sector, i.e. the Vision and Strategic Plan for ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) (2016 – 2025) which outlines the need to increase resilience against climate change, natural disasters, and other shocks through the promotion of good agricultural practices, building competencies particularly to small scale producers, provide access to financial resources and enhance regional and international collaboration.

As agriculture is a core sector in ASEAN where large proportion of the population based their livelihood and income on. However, the sector is highly exposed to several risks among which are production risk such as mass disease/pest outbreaks, and extreme climate events. Without strategies to cope with such risks, the sector productivity and livelihood of millions of people in the region are constantly under threat.

With the crop sector is mostly affected by extreme weather events and natural disasters, risk management through risk transfer, or in this case, agricultural insurance specifically crop insurance, is an important risk management tool that reduces vulnerability of small-holder farmers and enables the sector to become resilient to production risks.

Crop insurance protects farmers' investments and ensures that, even when harvests fail, farmers have sufficient financial resources to re-invest and cover basic household needs like food and health care. It improves access to finance and the capacity to grow farm business. As a result, crop insurance enhances the contribution of the agriculture sector to food security, economic development and poverty reduction in the region.

The 1st Regional Technical Workshop (RTW) on Crop Insurance was organised by the "ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems (ASEAN SAS) (Extension – Crop Insurance)" in collaboration with the Remote Sensing-based Information and Insurance for Crops in Emerging Economies (RIICE)" project, back-to-back with the 10th Steering Committee Meeting of the ASEAN SAS, on 14-15 December 2017. The Workshop provided an overview of crop insurance, exchange of selected countries experience, and highlighted on importance of public-private partnership as well as collaboration among relevant ASEAN bodies.

The 2nd Regional Technical Workshop (RTW) on Crop Insurance in ASEAN” was organised back-to-back with the 11th Steering Committee Meeting of ASEAN SAS, on 17-18 September 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. The 2nd RTW served as a platform for representatives from RIICE partners, and other Regional/International organizations to exchange experiences and lesson learned from the pilot activities implemented at national level, linking to the “10 Phases in Developing a National Crop Insurance Program: Guide Overview of ASEAN”.

Based on lessons learned and experiences in the implementation of crop insurance from selected countries, the “Policy Dialogue on Crop Insurance in ASEAN” will be organised by ASEAN-SAS project in collaboration with RIICE project and other partners on **22 May 2019** at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia to present lessons learned and policy recommendations as results from the Project.

II. Objectives

The objectives of the Policy Dialogue on Crop Insurance in ASEAN are as follows:

- 1) To present lessons learned and experiences from the implementation of crop insurance programs at national level in future development and promotion of crop insurance, highlighting:
 - a. Integration of Crop Insurance in Crop Policy Sector; and
 - b. Policy recommendations for the development and promotion of Crop Insurance for submission to ASEAN
- 2) To present recommendations on enhancing synergies and cooperation among related ASEAN Bodies to crop insurance; and
- 3) To highlight synergies among relevant sectors to promote better disaster risk management for rural development and poverty eradication in ASEAN.

III. Expected Outputs

- 1) Exchange and stock-take on experiences and lessons learned in the development and promotion of crop insurance at national level, including integration of crop insurance in Crop Policy Sector;
- 2) Understanding on synergies among sectors to promote better disaster risk management for rural development; and
- 3) Policy recommendations for the development and promotion of Crop Insurance and on enhancing synergies and cooperation among related ASEAN Bodies to Crop Insurance for submission to ASEAN.

IV. Date and Venue

The Policy Dialogue on Crop Insurance in ASEAN will be organised for 1-day on **22 May 2019** at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.

V. Expected Participants (preliminary)

The Policy Dialogue on Crop Insurance in ASEAN is expected to be attended by the Steering Committee Members of the ASEAN SAS Project (Extension – Crop Insurance) from the ASEAN Member States (AMS), representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and Chairperson of SOM-AMAF and relevant ASEAN Bodies responsible on crops, agricultural R&D, disaster risk financing and insurance (i.e. ASWGC, ATWGARD, ASEAN Insurance Regulator, ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)), other ASEAN Specialised Agencies (i.e. ASEAN Insurance Council, AHA Centre), Development Partners (i.e. FAO, Stockholm Environment Institute: SEI), Bank, private sector (i.e. Swiss Re), and GIZ.



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Provisional Agenda and Program

Time	Session/Agenda	Remarks
08.30 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.30	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening Remarks by the ASEAN Secretariat ▪ Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Martin Hansen, GIZ Country Director for Indonesia ▪ Introductory Remarks on Objectives, Expected Outputs and Program of the Policy Dialogue by GIZ 	<i>Moderator: Pouchamarn Wongsanga</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Group Photography and Coffee Break	
10.00 – 11.00	<p>SESSION 1: LESSONS LEARNED AND EXPERIENCES ON CROP INSURANCE IN THE ASEAN REGION: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS</p> <p>1.1 Overall Lessons Learned and Direction to Strengthen Crop Insurance in ASEAN Countries</p> <p><i>Dr. Anja Erlbeck, GIZ will present lessons learned and direction to strengthen crop insurance in ASEAN countries. Representatives from ASEAN countries (i.e. Cambodia, Indonesia, Viet Nam) will be invited to share their lessons learned and experiences in the implementation of crop insurance.</i></p> <p>1.2 Discussion</p> <p><i>Discussion on experiences and direction to promote Crop Insurance in ASEAN</i></p>	Plenary Session <i>Moderator: Pouchamarn Wongsanga</i>
11.00 – 12.00	<p>SESSION 2: POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ASEAN: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES IN PROMOTING CROP INSURANCE IN ASEAN</p> <p>2.1 Set of Policy Recommendations</p> <p><i>Dr. Roehlano M. Briones, GIZ Consultant will present set of Policy Recommendations developed from study conducted on integrating crop insurance in crop sector related policies of ASEAN</i></p>	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	

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13.30 – 14.30	<p>SESSION 2: POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ASEAN: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES IN PROMOTING CROP INSURANCE IN ASEAN (cont.)</p> <p>2.2 Views and Perspective from Multi-Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from ASEAN Secretariat • Representative from private sector (data support/insurance) • Representative from a Country (Cambodia) • Representative from International Organization (SDC) 	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <i>Anja Erlbeck</i></p>
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee Break	
15.00 – 16.30	<p>SESSION 3: SYNERGY AND COOPERATION AMONG ASEAN BODIES IN PROMOTING CROP INSURANCE IN ASEAN</p> <p>3.1 Recommendations on enhancing synergies and cooperation among related ASEAN Bodies to Crop Insurance</p> <p>Dr. Roehlano M. Briones, GIZ Consultant will present set recommendations to enhance synergies among ASEAN bodies developed from study conducted on integrating crop insurance in crop sector related policies of ASEAN</p> <p>3.2 Crop Insurance and Linkages to Risk Management/Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASEAN Insurance Regulators (ASEC) ▪ ASEAN Insurance Council (AIC) <p>3.3 Crop Insurance and Linkages to Humanitarian Assistance (ACDM Chairperson – Myanmar)</p> <p>3.4 Crop Insurance and Linkages to Agriculture (SOM-AMAF Chairperson - Vietnam)</p> <p><i>Respective Chairperson and representatives of related ASEAN Bodies and ASEAN Secretariat will present highlighted issues & challenges and their perspective as well as direction to enhance synergies and collaboration among them in future promoting Crop Insurance Solutions in ASEAN.</i></p>	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <i>Suriyan Vichitlekarn</i></p>
16.30 – 16.50	<p>SESSION 4: WRAP-UP</p> <p><i>Summary and reflection of the outcome of the Policy Dialogue by GIZ</i></p>	Plenary Session
16.50 – 17.00	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p><i>Closing Remarks by Chairperson of SOM-AMAF</i></p>	
18.00 – 20.00	Reception Dinner	
