Social Inclusion

Workshop on Establishing Climate-smart Villages (CSVs) in the ASEAN Region to Improve Food Security and Resiliency in Local Communities

9-13 July 2019 | SEARCA, Philippines

SEARCA, in collaboration with the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) and CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security in Southeast Asia (CCAFS SEA), organized this workshop. It aimed to enhance the participants’ understanding of the concept of CSVs and its impact on improving food security in local communities. Designed as a roving workshop, the participants visited selected CSVs in Guinayangan, Quezon Province to provide experiential knowledge in establishing CSVs as well as identify practical strategies and approaches in promoting and scaling Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices, thereby contributing to the regional community of practice (CoP) of CSA. (By invitation only)
Environmental Sustainability

Forum on Reducing Disaster Risks towards a Resilient Agricultural Sector
29-30 August 2019 | SEARCA, Philippines

SEARCA and the Embassy of France in the Philippines are organizing this Forum, which will highlight the impacts of disaster on the agricultural landscape. It will present how the various stakeholders in the agricultural sector cope with the effects of disaster from preparation to post disaster recovery, identifying the link between development and vulnerability of rural areas to natural hazards.

The Forum likewise aims to identify the risks that small farm producers are facing, their needs to better manage the effects brought by changes in climatic conditions, and the gaps between these needs and current resources available. It will provide propositions in recommending measures and building mechanisms to address these gaps as well as identify further capacity development needs of the stakeholders of the agriculture and rural sector. (By invitation only)
International Conference on Food and Economic Security and Environmental Sustainability

16-18 October 2019 | Cagayan State University, Tuguegarao, Philippines

Cagayan State University (CSU) and the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in collaboration with the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and SEARCA, are organizing this international conference to serve as a platform for exchange of ideas, knowledge, and practices towards food and economic security and environmental sustainability. (Fee-based)
Asian Women Leaders Conference

*March 2020 | TBA*

In partnership with the International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST), this three-day conference will tackle women’s role in climate change and environment and will have women leaders in ASEAN and Asia. It will focus on community-based health tourism (food safety) and community-based sustainable tourism. *(Fee-based)*
Institutions and Governance

Higher Education Improvement Project Workshop

1-3 September 2019 | SEARCA, Philippines

The workshop will kick-start the five-year Higher Education Improvement Project (HEIP) that the Royal Government of Cambodia is implementing through World Bank (WB) funding. SEARCA will assist the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA), one of the HEIs in Cambodia that has been given the fund by the WB. The HEIP aims to improve the quality and relevance of higher education and research, mainly in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and agriculture at targeted HEIs and improve governance in the higher education sector in Cambodia.

(By invitation only)
Training-Workshop on Developing Fundable Research Project Proposals for Environmental, Agricultural, and Rural Development

TBA | An Giang University, Vietnam

A staple course addressing the capacity development needs of agricultural and rural development institutions in Southeast Asia, especially in transition countries. In cooperation with An Giang University in Vietnam, this learning event will respond to the challenge of enhancing financial support to research, development, and innovation management by strengthening the competency of HEI faculty and staff on fund sourcing for R&D on environmental, agricultural, and rural development. *(By invitation only)*
Grow Asia Learning Alliance: Match-making Academe and Industry Workshop

TBA | SEARCA, Philippines

Grow Asia Learning Alliance (GALA), in partnership with The Head Foundation (THF) and SEARCA, is organizing this workshop. It will have two parts: Pitch Clinic and Pitch Session. The Pitch Clinic is where the participants can learn about the Value Proposition Canvas, present their work using the framework, and receive feedback from mentors. The actual Pitch Session is where participants will present to a panel of business leaders and experts and can be assessed using a set of judging criteria. (By invitation only)
Leadership Development Program for Higher Education Institutions in Southeast Asia
13-17 January 2020 | SEARCA, Philippines

In collaboration with The Head Foundation (THF) in Singapore, this five-day executive seminar-workshop will discuss the value of higher education leadership in the context of local contemporary challenges, within the wider context of Southeast Asia and the world, and appropriate solutions tried. Participants will identify and prioritize crosscutting issues that they are addressing and will address in the next few years, with focus on the rapidly changing needs of industry and the workplace. *(Fee-based)*
Online Course on Impact Assessment and Poverty Alleviation: Focus on Technology and Capacity Development (Online IA PA TCD)

SEARCA and the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) will be offering this online course as an introductory e-learning service that provides an appreciation of basic knowledge of impact assessment, its issues, tools, and how its results are best communicated. It is intended for: a) government planners and technical staff at the regional, national, and local levels; and b) researchers and practitioners from centers of excellence and private organizations. (Fee-based)
Developing Policy Proposals and Communicating with Policymakers toward Sustainable Fisheries Management

February 2020 | SEARCA, Philippines

This learning event generally aims to enhance the capacity of participants to develop effective and evidence-based policy proposals, communication materials, and interventions and strategies to inform and guide policy decisions. Through these this workshop, the participants will produce peer-reviewed, publishable quality policy briefs and policy proposals and they will gain enhanced awareness of the process of communicating with policy and decision-makers and other intended users. The workshop will employ a variety of approaches and tools, namely: presentations, sharing of experience from a policy maker’s perspective, group exercises, role playing and simulation, practicum, and sharing of outputs and lessons learned. *(Fee-based)*
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About SEARCA’s Short-term Training Program (STTP)

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) launched its Short-term Training Program (STTP) in 1970 as its fast lane to imbuing Southeast Asian agricultural development and environmental leaders, academicians, researchers, and practitioners with technical and managerial competencies toward built institutional capacities in the region.

In collaboration with various international development organizations and national agencies, SEARCA conducts training programs catered to participants who can create the greatest influence in the agricultural and rural development sector in the region.

It aligns its training programs with current thinking in capacity development and through such programs, SEARCA captures the tacit knowledge of practitioners to contribute to knowledge bases.

To date, the STTP has produced more than 16,000 training alumni from the 11 member countries of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), which include Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.