



## OECD-ASEAN Regional Conference on Policies for Food Security

Bogor, Indonesia 11-12 November 2014



### **OECD-ASEAN Regional Conference on Policies for Food Security**

The main objective of this conference is an exchange of policy experiences between OECD, ASEAN countries and international organizations in the region, with a special focus on food security. The conference will also serve to identify knowledge gaps and issues, on which the OECD could make a contribution in the region, and facilitate the exchange with regional partners.

Food security is a major policy concern in South East Asia. The OECD is engaging in a policy dialogue with ASEAN countries to share experiences and learn from available policy analysis. This conference will serve to share the implication of relevant OECD works to the food security in this region together with the work and knowledge of regional experts and international organizations. As the ASEAN Economic Community will be established in 2015, the conference will be a timely occasion to discuss its implications, challenges and opportunities of this new phase of economic integration and share experiences of economic integration in other regions of the world.

The theme of the conference is food security in a broad sense, covering at least the following areas: the role of trade, management of food insecurity shock, productivity and agriculture's enabling environment. Because of its regional focus on ASEAN countries, the discussions will look at agricultural policies in the region and regional commodity markets, in particular the rice market. The discussions will look towards a resilient food and agriculture system in the region, including an efficient use of trade and long term productivity growth to improve food security.

#### ***Structure of the conference***

The main policy challenges will be identified in the first session. Then, the next three consecutive sessions will discuss food security from a triple perspective: how to manage the risk of shocks to food security; what is the role and functioning of trade and markets, in particular for rice as a main staple in Asia; and finally how to ensure an enabling environment for food security in the medium to long term. The conference will finish with a policy roundtable and discussion of policy strategies to improve food security among high level officials in ASEAN governments. Each session will last 1½ hours and will include a maximum of five interventions of 10 minutes (including the discussant).

The targeted audience is high level officials involved in the implementation and design of policies related with food security in ASEAN countries, and officials or experts from OECD countries.

#### ***Venue***

The conference will take place on 11-12 November 2014 at **Hotel Salak** (Jl. Juanda No.8, Bogor, Indonesia) website: <http://www.hotelsalak.co.id>.

#### **Co-organizers/Co-sponsors**

The Conference is co-organized by the OECD and the ASEAN Secretariat. Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Indonesia, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific are co-sponsors contributing to the organization of the conference.



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## Opening Session

09:00-09:30

- **Mr. Ken Ash**, Director of Trade and Agriculture, OECD (TBC)
- **Mr Tran Dong Phuong**, Director of Finance, Industry and Infrastructure Directorate, the ASEAN Secretariat (TBC)
- **Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Indonesia** (TBC)

## Session 1: Setting the scene on food security policy challenges in ASEAN countries

*Chair: TBD*

09:30-11:00

This session will present the main opportunities and challenges for food security in the ASEAN region. It will have a lead speaker setting the scene and will bring the views and initiatives from relevant international organizations.

- ASEAN's Integrated Food Security Framework: *A speaker from Myanmar (ASEAN Chair)*
- ADB's approach to food security: *A speaker from ADB*
- APEC's Policy Partnership on Food Security: **Mr. Winny Dian Wibawa**, DG of Food Security Agency, Indonesia
- Discussant / Overview of food security in the region: *A speaker from FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*

## Session 2. Managing the Risk of Food Security Shocks

*Chair: Mr. Tahlim Sudaryanto, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia*

11:00-12:30

Different shocks can put food security at risk. This session will discuss the comprehensive policy approach that is needed. This includes the diversification of potential sources of food including trade, developing well targeted social policies, managing disasters and having good indicators of vulnerability.

- Managing the risk of transitory food insecurity: The example of Indonesia. **Mr. Shingo Kimura**, Economist, OECD
- Targeting policies to respond to food insecurity shock. **Mr. Sudarno Sumarto**, Senior Research Fellow, SMERU and TNP2K, Indonesia
- Challenges for the stability of food security in the Philippines. **Ms. Mercedita A. Sombilla**, Director, National Economic and Development Authority, the Philippines.
- Challenges for the stability of food security in Viet Nam. **Mr. Nguyen Trung Kien**, Acting Director, Division of Commodity Markets, IPSARD, Viet Nam
- Discussant: *TBD*

12:30-14:00

**Lunch Break**



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## Session 3: Trade and Regional Commodity Markets

Chair: *TBD*

**14:00-15:30**

Rice is the main staple among ASEAN countries. It is argued to be a thin and differentiated market with significant government intervention on trade, prices and stock holding. Session addresses the question how regional commodity markets can generate more opportunities for food security.

- Role of trade in ensuring food security. *Ms. Trudy Witbreuk, Head of Development Division, OECD*
- The structure of the regional rice market. *Mr. Samarendu Mohanty, Head of Social Sciences Division, International Rice Research Institute*
- Market outlook of ASEAN countries and its relation to global markets. *Mr. Koki Okawa, Economist, OECD.*
- The food reserves in ASEAN countries. *Mr. Roehl Briones, Senior Research Fellow, Philippines Institute for Development Studies.*
- Discussant / Implications of the ASEAN Economic Community 2015 on agricultural trade. *TBD.*
- Discussant / EU experience on economic integration, the single market and food security. *Mr Harvey Rouse, Head of Economic and Trade Section, EU Delegation to Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam and ASEAN*

**15:30-16:00**

**Coffee Break**

## Session 4. Long Term Food security Challenges: Productivity and innovation

Chair: Mr. Pantjar Simatupang, Senior Agricultural Economist, ICASEP, MoA, Indonesia

**16:00-17:30**

In the long term food security requires improvements on productivity. This session will discuss how the government can build enabling environment and appropriate innovation policies to enhance food security and the role of policies in promoting technological transfer and adoption in the region.

- Building the enabling environment to enhance agricultural performance. *Mr. Andrzej Kwiecinski, Senior Economist, OECD.*
- Policy Experience in Australia to enhance innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability, A senior official from Department of Agriculture, Australia
- Technology transfer and adoption in ASEAN region, *Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Director, UN-CAPSA*
- Discussant: *Mr. Frank Van Tongeren, Head of Policies in Trade and Agriculture Division, OECD*

**18:30**

**Dinner Reception hosted by Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia**



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**12 November 2014**

## **Session 5: Roundtable on Policy Strategies for Food Security**

*Chair: Mr. Ken Ash, Director of Trade and Agriculture, OECD (TBC)*

**9:00-11:00**

This session will provide an opportunity for policy makers from ASEAN countries to explain their policy approach to food security and to discuss how they could learn from experiences in other countries and improve food security at the regional level.

- Policy concerns and policy experiences in specific ASEAN countries (up to 6 invited speakers from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and/or Vietnam with policy making responsibilities, including both rice exporting and importing countries).

**11:00-11:30**

**Coffee Break**

## **Session 6: Closing session**

**11:30-12:00**

This session will wrap up with closing interventions from organizers

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