

# **Regional Integration and Public Private Partnership for Sustainable and Inclusive Development**

31 August~1 September 2015, Seoul, Korea

## **Concept Note**

### **Background and Rationale**

Year 2015 marks a critical juncture for the international community with the target date of the Millennium Development Goals and the endorsement of the Post-2015 Development Agenda looming on the horizon. Built upon the outcomes of open discussions and participatory processes, the new set of development goals is expected to lay out a new direction and call for commitment of all stakeholders to ensure successful implementation.

Dramatic transition of a different magnitude is observed in the regional level. In the case of Asia and the Pacific in particular, ASEAN members are intensifying efforts to realize by this year the ASEAN Economic Community and implement the initiatives to achieve a single market and production base, allowing the free flow of goods, services, investments, and skilled labor, and the freer movement of capital across the region. Another notable regional trend is the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), led by China, with an ambitious aim to help meet the region's growing infrastructure needs and serve as an alternative to Western-led global financial institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF. The creation of the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, regional integration from AEC and major trade negotiations including Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), RCEP, and other regional FTAs and their economic and political implications will inevitably bring about global economic upheaval.

Agriculture is the key to rural development in Asia and the Pacific with its influence still valid to overall economic growth. Poor infrastructure, outdated technologies and limited access to credit among others, however, bar the sector from increasing its efficiency and generating income. To realizing its full potential, agriculture needs to attract more capital investment. Private entities have always been active actors in investment, somewhat reluctant to engage in agriculture due to associated uncertainties and high risks. Government interventions and participation of the public sector may catalyze, when properly positioned within enabling environment, investment in agriculture that will unleash the potential of the sector and facilitate growth of the rest of the economy.

Launched in 2002, the Asia Pacific Agricultural Policy Forum is a network and coalition of various organizations, institutions and individuals, seeking to foster understanding of policies and build cooperation in sustainable agricultural and rural development among countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Its annual meetings have discussed the most pertinent issues on agricultural policies within the region while identifying challenges and future strategies for the agricultural sector, sharing knowledge and expertise from diverse range of stakeholders, including experts, policy-makers, private sector and academia to propose recommendable solutions and alternatives.

Since the 10th APAP Forum, public private partnership (PPP) was identified as one of the priority areas facing agriculture and rural development in the Asia-Pacific Region; the annual meetings were held in sessions to encourage sector-specific in-depth discussions and deliberations. During the 12th APAP Forum, the board of directors agreed that it would be timely to address the critical issue of regional integration. The 2015 APAP Roundtable held in March this year stressed the need to augment investment in agriculture, in particular, in the regional value chain, and the effectiveness of PPP mechanism in maximizing the competitiveness of the sector. In this view, it was proposed that the 14th APAP Forum should broaden its scope of discussion to the following four topics on pressing agenda in the region:

- 1) Trade Agreement and Agricultural Investment in the Era of Regional Integration
- 2) Rice Industry Development and Regional Rice Cluster
- 3) Role of PPP in Sustainable Management of the Climate change and FEW Nexus
- 4) Agricultural and Rural Infrastructure Development with Human Resource Development and Governance Issues

**Objective :**

- 1) To review, analyze and discuss trends and implications of trade agreement and agricultural investments, rice industry development, climate change, public private partnership in regional agriculture and rural development
- 2) To identify potential areas of cooperation on agricultural development issues arising from aforementioned sectors and additional work/activities that the Forum could undertake
- 3) To identify areas for analytical work and modalities for policy advocacy activities/initiatives for consideration by the forum, and hopefully draw up policy suggestions and develop guidelines for the policy-makers within the region

## Provisional Program

Date	Content	
30 Aug 2015 19:00~	<i>Welcoming Dinner</i>	
31 Aug 2015 08:30~09:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
09:00~09:30	OPENING PROGRAM - <b>Opening Remarks</b>  - <b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	- <b>Mr. Tin Htut Oo</b> Secretary General, APAP Forum & Chairman, National Economic and Social Advisory Council, Myanmar  - <b>Dr. Lee, Sang Mu</b> Chairman, APAP Forum & President, Korea Rural Community Corporation, Korea
	- <b>Congratulatory Remarks</b>	- <b>Dr. Kim, Duk Ho</b> , Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Korea  - <b>H.E. Wassfi Hassan El-Sreihin</b> , Secretary General of AARDO  - <b>H.E. Avinash C. Tyagi</b> , Secretary General of ICID
09:30~10:00	- <b>Keynote Speech</b>	- <b>Dr. Kim, Hoonae</b> Director, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD <i>“Rural Transformation in Asia and the Pacific: Long Term Challenges and Strategic Response”</i>
10:00~10:20	<i>Photo Session &amp; Coffee Break</i>	
10:20~12:30	<i>Presentation &amp; Discussion</i> <b>SESSION 1. TRADE AGREEMENT AND AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT IN THE ERA OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION</b> Moderator: <b>Dr. Donato B. Antiporta</b> (Vice Chairman, APAP Forum, Philippines)	
	- Investment in Agriculture in India: Growth, Composition and Policy Directions	- <b>Dr. Siddanaik Bisaliah</b> Former Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore, India
	- Agricultural and food standards in ASEAN : Progress, Challenges and Moving Beyond 2015	- <b>Dr. Songkhla Chulakasian</b> Veterinary Officer, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards, Thailand
	- Investment in Agriculture in Sri Lanka: Recent Policy Directions	- <b>Dr. H.M.S. Heenkenda</b> Additional Secretary, Agriculture Technology Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka
	<i>Discussion</i>	
	- Discussant 1	- <b>Dr. Choi, Jung-Sup</b> Professor, Agricultural Economics, Department of Urban & Regional Development, Mokpo National University, Korea
	- Discussant 2	- <b>Dr. Tang, Zhong</b> Dean, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China, China
- Discussant 3	- <b>Dr. Ai Thanda Kyaw</b> Joint Secretary, Myanmar Livestock Federation, Myanmar	
- Discussant 4	- <b>Mr. Omer Zafar</b> Country Programme Manager, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD	
12:30~14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

	<i>Presentation &amp; Discussion</i>	
	<b>SESSION 2. RICE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL RICE CLUSTER FOCUSING ON SUPPLY CHAIN AND ITS INTEGRATION</b>	
	Moderator: <b>Dr. Hermanto Siregar</b> (Vice Rector, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia)	
14:00~16:10	- Forging Regional Rice Supply Chains and Trading Network Integration: Some Preliminary Thoughts on the Internalization of Seemingly UnRelated Elements (SURE)	- <b>Dr. Larry C. Wong</b> Visiting Fellow, ISIS, Malaysia
	- Domestic Rice Price Trends Since the Crisis: Are Prices Increasing Too Fast?	- <b>Dr. David Dawe</b> Senior Economist, Agricultural Development Economics Division, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
	- Regional Rice Supply Chain Integration, Taiwan's Experience	- <b>Ms. Chen, Su-Jen</b> Deputy Chief, Agriculture and Food Agency, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Chinese Taipei
	- Minimum Access Rice Imports in Japan, S. Korea and Taiwan : Current Problems and Implications	- <b>Dr. Ito, Shoichi</b> Professor, International Food Policy Economist, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University, Japan
	<i>Discussion</i>	
	- Discussant 1	- <b>Mr. Tin Htut Oo</b> Secretary General, APAP Forum & Chairman, National Economic and Social Advisory Council, Myanmar
	- Discussant 2	- <b>Mr. Choi, Yong Kyu</b> Chairman, Korea FAO Association & Regional Representative, Regional Office of AARDO for Far East, Korea
16:10~16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	<i>Presentation &amp; Discussion</i>	
	<b>SESSION 3. ROLE OF PPP IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND FEW NEXUS</b>	
	Moderator: <b>Dr. Saifullah Syed</b> (President, Euro Asian Centre for Policy Studies and Management, Bangladesh)	
16:30~18:30	- Climate Change: Community Perceptions, Responses and New Opportunities for Public Private Partnership in the Hindu-Kush Himalayas	- <b>Dr. Ganesh Thapa</b> Visiting Scientist, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal
	- Climate Resilient Agriculture in Bangladesh: An Opportunity for Public Private Partnership	- <b>Mr. A. S. Moniruzzaman Khan</b> Director, Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research, BRAC University, Bangladesh
	- Public-Private Partnership Project Cases in Asia and Africa	- <b>Mr. Lee, Bong Hoon</b> President, Korean National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage, Korea
	<i>Discussion</i>	
	- Discussant 1	- <b>Dr. Kim, Dong Hwan</b> Professor, Anyang University, Korea
	- Discussant 2	- <b>Dr. Mok, Il Gin</b> Research Fellow, Global Agriculture Policy Institute, Korea
	- Discussant 3	- <b>Dr. Siddanaik Bisaliah</b> Former Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore, India
- Discussant 4	- <b>Dr. Tirso B. Paris, Jr.</b> Former Professor, University of the Philippines Los Banos, Philippines	
19:00~21:00	<b>Dinner</b>	

1 Sept 2015 07:30~08:00	<b>Board Meeting of APAP Forum</b>	
08:30~11:30	<i>Presentation &amp; Discussion</i> <b>SESSION 4. AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT WITH HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b> Moderator: <b>Dr. Ryu, Ki Hee</b> (Professor, Institute of Green Bio Science & Technology, Seoul National University, Korea)	
	- Why are Large Machines Adopted Widely at Small Holdings in North China Plain Provinces?	- <b>Dr. Tang, Zhong</b> Dean, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China, China
	- Human Resources & Rural Structure Development : Policy Gaps and Sustainable Alternatives	- <b>Dr. Rai Niaz Ahmad</b> Vice Chancellor, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Pakistan
	- Budgeting Politics and Pivotal Role of PPP in Agricultural Infrastructure Development	- <b>Dr. Sahat Pasaribu</b> Senior Researcher, Indonesia Center for Agro-Socioeconomic and Policy Studies, Indonesia
	- Human Resource Development, Agricultural and Rural Infrastructure Development: Implications for Regional Integration & Lessons from Saemaul Movement	- <b>Dr. Iqrar A. Khan</b> Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan
	- Upland Agricultural Development Strategy in Lao	- <b>Mr. Somphanh Chanphengxay</b> Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
	- Agribusiness Policies and Initiatives for Promoting Rural Development via PPCP Mechanism	- <b>Dr. Vinoth Vansy</b> National Project Director, SNRMPE Project, Department of Planning and Cooperation, MAF, Lao PDR
	- Vietnam New Rural Program: Results and Challenges	- <b>Dr. Nguyen Quang Dung</b> Acting Director General, National Institute of Agricultural Planning and Projection, MARD, Vietnam
	<i>Discussion</i>	
	- Discussant 1	- <b>Dr. Tirso B. Paris, Jr.</b> Former Professor, University of the Philippines Los Banos, Philippines
- Discussant 2	- <b>Ms. Hoang Thi Dzung</b> Secretary General, Vietnam Federation of Agricultural and Rural Development Associations, Vietnam	
- Discussant 3	- <b>Dr. Lee, Nam Ho</b> Professor, Bio Resources & Rural Systems Eng. Dept., Hankyong National University, Korea	
- Discussant 4	- <b>Dr. Jeong, Il Jeong</b> Special Programme Officer, Programme Management Department, IFAD	
11:30~11:45	CLOSING PROGRAM - <b>Vote of Thanks</b>  - <b>Closing Remarks</b>	- <b>Dr. Donato B. Antiporta</b> Vice Chairman, APAP Forum, Philippines  - <b>Mr. Choi, Yong Kyu</b> Chairman, Korea FAO Association & Regional Representative, Regional Office of AARDO for Far East, Korea
11:45~12:40	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:40~22:00	<b>Field Trip</b> <i>RC-IEEC Groundbreaking Ceremony &amp; Agricultural Site Visit</i>	
2 Sept 2015	<b>Departure</b>	

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