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Climate-Smart Technologies, Carbon Market Pathways
and COP30 Preparation

CO-ORGANIZING PARTNERS:



CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS:



WORKSHOP AGENDA

October 7 - 9, 2025
The Hanoi Club Hotel | Hanoi, Viet Nam

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

DAY 1 - Tuesday / 7 October

GLOBAL POLICY ON RESILIENT AGRIFOOD SYSTEM AND CAPACITY BUILDING WITHIN THE PARIS AGREEMENT

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- Opening
- Session 1: Introduction to global climate change policies that impact agrifood system
- Session 2: Introduction to the Paris Agreement architecture (NDCs, LTS, ETF/BTR, GST)
- Session 3: Linking agriculture to NDC 3.0, Article 6 opportunities and long-term strategies

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- Session 4: Elements of Carbon Market Readiness
- Session 5: MRV for agriculture
- Session 6: Special Look on Vietnam and Forestry/Landscape Carbon

DAY 2 - Wednesday / 8 October

FINANCE AND CARBON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITH CLIMATE SMART TECHNOLOGIES

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- Session 7: Finance for and finance from carbon markets - making projects happen and ensuring benefits flow back to producers
- Session 8: Private Sector Support for Carbon Market Development

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- Session 9: JCM Business Matchmaking
- Session 10: Development of a country roadmap for Article 6 readiness in agrifood systems

DAY 3 - Thursday / 9 October

DRIVING REGIONAL ACTION TOWARDS COP30

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- Session 11:
 - 11 A - Understanding UNFCCC Processes (COPs, CMA, SBs, formal agenda items, and COP presidential legacies)
 - 11.B - Opportunities for agrifood system within UNFCCC at COP30
- Session 12 Joint Engagement at UNFCCC
 - 12. A - Reflection sharing from the ASEAN Negotiating Group on Agriculture (ANGA and South Asian Policymakers)
 - 12. B - Farmers meet Negotiators: Climate Action Points for COP30
- Session 13: Convergence Initiative - Climate Action and Food System Transformation: Bridging Nutrition, Biodiversity, and Inclusivity from UNFSS+4 Strategies toward COP30

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- Session 14: Writing Exercise on Priorities for COP30
- Synthesis of COP30 Action Points, Common Views for Agrifood System Sector
- Closing

AGENDA / DAY 1 / TUESDAY, OCT 7

GLOBAL POLICY ON RESILIENT AGRIFOOD SYSTEM AND CAPACITY BUILDING WITHIN THE PARIS AGREEMENT ARCHITECTURE

Time	Activity
8:30-9:00	Registration
OPENING	
9:00-9:20	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vu Duc Dam Quang, Deputy Director General, ICD, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Viet Nam • Mr Osamu Kubota, Deputy Assistant Minister, Export and International Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF) Japan - <i>online</i> • Mr Vinod Ahuja, FAO Viet Nam Representative • Ms Ramla Khalida, UNDP Viet Nam Resident Representative
9:20-9:35	<p>Objectives and Introduction to the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific • Ms Imelda Bacudo, Climate Finance and Partnership Engagement Expert, FAO <p>Introduction of participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator, Mekong Institute
9:35-9:40	Family Photo
SESSION 1	
9:40-10:40 (60 mins)	<p>Session 1 - Introduction to global climate change policies that impact agrifood system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief introduction on highlights of COP29 on climate action on agrifood system • Global, regional, and national food systems agenda, UNFSS +4 • Climate action and nutrition <p>Introduction (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Imelda Bacudo, Climate Finance and Partnership Engagement Expert, FAO <p>Presentation (7 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jarot Indarto, Director, Food and Agriculture BAPPENAS, Indonesia Food System Convenor <p>Panel Discussion (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Pham Quang Minh, ASEAN Secretariat • Mr Mark Lundy, CIAT • Mr U-Nichols Manalo, Philippines Department of Agriculture • Ms Esther Penunia, Asian Farmers' Association <p>Q&A (15 min)</p>

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Time	Activity
SESSION 2	
10:40-11:10 (30 mins)	<p>Session 2 - Introduction to the Paris Agreement Architecture (NDCs, LTS, ETF/BTR, GST) in relation to agrifood system</p> <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer, FAO (15 minutes) • Mr Jacob Kurian - UNDP's Expert: Viet Nam Enhance Transparency Framework in the Implementation of Viet Nam Climate Plan (8 minutes) <p>Question and Answer (7 minutes)</p>
11:10-11:40 (30 mins)	Coffee Break / Invitation to climate smart technologies exhibit
SESSION 3	
11:40 – 13:00 (80 mins)	<p>Session 3 - Linking agrifood systems to NDC 3.0, Article 6 and VCM opportunities and long-term strategies</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the enabling policies to promote Article 6 and VCM development in agrifood systems in your country? • How can Article 6 and VCM meet investment needs in agrifood systems to support ambition enhancement of your country's NDC 3.0? <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jens Radschinski, Carbon market specialist, IGES <p>Presentation (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Yuqing Yu Ariel, Principal Policy Researcher / Deputy Director of BRC, IGES "Overview of NDC 3.0 and LT-LEDS submissions and recent developments of Article 6 in agrifood systems" • Ms Astrid Agostini, Senior Advisor, Climate and Environment, FAO "Overview of VCM in agrifood system" <p>Panel member (50 mins) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yorn Try, Deputy Director General, General Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Cambodia • Dr. Shaikh Mehraj Ajij, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India • Mr. U-Nichols Manalo, Assistant Secretary for Operations, Department of Agriculture, Philippines • Mr. Siwapon Choochim, Policy and Plan Analyst, International Agricultural Affairs Group, Planning and Technical Division, Department of Agriculture, (DOA) Thailand • Mr Pham Nam Hung, Climate Change Department, MAE, Vietnam <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch

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14:00-14:15	Icebreaker
SESSION 4	
14:15-15:00	<p>Session 4 - Elements of Carbon Market Readiness</p> <p>Ms Yuqing Ariel Yu, Principal policy researcher / Deputy Director of BRC, IGES, “Building blocks to enhance Article 6 readiness in agrifood systems”</p>
SESSION 5	
15:00-16:00 (60 mins)	<p>Session 5 - MRV for agriculture</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer, FAO</p> <p>Presentation (7 mins x 2): <i>MRV for agriculture; concept sharing and best practices in the region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ole Sander, IRRI “The Basics of MRV for Agriculture” <i>Online</i> • Ms Mirella Salvatore, Senior climate change expert, FAO <p>“National perspective MRV and alignment of project based MRV and national MRV system / carbon markets with national registries”</p> <p>Country case study(5-7 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tran Thi Bich Ngoc, Climate Change Department, MAE Viet Nam • Mr. Weerachai Somsri, Entomologist Specialist, Crops for Future and Greenhouse Gas Management in Agriculture Sector Research and Development Division, Thailand • Bangladesh • Nepal • Sri Lanka
16:00-16:15 (15 mins)	Coffee Break

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SESSION 6	
16:15-17:15 (60 mins)	<p>Session 6 - Special Look on Vietnam and Forestry/Landscape Carbon</p> <p>6.1 Development of National Standard on Forest Carbon Credit: Requirement 6.2 MAE/VNFOREST: Towards Sustainable Landscapes: Lessons from Integrated Landscape Management project in Lam Dong, Viet Nam 6.3. Blue Carbon Nature-based Solutions: Recommendations for Vietnam</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Nguyen Thi Thu Ha, UNDP Viet Nam</p> <p>Keynote (10 mins): Ms Han Thi Ngan VNFOREST, MAE Towards Sustainable Landscapes: Lessons from Integrated Landscape Management project in Lam Dong, Viet Nam</p> <p>Panel: (7 minutes each presentation + question: rapid fire 2 minute answer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vu Tan Phuong – UNDP expert, Development of National Standard on Forest Carbon Credit: Requirement • Mr. Pham Van Duan, UNDP Expert Blue Carbon Nature-based Solutions: Recommendations for Vietnam • Ms Le Ha Phuong, FAO Vietnam “J-REDD+program and Vietnam’s carbon market approach online <p>Quiz (15-20 mins)</p>
17:00-17:15	Reminders for the next days; Handing out of assignments

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8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:20	Summary and Outlook for the Day
SESSION 7	
9:20-10:30 (70 mins)	<p>Session 7 - Finance for and finance from carbon markets - making projects happen and ensuring benefits flow back to producers</p> <p>Moderator and scene setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Astrid Agostini, Senior Advisor, Climate and Environment, FAO Investment Centre <p>Panel discussion (5-7 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Krishnan Pallassana Vaidynatha Sarma, Senior Specialist – Strategy and Operations, FAO India Office • Ms Dang Hong Hanh, VNEEC, UNDP expert • Ms Zhou Cheng, Carbon Finance Specialist, World Bank <i>online</i> • Mr Yann Grandemange, Finance Earth • Ms Michiko Katagami, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, ADB <i>online</i> <p>Q&A (20 mins)</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffeebreak
SESSION 8	
11:00-12:00 (60 mins)	<p>Session 8 - Private Sector Support for Carbon Market Development</p> <p>Moderated by Mr Russ Cullinane, Carbon Finance Expert, FAO</p> <p>Main Presentation (12 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Kin Yii Yong “Celina”, Senior Regional Technical Advisor on Carbon market, UNDP Bangkok Regional office. UNDP High Integrity Carbon Market Initiative for NDC Implementation <i>Online</i> <p>Panel Presentations (30 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joanna Yeo, CEO, Arukah Capital • Ms Aparna Raturi, Chief of Staff, CarbonFarm • Mr Abhishek Sharma, Head, NBS & Biochar Projects,, Varaha <p>Questions and Answers/Panel discussion (15 min)</p>
12:00-13:15	Lunch

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13:15 - 13:30	Energizer Exercise
SESSION 9	
13:30-15:00 (90 mins)	<p>Session 9 - JCM Business Matchmaking</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Makie Yoshida, Climate change specialist, FAO</p> <p>Presentation on JCM (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ryusuke Kawamura, Deputy Director, MIDORI Sustainable Food Systems Strategy Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF Japan) -<i>online</i> <p>Climate smart technologies/JCM potential pitch (3 mins x 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shohei Takeuchi, General Manager, Strategy Execution Group Customized Feed Solution Department, Ajinomoto - <i>online</i> • Mr Takuto Nagata, Executive Officer, Chief Global Officer, TOWING <i>online</i> • Mr Yusuke Numazawa, Business Team, GHG project leader, Eco Pork • Mr Seiya Yoshida, Director General, Faeger Viet Nam Co. Ltd. • Mr Reaksmey (Rick) Long, Green Carbon • Mr Takashi Tanaka, Project leader, Sagri <p>Matchmaking and individual round table (10 min x 4 rounds)</p> <p>Report back (15 min)</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
SESSION 10	
15:30-17:00 (90 mins)	<p>Session 10 - Development of a country roadmap for Article 6 readiness in agrifood systems</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Yuqing Yu Ariel, Principal policy researcher / Deputy Director of BRC, IGES, “Guidance for developing a country roadmap for Article 6 readiness in agrifood systems” • Ms. Ankita Borah, Climate Risk Assessments GIS Associate, FAO India <p>Breakout discussion (55 mins)</p> <p>Plenary reporting (20 mins)</p>
17:00	Day 2 Take Aways
17:30 - 20:00	COCKTAILS AND DINNER RECEPTION

AGENDA / DAY 3 / THURSDAY, OCT 9

DRIVING REGIONAL ACTION TOWARDS COP30

Time	Activity
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	RECAP and Feedback Activity Moderated by Rathana Peou
SESSION 11	
9:15-10:00 (45 mins)	<p>Session 11 -</p> <p>11. A: Understanding UNFCCC Processes (COPs, CMA, SBs, formal agenda items, and COP presidential legacies)</p> <p>11. B: Opportunities for agrifood system within UNFCCC at COP30</p> <p>Ms Imelda Bacudo, Climate finance and partnership engagement expert, FAO</p> <p>Interactive Strategic Sharing (who is coming to COP? How do we engage jointly? Sharing on available pavilions for side events)</p>
SESSION 12	
10:00-12:00 Including coffeebreak	<p>Session 12 - Joint Engagement at UNFCCC</p> <p>12. A: Reflection sharing from the ASEAN Negotiating Group on Agriculture and South Asian Policymakers</p> <p>12. B: Farmers meet Negotiators Climate Action Points for COP30</p> <p>12. C: Writing Exercise on Priorities for COP30</p> <p>Co-Moderators: Dada Bacudo, FAO and Esther Penunia, AFA</p> <p>Video presentation (5 mins)</p> <p>Presentation of Farmers' Messages to COP30 by Ms Esther Penunia, Secretary General, AFA</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr U Nichols A Manalo, Philippines • Dr. Tran Nghia, National Coordinator and Climate Change Finance Specialist, FAO • Dr Yee Chen Hua, Malaysia • Mr Durzee Odkhuu, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Mongolia • Ms Iddagoda Hewage Chamika Nilmini, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka • Altantuya Tseden-Ish, NAMAC, Mongolia • Megha Desai, SEWA, India <p>Writing Exercise on (1) key messages to bring to COP30 and (2) action points to for amplification and traction in the negotiations</p>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch

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SESSION 13	
<p>13: 00-14:00 (60 mins)</p>	<p>Session 13 - Convergence Initiative - Climate Action and Food System Transformation: Bridging Nutrition, Biodiversity, and Inclusivity from UNFSS+4 Strategies toward C</p> <p>Moderator/ Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rathana Peou, Senior agifood system policy and climate foresight planning specialist, UN Food System Coordination Hub, FAO <p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Tuyen Huynh, CIAT <p>Interactive Roundtable</p>
<p>14:00-15:00</p>	<p>Validation and Synthesis of COP30 Action Points, Common Views for Agrifood System Sector</p>
<p>15:00 - 15:30</p>	<p>Closing</p>
<p>15:30 - 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>