Scientific Workshop on Sustainable Land Management to Enhance Food Production of APEC Members - ATC 10/2011A

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: Thailand
Background/Overview

- According to ATCWG's objectives
  - to improve the capacity of agriculture and its related industries, and share information and experiences in the areas of agriculture, biotechnology and animal, and biogenetic resource management.
- The previous projects under ATCWG represent that the food security has been interested topic among APEC members.
- The consequences of climate change, such as unusual drought and flood are threatening the world food storage.
Background/Overview

In order to produce food, it is accounting on different factors, including water resource and land resource. To secure the food production, land resource must be protected in sustainable way. Therefore, Sustainable Land Management (SLM) is an important tool to support the agricultural production and, consequently, enhance the capacity of food security situation systematically and harmonized.

Thailand has successfully proposed the “Scientific Workshop on Sustainable Land Management to Enhance Food Production of APEC Members”.

The key objectives of the workshop are

(i) To initiate mutual learning process among workshop participants by sharing experience and jointly reflection on current and potential problems and solutions regarding land degradation and desertification on food production.

(ii) To cerate a common understanding of problems, potentials and opportunities by integrating external and internal perceptions and to foster a common understanding of problems and solutions related to land degradation and sustainable land management to enhance the food production.

(iii) To establish the networks and cooperation among representative organizations in the workshop.

(iv) To identify existing and new strategies of SML to prevent or mitigate land degradation and desertification.
Anticipated participants

- All APEC members economies are invited to participate
- Anticipated workshop attendees include scientists, researchers and governmental officers who work familiar to agriculture, SLM and food production.
- Each economy will be requested to submit 1 country report and another case study/research paper, and, as well, present the country report in workshop.

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Expected Outputs

- The summary of Sustainable Land Management situations in all members, current techniques, best practices and public participatory approaches in each economy.
- The new ideas and pictures from different economies will be exchanged, discussed and further applied to other economies when it is suitable through the networks and collaborations in the workshop.
- Improving the capacity of officers, scientists and technicians to extend the experience to the farmers.
Progress

- We have preliminary contacted the speakers, anticipated participants and others.
- The tentative program and the site visit have been set by the committees.
- www.ldd.go.th/web_LDDAPEC/

Suggestions/Recommendations

- There should be advanced budget for the project operation especially the wages for project staffs such as the secretarial staffs.

“We are looking forward to seeing you in Chiang Mai”