



*Regional Knowledge Sharing and Learning Session on
Networking and Coordination among Partners of
Forest and Farm Producer Organizations*

**August 7, 2016/Hanoi, Vietnam
organized by AFA and VNFU**

Background

The work for the betterment of the living conditions and livelihoods of farmers in forested landscapes - through programs that secure their rights to lands and waters, that sustainably manage forest resources, that provide market access and fair benefits to producers over forest resources - require a concerted effort among various stakeholders : government, NGOs, research institutions, private sector, and the producers themselves. How to effectively organize and coordinate the possible contributions (expertise and resources) of each stakeholder to maximize complementation and synergy and avoid duplication has unique dynamics and challenging processes.

AFA is currently in partnership with the Forest and Farm Facility through a project that aims to (1) strengthen the coordination mechanisms and communication channels between AFA members on farmers in forested landscapes and FFF partners at the national and regional levels and (2) implement evidence based advocacy on social forestry, agro forestry, and sustainable livelihoods at regional and international levels through concrete cases from local people/communities of AFA members.

Activities under this project include national level coordination meetings between AFA and other FFF partners at national and regional levels. Based on the members' experiences in coordinating and networking, AFA will develop some tips or guidelines in networking. These guidelines hopefully will facilitate more effective networking and coordination by AFA members with other FFF partners and stakeholders in issues concerning farmers in forested landscapes.

This workshop hopes to begin the development of the Guidelines for Networking through sharing of experiences and lessons learned on this topic.

Objectives

To capture lessons learned in networking and coordination with other stakeholders working around the issues of farmers in forested landscapes

Specifically, the objectives are:

- Share and learn from among members' experiences in networking with other stakeholders and partners working around the issues of farmers in forested landscapes
- Document lessons learned and good practices in networking that will be used for crafting the Guidelines in Networking.
- Apply the lessons learned in their documentation of their identified priority cases.





Expected outputs

- List of organizations/networks established and initial arrangements/engagement (if they have) at the national level and regional levels
- Processes, steps, Issues , challenges identified in networking and coordinating with various stakeholders
- Tips/guidelines on effective networking based on the lessons learned

Methodology

- Sharing, workshop, presentation and plenary discussion will be employed in this activity

Program

Moderator : Vicky Serrato

Time	Program	PIC/Speaker
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	Registration
8:30 – 8:45	Opening program -Welcome Remarks -Objectives and Flow	VNFU AFA
8:45-9:30		
8.45 – 9.30	Workshop 1. Sharing of experiences in networking 2 groups (each FO will share with the group its experience in networking and coordinating)	Group 1- SEA Group 2- SA/CA
9:30-10.15	Plenary Session 1: Reporting for Workshop 1 Synthesis	Esther Penunia
10:15 – 10:45	Health Break	
10.45-11.30	Workshop 2 : Capturing Lessons Learned From the Experiences	same groups above
11.30-12.15	Plenary Session 2: Reporting for Workshop 2 Synthesis	
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch Break	
13:15 – 14:00	Sustainable Forest Management /Agroforestry (tbc)	Delia Catacutan Vietnam Country Representative World Agroforestry Center
14:00-15:30	Plenary Session 3 : Applying Lessons Learned	





	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-FO presentation of cases to be documented under FFF project-how to network/coordinate with others more effectively (7 mins *8 FOs)	
15:30 - 16:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">-FAO/FFF-IUCN-We Effect-AFA	

