

SE Asia

Participants

- Vn 2
- USA 4
- AVRDC
- Singapore 1
- NGO/FAO in Thailand (2)
- Thailand (6)

SE Asia + Pacific islands

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gender is a cross-cutting issue

- need to be conscious/sensitive about women =====

1) Climate change and Food and Nutrition security (9+4)

Opportunity/challenges:

- growing technology (culture), developing production strategy, drought resistance
- ...
- to reduce the loss, be able to sell everything
- water issue:
- Applying-extending available technology to farmers
- selecting new cultivars better adapted to harsh environment

Strategy:

- vegetable-agroforestry production system (exp cashew plantation)
- appropriate irrigation method (exp micro-irrigation), may need microfinance
- diversify the crops

2) Distribution chain (farm to Market)+logistics+shorten chain+Post harvest (3+4) + marketing (2)

Opportunity/challenges:

- challenges: high loss, diseases
- challenges: infrastructure
- opportunity: farmers may be able to sell directly to consumers/supermarket
- opportunity:

Strategy:

- shorten the chain
- improve postharvest+supply chain
- develop/utilize appropriate technology (depending on local constraints)
- training on the value chain
- microfinancing can help farmers realize opportunities

3) food safety + Pesticide risk reduction (5)

Opportunity/challenges:

- Opportunity: awareness of food safety issues
- Opportunity:

Strategy:

- to capitalize the local awareness of the issues
- to educate the people (everyone in the chain, inc consumers), starting from basic concepts
- GAP, traceability
- organic farming

4) Reduce poverty

Improve farmer's income

Microfinance

Increasing value of product

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Other issues:

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urban/peri-urban agriculture (2)

conservation horticulture

Enhancing/using local knowledge

Knowledge sharing
Water

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