



DRAFT PROGRAMME – Sequence of activities

Tuesday 14 January		
0830-0900	Registration	
0900-0930	Opening	
0930-1100	Projects Fair – 2h	
1100-1130	Coffee break	
	Bloc 1 - New paradigms in Research for Innovation	
1130-1145	Keynote	
1145-1300	Workshop 1 - Participatory research co-innovating for sustainability transitions – 1hr15min	
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400-1530	Panel 1 – Reshaping the contribution of research to agricultural innovation – 1hr30min	
	Bloc 2 - Farmer led, community led innovations and research	
1530-1545	Keynote	
1545-1600	Coffee break	
1600-1715	Workshop 2 - Research in partnership with farmer organisations, civil society and private sector – 1hr15 min	
1715-1730	Wrap-up – Key learnings and messages	

Wednesday 15 January		
	Bloc 2 - Farmer led, community led innovations and research - Continued	
0900-1030	Panel 2 – Regional dynamics in farmer led, and community led innovations – 1hr30min	
1030-1100	Coffee break	
	Bloc 3 - A conducive environment for scaling: food systems, education, networks and policies, and funding	
1100-1115	Keynote - scaling	
1115-1230	Workshop 3 - Building conditions for impact – 1hr15	
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400-1530	Panel 3 – Food Systems as catalysts for innovation – 1hr30min	
1530-1545	Coffee break	
1545-1715	Panel 4 – Research, training and education, upgrading capacities for innovation – 1hr30min	
1715-1730	Wrap-up – Key learnings and messages	





Thursday 16 January		
	Bloc 3 - A conducive environment for scaling: food systems, education, networks and policies, and funding - continued	
0900-0915	Keynote – Policies	
0915-1100	Panel 5 – Regional organisations and alliances in support of impact – 1hr30min	
1100-1115	Coffee break	
1115-1230	Panel 6 – innovation policies and policy innovation – 1hr30min	
1230-1300	Closing	
1300-1400	Lunch	

Separate session for SROs and strategic partners		
1430-1630	Building the way forward - Capitalisation and operationalisation from regional and continental strategies for research, family farming and agroecological transition,—	
	1h30	

VENUE

Authentic Hotel, 13 Ly Thai To, Hoan Kiem, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

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Tuesday 14

0830-0900	Welcome and registration
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0900-0930 Official Op		ening (30mn)
Welcome to speakers and participants by facilitator		
Harnessing and building to agriculture in Asia and Vie	he capacities of research for innovation food and etnam	Dr Nguyen Do Anh Tuan, Director - ICD / MARD
The DeSIRA Initiative		Mr Gonzalo Serrano, Deputy Head of Cooperation – EU Delegation to Vietnam
Agricultural innovation in Asia Pacific		Dr Murat Sartas, Chief Scaling & Impact Officer - APAARI
Details of sessions and housekeeping		DeSIRA-LIFT facilitators

0930-1100	Projects Fair (1hr30min)	
Project Presenter		
ASSET	Mélanie Blanchard – Estelle Biénabé CIRAD – 1 regional partner	
TRANSITIONS	Cornelis (Kees) Swaans, Tran Thi Dinh - CGIAR	
ARTEMIA4BALGLADESH	Muhamad Meezanur Rahman - WorldFish	
ECOFOODSYSTEMS	Hoang Ky/U Galway, Tuan Trong Dam/RIKOLTO	
STARFARM	Son Ha Nguyen/FAO, Alexis Drogoul/IRD, Philippe Tixier/CIRAD	
GRAPE	Bipin Poudel, Krishna Bahadur Malla, GIZ	
SANTES-TERRITOIRES	Mathilde Sester- CIRAD	
FO4RI Philippines	Kahil Apuzen-Ito - FARMCOOP	
FO4RI - Pacific Island	Mohinesh Reddy - PIFON	
STREAM MONGOLIA	Amgalan Ariunbold/FAO + Tsevegmid Solongo/GIZ	
UAKIS - Uzbekistan	Ulugbek Islamov, Hrvoje Ivan Horvat - UNDP	
TAP AIS - 8 Pakistan Mahmood Riaz - Agricultural Mechanization Research Institute/TAP-AIS Pakistan		
TAP AIS - 7 Lao PDR	Vornthalom Chanthavong (FAO)	
TAP AIS - 6 Cambodia	Dr Chan Saruth (Undersecretary of State at MAFF and CASIC lead)	
TAP-AIS Regional	Rasheed Sulaiman (APIRAS/CRISP)	

Coffee break 1100-1130

Bloc 1 – New paradigms in Research for Innovation

Setting the scene - 15 min		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
1130-1145	Keynote Reshaping the contribution of research to agricultural innovation - Fergus Sinclair – Bangor University, Co-Convener of TPP	
1145-1300	Thematic Workshop 1 (1hr 15 min) – Lessons learned from projects Participatory research co-innovating for sustainability transitions: new approaches and challenges in DeSIRA	

Topic - The role of research in the generation of new solutions: piloting, facilitating, supporting

This workshop opens the discussion on the evolutions of roles played by researchers in DeSIRA projects, presenting different modalities in which research is deployed outside the conventional linear innovation approach, making use of multi-actor,





multi-level and iterative approaches within innovation systems. The discussion will focus on the challenges faced by researchers with respect to their approaches, capacities, and contributions towards impacts.

Group discussions - 45 min

Driving questions

- A. Can you briefly present what was your original approach to supporting innovation in your project, whether you had to adapt and what that adaptation consisted of? (was it methodological innov., change in perceptions or attitudes, change in practices (research, management, collaboration, ...) etc.). I.e : what did you do differently?
- B. Based on the experience that you described, what are the 2 most important skills that were necessary for research to adapt and contribute to innovation?
- C. What would be your recommendations to improve research contributions to innovation through project-approach? (intermediary/follow-up questions: How did the project approach (medium-term, usually with preset objectives, etc.) challenge your research and innovation activities? What could/should be done to overcome these challenges?)

Feedback and plenary discussion - 30 min

Lunch 1300-1400

	Panel 1 (1h30)
1400-1530	Reshaping the contribution of research to agricultural innovation

Topics

DeSIRA has a specific assumption that embedding participatory research into agricultural innovation systems will generate potentially different, deeper and longer lasting outcomes, with higher ownership from local and regional actors and stakeholders and more impacts. This requests that research organizations operate a shift in their own strategies, capacities and partnerships. This panel will give the floor to leaders of agricultural research to explain their vision, their organisational innovations for increasing research impacts and how they will build on DeSIRA lessons learnt.

Panel – 50mn (1400-1450)		
Topic and questions	Panelist	
Research in food systems in Southeast Asia	Pascal Lienhard - CIRAD	
Agroecological transitions, word alliances to pool knowledge and	Oliver Oliveiros, Coordinator - Agroecology	
resources	Coalition	
A regional organization of agricultural research and innovation	Murat Sartas - APAARI	
Agricultural research and innovation in Vietnam and Southeast Asia	Dao The Anh - VAAS	
Cooperation in research in the Asian context	Sylvain Ouillon - IRD	
Discussion – 40mn (1450-1530)		

Bloc 2 - Farmer led innovations and research

Setting the scene -15 min	
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)	
	Keynote
1530-1545	How to accompany farmer led innovation processes – Katja Vuori, CEO Agricord

Coffee break	1545-1600

1600-1715	Thematic Workshop 2 (1hr15mn) - Lessons learned from projects





Research in partnership with farmer organisations: how, for what innovations and impact?

Topic - Challenges in R&I partnerships

This workshop continues the discussion on the roles of researchers in DeSIRA projects with insights into their partnerships with farmer organisations and policy actors. The discussion will exemplify the importance and challenges to engage in such partnerships for different types of innovations.

Group discussions - 45 min

Driving questions

- A. What was the most strategic partnership with a non-research stakeholder in your project, and what was its main objective? Which non-research partner was essential to the success of the innovation? How did you choose them?
- B. What are the two main factors in the success of this partnership?
- C. What would you recommend to make these partnerships more conducive to impact? Is it possible to improve the efficiency of collaboration between research and non-research in R&I projects? Do certain partnerships or collaboration methods make it possible to achieve greater impact?

Feedback and plenary discussion - 30 min

1715-1730	Wrap-up – Key learnings and messages
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Wednesday 15

	Panel 2 (1h30) Regional dynamics in farmer led, and community led innovations			
0900-1030				
Topics	Topics			
The panel will present various facets of innovations led by non-research actors, in particular farmer organisations and discuss funding mechanisms to support innovation scaling in Asia.				
Panel – 50mn (0900-0950)				
Topic and questions	Topic and questions Panelist			
Regional capacities for agricultural innovation and development		Luchie Angeles Blanco - ASIA DHRRA		
Breadfruit and other crops, building communities in Island context		Mohinesh Reddy - PIFON (FORI PAC), Fiji		
Community led innovation, national and regional outscaling		Phouttasinh Phimmachanh (Lao Farmer		
		Network Secretariat)		
Agroecological transition and innovation in the Himalayan context		Suman Shekhar Manandhar – PROLINNOVA		
Extension and innovation in Asia		Rasheed Sulaiman - APIRAS, India		
Discussion – 40mn (0950-1030)				

Coffee break 1030-1100	
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Bloc 3 – A conducive environment for scaling: food systems, education, networks, policies, and funding

Setting the scene -15 min Introduction to the session (Facilitator)	





	Scaling innovation, multiplying conditions for impact – Dr Aurélie Toillier, CIRAD, SA1 Lead DeSIRA-LIFT	
1115-1230	Thematic Workshop 3 (1hr45) - Lessons learned from projects Building conditions for impact, documenting change, informing policies.	

Topic -

This workshop explores how DeSIRA projects have built conditions for impact at three levels: changes in grassroot (rural) communities, changes in value chains, changes in policies.

Group discussions - 60 min

Driving questions

- A. Can you tell us which multi-stakeholder mechanism or alliance was set up by your project and why? for what purpose? did certain dilemmas have to be resolved? And what have key success factors been?
- B. Did R&I activities seek to inform policy? How? what was their approach to producing evidence of what works/does not work in their specific context, etc. what was their approach to communicating about these results? or influencing policy decisions?
- C. What would you recommend for these platforms to contribute more (play a more effective role) in the development of innovative solutions (e.g. platform governance)?

Feedback and plenary discussion - 45 min

	Panel 3 (1h30)
1400-1530	Food Systems as catalysts for innovation

Topics

While DeSIRA projects essentially focus on agricultural innovation, their scaling and the sustainability of their effects are embedded in the broader Food Systems. These include factors such as trade, processing and consumption of agricultural produce and their economic and social dimensions. This panel will seek to highlight these broader connections and feature how they can provide avenues for scaling DeSiRA innovations and what key aspects should be considered.

Panel – 50mn (1400-1450)		
Topic and questions	Panelist	
Rural – Urban linkages and building food markets	Dr Estelle Biénabé, CIRAD, MALICA	
Operationalising the Food Systems agenda in Laos and the region	Alounxay Onta - UN Food Systems convenor, Lao PDR	
Building sustainable organic outlets and value chains	Mr Tran Manh Chien, Director - Bac Tom	
Hanoi consumers	Dam Trong Tuan - Representative, in Vietnam - RIKOLTO	
Women inclusion and gender sensitive value chains	Anamika Dey, CEO, GIAN	
Discussion – 40mn (1450-1530)		

Coffee break	1530-1545

1545-1715	Panel 4 (1h30) Research, training and education, upgrading capacities for innovation	
Topics		





This roundtable will discuss the emergence of new professional profiles in the domain of agricultural innovation (such as innovation facilitators, new extensionists, innovation managers, business coaches, ecosystem bridgers, etc.) and the opportunities to upgrade their skills and create new jobs. DeSIRA projects' contributions will be presented and discussed.

Panel – 50mn (1545-1635)		
Topic and questions	Panelist	
Education and research linkages for the Agroecological transition	Pierre Ferrand, Agriculture Officer - FAO	
Articulating education, research and traditional knowledge, co-creating with farmers	Marion Tan, University of the Philippines Diliman & MASIPAG	
Extension as a vector for agroecological farming communities	Rasheed Sulaiman, AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SOUTH ASIA(AESA) NETWORK)	
Developing curricula for agroecological transition	Supawan Visetnoi, Chulalongkorn University (CUSAR), Thailand	
Capacity Building for Sustainable Agriculture	Marco Camagni, Lead Global Technical Specialist Rural Institutions – IFAD (online)	
Discussion – 40mn (1635-1715)		

1715-1730	Wrap-up – Key learnings and messages
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Thursday 16

	Keynote
0900-0915	DeSIRA projects informing and influencing policies – Delgermaa Chuluunbaatar, Office of Innovation - FAO
0915-1045	Panel 5 (1h30) Regional organisations and alliances in support of impact, conditions for scaling out innovations and the agroecological transition

Topics

The panel will explore and discuss regional organisations, active in the support to agricultural innovation in Asia Pacific, in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Panel – 50mn (1400-1450)

Panelist
Pat Sovann, GRET Cambodia - ALISEA
Mr Ousseini Ouedraogo, Secretary General – ROPPA/Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO)
Katja Vuori, CEO, Agricord
Lloyd Day, Deputy Director General - IICA
Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director - FARA

Coffee break 1045-1100

1100-1230	Panel 6 (1h45) innovation policies and policy innovation
Topics	





The roundtable will explore challenges in both developing and implementing agricultural innovation policies and innovative policy instruments that create more enabling environments for innovators. DeSIRA projects' contributions will be presented and discussed.

Panel – 60mn (0915-1015)		
Topic and questions	Panelist	
Informing the ASEAN Agroecological agenda	Thatheva Saphangtong, LICA	
Agroecology as part of agricultural innovation policies in Vietnam	Dr Tran Cong Thang, Director - IPSARD	
"Bottom up" policy processes for agricultural innovation in Cambodia	Dr Chan Saruth – Chair - Cambodia	
	Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable	
	Intensification Consortium – CASIC	
Metrics for Agroecological transition	Fergus Sinclair, TPP	
Policy advocacy, research and stakeholder engagement for green growth	Hitomi Rankine - Chief, Environment and	
and sustainable development	Development Policy Section - ESCAP (online)	
Regional farmers organisations and policy advocacy	Lany Rebagay - AFA	
Discussion – 45mn (1015-1100)		

1230-1300	Closing (30 min)	
Key take aways from the DeSIRA Connect Days for Research and Innovation		CIRAD or AFA/Asia DHRAA
Key take aways from the DeSIRA Connect Days for Agroecological transition and the Global Gateway		Marion Michaud - INTPA
Closing words		Dr Dao The Anh- Vice President - VAAS

Lunch - Déjeuner	1300-1400
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1430-1630	Separate session (2hrs) Building the way forward.	
Topic -		
Based on the discussions and recommendations of the various sessions in the DeSIRA Connect Days, this separate workshop will explore the strategic focus and the optimal options for operationalisation of follow-up projects to DeSIRA ones.		
Topic		Panelist
Context information, insights into priorities and suggestions for the new		Ms Marion Michaud, EU-DG INTPA
intervention based on previous related initiatives.		Mr Marco Camagni – IFAD
·		Ms Katja Vuori - Agricord
Panel discussion		APAARI
Regional research and Farmers organisations		PIFON
		AFA

Discussion and contribution from participants – 1 hr