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*Shaping Sustainable Agriculture:
Stakeholder Dialogues Across South East Asia*



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Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in Bangkok, November 18, 2024

The World Agriculture Forum (WAF), in collaboration with **FAO RAP** (FAO HQ for Asia Pacific), convened a **stakeholder consultation meeting** at the FAO office in Bangkok. The meeting, was steered by **Dr. M. J. Khan**, Special Advisor to the WAF Board.

This significant event gathered a diverse group of agricultural and development experts, policymakers, business leaders, and innovators to deliberate on pressing challenges and opportunities in advancing **sustainable agriculture and food security** across Southeast Asia.

List of Participants:

Dr. Suthad Setboonsarng	Council Member WAF, Chairman, Risk Management & Sustainability Development Committee
Wyn Ellis	Executive Director, Sustainable Rice Platform
Mallikarjun Mangrule	Head of APAC - Flowers @ Syngenta
Siti Atiqah Fatin Zainal Abidin	First Secretary (Agriculture), Embassy of Malaysia
J Abraham Anand	Head of South East Asia Cluster - Environmental Science Bayer Crop Science
Dr. Nawab All	Head of CP Development-Thailand, Syngenta Crop Protection Ltd.
Ferman Haider Haidery	Council Member WAF, Head Marketing APAC (Veg Seeds), Syngenta Crop Protection Ltd.
Erez Shalev	Managing Director Haifa Asia & Pacific
May Kanokwan Chodchoey	Group Head, Public & Regulatory Affairs, East-West Seed
Dilip Rajan	COO, East-West Seed
Chris King	Managing Director at Evolve Co. Ltd
Dr MJ Khan	Special Advisor to the WAF Board

Key areas of discussion included :

- **Strategies for addressing emerging agricultural challenges**, emphasizing the adoption of advanced technologies and sustainable practices
- The critical role of **agribusiness innovation** in transforming food systems
- Strengthening **smallholder livelihoods** to ensure equitable and inclusive growth
- Enhancing **global partnerships** to foster collaborative solutions and drive transformative change

The meeting further reinforced WAF's position as a **global convergence platform**, committed to addressing critical policy issues, facilitating agro-trade, and championing farm entrepreneurship and technological advancements. Together, these efforts aim to shape a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future for agriculture in Southeast Asia and beyond.

Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in Singapore, November 20, 2024

On November 20, 2024, the World Agriculture Forum (WAF), in collaboration with **Grain International**, convened a **stakeholder consultation meeting** at the National University Singapore Campus. The meeting, was steered by **Dr. M. J. Khan**, Special Advisor to the WAF Board. It was hosted by Grain International, courtesy Dr. Mandar Godge, WAF Council Member & CEO, Grain International Pte Ltd.

List of Participants:

C S Liew	Managing Director, Pacific Agriscience Pte. Ltd.
Amarender Reddy	Managing Director, GBR International Pte. Ltd.
Dr. Mandar Godge	CEO, GRAIN International Pte Ltd
Emilie Sydney-Smith	CEO, Es5
Kumar Datta	Director Marketing, Strategy and Growth, Asia Pacific FMC
Prof Paul Teng	S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
Shailendra Mishra	Global Head of Sustainability, Olam Agri
Sunil Patwari	Managing Director at Seasons Overseas Pte Ltd
Chris Pardey	Head of Agribusiness at R1 INTERNATIONAL PTE LTD
Priya Rath	Smallholder Farming Special Projects Lead, Bayer Crop Science
Nick Piggott	Director Business Development, Nutrition Technologies Sdn Bhd
Prashant Trikha	Group GM, Wilmar International
Santhosh Chellian	Director, Straits Biotech Pte Ltd
Nikita Asthana	ice President & Global Head, Sustainability Finance, Olam Agri
Sitaramachandra Machiraju	Senior Agriculture Economist, The World Bank
Piyush Nagar	Head of Commercial Operations, Rize
Abhay Sharma	Founder & CEO of The Asian Food Factory Pte Ltd & Sonnamera Pte Ltd Singapore
Graham Wong	Business Leader & Managing Director Expertise in APAC Market Expansion
Dr MJ Khan	Special Advisor to the WAF Board

This gathering provided a platform for agricultural leaders, policymakers, and innovators to deliberate on achieving **sustainable agricultural growth** and enhancing **food security** across Southeast Asia.

Key areas of discussion included :

- Developing **innovative solutions** to address current agricultural challenges.
- Leveraging **advanced technologies** to transform agrifood systems and enhance productivity.
- Strengthening **agribusiness networks** and fostering **regional collaboration** to build resilient value chains.
- Empowering **smallholder farmers** as drivers of sustainable growth.

The consultation reinforced WAF's mission to unite diverse stakeholders in tackling critical agricultural issues and driving **sustainability and inclusivity** across the sector. By fostering collaboration and collective action, WAF continues to shape the future of agriculture in Southeast Asia and beyond.



Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in Manila, November 22, 2024

The final consultation meeting in the Southeast Asia series took place in Manila on November 22, 2024, co-hosted by the FAO Representative Office in the Philippines at the Bureau of Soil and Water Management, Department of Agriculture. This event centered on addressing the critical challenges facing the agricultural sector in the Philippines and the wider Southeast Asia region.

List of Participants:

Dr. Lionel Dabbadie	FAO Representative in the Philippines
Ms. Dawnavie Dadis	FAO Comms, Associate Comms
Dr. Alice Laborte	Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
Ms. Catherine Sobrevega	Senior Specialist, Program Devt and Partnerships, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction(IIRR)
Ms. Christy Tacugue	Livelihood Officer, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
Mr. Edicio G. Dela Torre	President and Vice Chairperson, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM)
Dr. Glenn Gregorio	Center Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)
Gloria ("Golly") Estenzo Ramos	Vice President, OCEANA Philippines
Christine Dar Sicada	EA to VP, OCEANA Philippines
Dr. William S. Co	Chairman of the Board, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)
Paul Cuyegkeng	PCCI Agriculture and Fisheries Committee Chair
Joanna Paula Pascaul	PCCI Agriculture and Fisheries Committee Chair
Dir. Karen Kristine Roscom	DA Policy Research Service, Department of Agriculture Central Office
Dr. Junel B. Soriano	Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)
Dr. Junel B. Soriano	Associate, Bureau of Agriculture Research (BAR)
Patrick Cabrera	Associate, BAR
Ms Daryl Battad	Associate, BAR
Rene E Colocar	Assistant Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform (Philippines)

Sherry Dawn S. Prieto	Project Development Officer III, Department of Agrarian Reform (Philippines)
Lynette V. Ortiz	President and CEO, represented by Ronaldo Averion, Land Bank of the Philippines
Dr. Fermin D. Adriano	Fellow, Foundation for Economic Fellows (FEF)
James P. Amparo	Founder and CEO, Yovel East Agriventures
Christian Eyde Moeller	Co-Founder, President, and CEO, Lionheart Farms Philippines
Christine Jodloman	Founding Farmer, CEO & President, AGREA Agricultural Systems International, Inc.
Dr. Roehlano Brione	Senior Research Fellow, PIDS (Philippine Institute for Development Studies)
Basil BOLINAO	Management Consultant
Marvin Samson	Head, Prasad Seeds
Ambrosio Brian Enciso III	Acting Head of Office, United Nations and International Organizations, Department of Foreign Affairs
Mark Jason Aludino	Foreign Service Officer, United Nations and International Organizations, Department of Foreign Affairs
Dr William Dar	WAF Board Member and Former Secretary of Agriculture for the Philippines
Dr MJ Khan	Special Advisor to the WAF Board

Dr. William Dar, WAF Board Member and Former Secretary of Agriculture for the Philippines, noted the importance of the gathering, stating, “We are looking forward to an enriching discussion with leaders in agriculture and development. This meeting is a unique opportunity to collaborate on creating sustainable pathways that will shape the future of agriculture, not only in the Philippines but across the globe.”

Dr. Lionel Dabbadie, FAO Representative in the Philippines, emphasized the collaboration's impact, remarking, “This consultation meeting between WAF and FAO adds a critical dimension to these efforts. By aligning WAF's focus on sustainable innovation with FAO's technical expertise in the country and global reach, we can support the government in its efforts to develop strategies tailored to the specific needs of local communities.”

The session was steered by Dr. M.J. Khan, Special Advisor to the WAF Board, who presented WAF's vision for addressing global agricultural challenges. Key discussions included the adoption of sustainable practices, integration of innovative technologies, and the implementation of policy reforms to strengthen smallholder livelihoods and advance agribusiness innovations.

This consultation highlighted WAF's unwavering commitment to fostering resilient and inclusive agricultural systems. It also marked a significant milestone in strengthening its mission of advancing global agricultural sustainability and food security.

Collective Vision Across Southeast Asia

The stakeholder consultation meetings across Southeast Asia collectively fostered dialogue among agricultural experts, policymakers, business leaders, and innovators. These engagements emphasized WAF's role as a global platform for collaboration, focusing on addressing pressing agricultural challenges, strengthening global partnerships, and driving transformative action in agriculture.

Through these consultations, WAF reaffirmed its dedication to identifying actionable solutions, advancing sustainability, and promoting inclusive agricultural systems that contribute to a food-secure future for Southeast Asia and beyond.





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