

**2nd REVISED CALL for PAPERS and PANEL PROPOSALS with
BACKGROUND INFORMATION NOTE (30/08/2017rv)**

***“Greening Agri-food Systems, Ensuring Rural Sustainability and Promoting Healthy
Socioeconomic Transformation in Southeast Asia***

through

***Social and Sustainability Sciences and
Education for Sustainable Agriculture (ESA)***

A Multi-disciplinary Research Initiative, Regional Conference and Policy Dialogue contributing
To the *ASEAN WORK PLAN on EDUCATION (AWPE), 2016-2020*. United Nations *Sustainable
Development Goals (SDGs), 2015-2030* and the *2015 Paris Climate Agreement*

Summative Event (23-25 January 2018) marking the 100th Anniversary of
Chulalongkorn University (CU)

HOST ORGANIZATIONS (Bangkok-Based)

- Chulalongkorn University (CU), Bangkok (various Research Centers, Departments, Faculties, Programs and Schools)
- Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Ministry of Education, Thailand
- Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) Expert Group on “Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Systems in Southeast Asia”
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Bangkok

CO-SPONSORS & PARTNERS

(Proposals Welcome/List to be Confirmed Later)

Conference Venue: CU Campus, Bangkok (Locations, Various TBC)

Main Conference Dates:

23-25 January 2018 (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday)

Post Conference Workshop(s) Dates:

26-27 January 2018 (Friday-Saturday)

DEADLINE for ABSTRACTS and PANEL PROPOSALS:

Friday 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Web Page with Conference Link:

<http://bangkok.unesco.org/theme/social-and-human-sciences>

OVERVIEW

This regional academic conference and policy dialogue on “*Greening Agri-food Systems, Ensuring Rural Sustainability and Promoting Healthy Socioeconomic Transformation in Southeast Asia through Social and Sustainability Sciences and Education for Sustainable Agriculture (ESA)*” is planned for 23-26 January 2018 at Chulalongkorn University (CU) in Bangkok. It is being organized with seed funding from the Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Thailand, in cooperation with the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) Expert Group on “Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Systems in Southeast Asia” coordinated by CU’s School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR). This initiative is also being undertaken in close partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), particularly its Asia and Pacific Regional Unit for Social and Human Sciences (RUSHSAP) under auspices of UNESCO’s global *Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme*. The MOST Programme aims build better bridges between research, policy and practice while promoting a culture of evidence-based policymaking that supports positive social and environmental change.

What are the broad reasons and contexts for the conference? Modern, conventional, industrial agriculture integrated with an international agri-food system contributes to many interconnected global environmental problems (agrochemical pollution; biodiversity and species loss; climate change and greenhouse gas emissions; deforestation; depleting aquifers; desertification; drinking water contamination; drought; land degradation; soil loss and infertility; and more), while malnutrition, hunger and poverty also persist amid other serious socioeconomic and health concerns globally and in Southeast Asia. Some current practices may even endanger future food security by undermining ecological bases of the global food system and jeopardizing people’s well-being as they contaminate, destroy or reduce valuable ecosystem services such as agrobiodiversity, pollinators, watersheds, soils, forests, biocontrol agents and more. So how can greening agri-food systems, rural sustainability, food security and healthy communities be assessed or ensured? What evidence exists about viable alternative socioeconomic approaches or development models that reduce agriculture’s environmental impacts or social harm and provide practical lessons for policy makers and farmers? How can alternative approaches (e.g. agro-ecological methods and ecologically sustainable or organic agri-food value chains) address mitigation or adaptation needs, especially and urgently needed in the face of climate change?

So far ASEAN policies and programs or cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary, policy-relevant, practical approaches to address such pressing and complex problems have been inadequate. The conference will take stock of progress date on such concerns. It will also discuss interrelated socioeconomic, environmental and **science-policy-praxis/implementation** challenges (as well as strategic opportunities to build strengthen policy-relevant sciences). CU as part of its 100 year anniversary is collaborating with OHEC and UNESCO to organize this conference inviting cooperation with various academic institutions and others (government officials or agencies, research organizations, think tanks, educators, farmer groups, NGOs, regional and UN agencies). It also welcomes “ASEAN Plus” partners and potential donors for follow-up. Around 150 people are expected to attend with various policy dialogues, 30 to 40 full paper presentations and technical debates over 3 days in plenary and parallel sessions or side events sponsored by partners. CU will publish proceedings (subject to academic peer-review) with Action Recommendations for strengthening or reforming social and sustainability sciences and agri-food systems education.

Aside from its broad thematic relevance and focus this conference is also intended as a small, modest contribution to implementing the *ASEAN Work Plan on Education (AWPE), 2016-2020*. AWPE's Sub-goal 5: is to **“Complement the efforts of other sectors in meeting the objectives of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).”** Project 47 also aims to **“Conduct multi-disciplinary research on social and sustainability sciences for understanding social, environmental and economic issues and impacts of ASEAN integration including analyses of significant policy implications for governments.”** Our conference and publication will focus principally on *“Greening Agri-food Systems, Ensuring Rural Sustainability and Promoting Healthy Socioeconomic Transformation* as one sub-theme of Project 47 to examine social and sustainability sciences and agriculture education issues from any discipline, field or cross-sectoral and transdisciplinary perspectives.

The conference, in addition, invites discussions about complementary data, analysis and technical support for ASEAN member states to achieve United Nations *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 2015-2030* and various other international agreements including the 2015 Paris Climate Change accord which all ASEAN Member states have committed to. It will further support critical thinking and policy dialogue about agri-food system and rural sustainability issues associated with various ASEAN strategies and work-plans including but not limited to the *ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025* which aims “...for an ASEAN Community with equitable access to sustainable environment that can support its social development and its capacity to work towards sustainable development.” The ASC Blueprint was not explicit about sustainable agri-food systems, so our conference will address this gap. ASEAN (or “ASEAN Plus”) regional plans also implicating agri-food system greening and rural sustainability are:

- *ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security in the ASEAN region (SPA-FS) 2015-2020*
- *ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2011-2015) – (Need to assess impacts and follow-up post-2015)*
- *ASEAN Plus Three Comprehensive Strategy on Food security and Bioenergy Development (APTCS-FSBD) Framework and Strategic Plan of Action on Food and Energy Security (SPA-FES) 2010-2013*
- *ASEAN Strategic Plan of Action for Cooperation on Livestock (2016-2020)*
- *Strategic Plan of Action for ASEAN cooperation on Crops (2016-2020)*
- *Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN cooperation on Fisheries, 2016-2020*
- *Vision and Strategic Plan for ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry 2016 – 2025 (SP-FAF)*

Our conference invites critical, independent analyses of all such ASEAN strategies or plans or ASEAN Plus partnerships through case studies, impact assessments or other types of papers to show how they have contributed, or will, to sustainable agri-food systems, rural sustainability and healthy communities, or address gaps and needs which such plans have not yet considered.

CONFERENCE RESEARCH and POLICY DIALOGUE OBJECTIVES

Aside from particular assessments or critical analyses of specific ASEAN strategies or plans the conference welcomes any other types of papers on various themes (see tentative list below). The conference will combine three main elements - research papers or technical reports, policy dialogues and practical workshop trainings. Its main aim is to assess how multi-disciplinary social and sustainability sciences and education for sustainable agriculture or research can provide good scientific evidence and policy analysis to help facilitate the “***Greening of Agri-food Systems, Ensure Rural Sustainability and Promote Healthy Socioeconomic Transformation in Southeast Asia.***” The conference will provide space for academics, government or agency officials, regional organizations, farmer-scientists, UN representatives and others to discuss scholarly research and technical debates. It will also invite academic-farmer-government policy dialogue about such issues with representatives of ASEAN Member States and its Secretariat or Working Groups.

One important sub-focus of the conference will also be to debate and think critically and strategically about the past, current status and future of **Agriculture Education, Research and Extension**. The conference report will summarize expert recommendations on this theme which could be used to help design new projects and guide future government education planning investments in the ASEAN region. The conference will further provide an open forum to discuss how ASEAN agri-food systems and rural policies or regional programs and projects can help meet United Nations ***Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 2015-2030***, as well as the 2015 Paris Climate Change accord commitments and other associated international agreements. As such this conference in sum has five broad but specific interrelated objectives:

1. **First**, it aims to begin documenting and systematically assessing the state of agri-food systems, and rural sustainability in Southeast Asia and how social and sustainability sciences can better contribute to healthy social and economic transformation in the region amid globalization forces or processes. The conference invites national case studies, comparative or regional analyses, in-depth studies of particular agri-food systems issues, sectors or value chains from any discipline or field in social and sustainability sciences, or through cross-sectoral and transdisciplinary approaches.
2. **Second**, it aims analyze what social and sustainability sciences now do, or how they can in the future, contribute to improving agri-food systems, and rural sustainability policies or practices in Southeast Asia and its overlapping Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS), nationally or locally among its diverse peoples, communities, ecosystems, health conditions, economies, etc. It invites studies on how policy-relevant social science research can help facilitate ecologically, socially and economically sustainable development of the ASEAN Community, including agri-food system roles in narrowing the development gap (NDG) between and among poorer and wealthier ASEAN States.
3. **Third**, it aims to discuss new methods, tools, resources, networking approaches and policy options to improve agriculture and food system teaching, learning and research especially among public sector universities, colleges, and institutes as well as for basic education, while strengthening institutional capacities and multi-disciplinary agriculture curricula that better include a wide range of social and sustainability sciences. Here the

conference will contribute to the broader theme of *Education for Sustainable Agriculture (ESA)* and Food Systems in the ASEAN region.

4. **Fourth**, the conference aims to facilitate studies about impacts or broader implications of ASEAN regional integration (cultural, economic, trade, environmental, social, political or other) for agri-food systems, rural sustainability and the health of local communities. This responds specifically to the *ASEAN Work Plan on Education, 2016-2020* mandate to “**Conduct multi-disciplinary research on social and sustainability sciences for understanding social, environmental and economic issues and impacts of ASEAN integration including analyses of significant policy implications for governments.**”
5. **Fifth**, the conference will be the informal founding and launching of a new ASEAN Research and Learning Network of Agri-Food System Scholars, Extension Workers and Farmer-Scientist Practitioners. This outcome will contribute partly to one sub-goal of the *ASEAN Work Plan on Education, 2016-2020* calling for: “**Establishment of an ASEAN Scholars Network on Social and Sustainability Sciences to facilitate knowledge exchange, cross-disciplinary learning and collaborative policy-relevant research.**”

Finally, in sum, aside from just academic papers, the conference will include Interactive Policy Dialogue sessions among academics, farmers, governments, ASEAN officials, UN Agencies and others. A meeting summary will be also published separately as a symposium report.

CONFERENCE PLANNING, STRUCTURE and COMPONENTS

The conference will comprise several types of presentations (either accepted Abstracts selected from Open Call for Papers or specially Invited Papers). Presentations, panels or other activities may include any topic (see examples further below) related to “***Greening Agri-food Systems, Ensuring Rural Sustainability and Promoting Healthy Socioeconomic Transformation in Southeast Asia Social and Sustainability Sciences and Education for Sustainable Agriculture (ESA)***”. Formats/types of papers or sessions may include, but not be limited to:

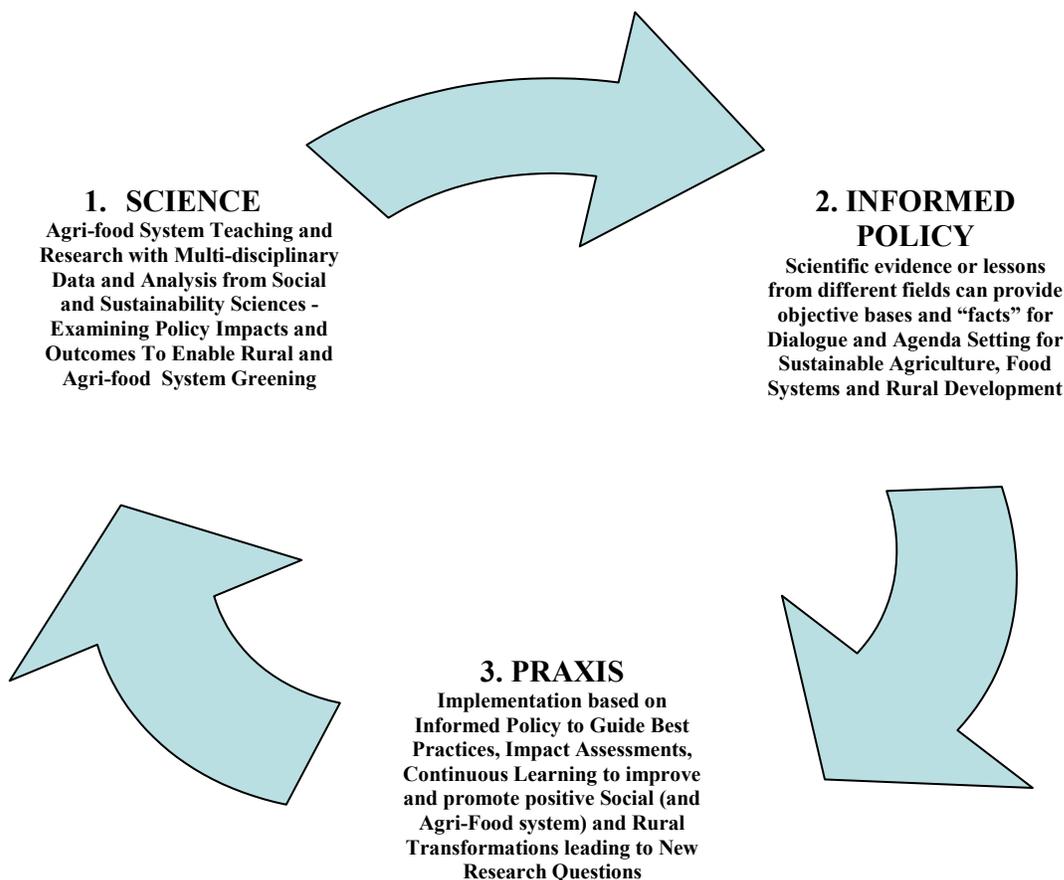
- Theoretical Analyses
- Local or National Case Studies
- Policy Studies
- Comparative Analyses
- Panels (organized and funded/co-sponsored by partners)
- Special Policy Dialogues (academic-government-farmer-international agency)
- Side Events or Workshops (complementary activities organized/funded by partners)

A meeting Agenda of Plenary and Parallel sessions with a printed Book of Abstracts and Bios and Exhibitors list will be available online and onsite. Networking and Exhibit Space will be available with information tables from participating organizations. Organizers will publish a Proceedings Book with full papers after the conference. This will either be done quickly by CU and UNESCO with key partners, or be further submitted for peer-review for a more formal edited scholarly book (publisher to be determined). If papers are submitted for peer-review more details with specific guidelines from the publisher will follow. Links to all instructions (or partner sites) will be at <http://bangkok.unesco.org/theme/social-and-human-sciences>

SUMMARY of MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE AS A TRIPARTITE ITERATIVE LEARNING PROCESS linking SCIENCE-POLICY-PRAXIS

1. **ACADEMIC or TECHNICAL PAPERS and THEME PANELS in PARALLEL or PLENARY SESSIONS** (Multidisciplinary Sciences and Agency Technical Reports based on Reliable Evidence with Lessons Learned leading to good quality publication of results - **SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE**)
2. **EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY DIALOGUES** (One Key Plenary each day with Cross-Sectoral dialogue among Academic, Government, Civil Society, Farmer, Small Business and Agency Representatives about how agri-food system policies or programs are, can or should be scientifically informed and reformed)
3. **POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS, TECHNICAL TRAININGS and SIDE EVENTS** (Facilitating education and active learning for academics, farmers, government officials and others about applied sciences informing policy, planning and education or technical skills for Sustainable Agri-food Systems and Rural Sustainability)

ILLUSTRATION OF A SIMPLE SCIENCE-POLICY-PRAXIS MODEL
for ***Greening Agri-food Systems, Ensuring Rural Sustainability and Promoting Healthy Socioeconomic Transformation*** (Nelles, 2017, adaptation of the UNESCO's *Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme* Concept applied to agri-food system education, research, cross-learning, policy dialogue and program or project implementation)



DRAFT CONFERENCE STRUCTURE (Tentative Themes/Agenda)

DAY 1 (Tuesday, 23 January 2018)

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-10:30 Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Speeches
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 Plenary Policy Dialogue (1):
Greening Agri-food Systems in ASEAN (University, Government, ASEAN, UN, CGIAR, Farmer-Scientists and other Representatives)
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Parallel Sessions – *Academic Papers or Technical Panels* (1)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Parallel Sessions – *Academic Papers or Technical Panels* (2)
- 18:00-19:30 Welcome Reception-Dinner

DAY 2 (Wednesday, 24 January 2018)

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-10:30 Plenary Policy Dialogue (2):
Ensuring Rural Sustainability in ASEAN (University, Government, ASEAN, UN, CGIAR, Farmer-Scientists and other Representatives)
- 10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions – *Academic Papers or Technical Panels* (3)
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Parallel Sessions – *Academic Papers or Technical Panels* (4)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Plenary Policy Dialogue (3):
Promoting Healthy Socioeconomic Transformation in ASEAN (University, Government, ASEAN, UN, CGIAR, Farmer-Scientists and other Representatives)

DAY 3 (Thursday, 25 January 2018)

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-10:30 Keynote with Plenary Policy Dialogue (4):
- Future of Sustainable Agriculture Education and Research in ASEAN***
(University, Government, ASEAN, UN, CGIAR, Farmer-Scientists and other Representatives)
- 10:45-12:15 Parallel Sessions– ***Academic Papers or Technical Panels*** (5)
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Parallel Sessions – ***Academic Papers or Technical Panels*** (6)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Plenary Policy Dialogue (5) - Linking Science, Policy and Praxis
- Strengthening Social and Sustainability Sciences and Education for Green, Climate Resilient Agri-food Systems in ASEAN to Meet SDGs*** (University, Government, ASEAN, UN, CGIAR, Farmer-Scientists and other Representatives)
- 17:00-17:30 Closing Remarks – NEXT STEPS
- Post Conference Action Recommendations, Planning and Partnerships
 - Launch of a new Informal ASEAN Research and Learning Network of Agri-Food System Scholars, Extension Workers and Farmer-Scientist Practitioners (which will contribute to *ASEAN WORK PLAN on EDUCATION (AWPE), 2016-2020*, Project 45 Outcomes)

CONFERENCE END

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PRE or POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOP(s)
(Friday-Saturday 26-27 January 2018)

1. ***Agriculture for Food Security (AgriFoSe2030) Translating science into policy and practice*** organized by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). Sweden HQ and Asia Office. CONFIRMED
2. ***Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme School on Agrifood Systems, Rural Sustainability and Community Health***. For “ASEAN and Plus” Young Professionals organized by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in cooperation with Thai National Commission for UNESCO and other partners. **TENTATIVE** (not yet confirmed)

3. *Agrifood System Education Research Tools and Mapping Methodologies* organized by UNESCO in cooperation with partners **TENTATIVE** (not yet confirmed)

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

DEADLINE for Abstracts: Friday 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

DEADLINE for Panel Proposals: Friday 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

DEADLINE for CU Travel Grant Applications: Friday 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

NOTICE of Abstract or Panel Acceptance: by Friday 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

NOTIFICATIONS of Approved CU Travel Grants: Thursday 30 NOVEMBER 2017

DEADLINE for Submitting Full Papers: Monday 11 DECEMBER 2017

ABSTRACTS, BIOS and PAPER GUIDELINES

ABSTRACTS for proposed papers should be maximum 500 words noting Title, Author(s), Institutional Affiliation(s), Email(s) of corresponding author and Key Words above main text.

BIOS (max 250 words) should be included for all authors and co-authors in a separate file.

Both documents (**Abstracts** and **Bios**) should be submitted in Times Roman, 12 point type all in WORD format for easy editing. Please DO NOT submit PDFs or other types of documents.

FULL PAPERS should not be submitted until after Abstracts are approved. However, anyone wishing to be considered for full paper publication should plan to write approximately 5000 to 6000 words in common social science style with bracketed citations and full bibliography or reference list at end. Also take note that **DEADLINE** for submitting **FULL PAPERS** is **11 December 2017**. Papers may then be sent to External Reviewers offering feedback for publication as well as Panel Moderators and Respondents to comment during the particular session the paper is assigned to at the conference.

INVITED PAPER THEMES/TOPICS

(or others related – open to suggestions)

- Agriculture Education and Extension Systems or Services
- Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management – Conflicts, Conflict, Prevention and Dispute Resolution
- Agrobiodiversity (Environmental, Social, Cultural, Political and Economic dimensions)
- Agro-forestry (Environmental, Social and Economic dimensions)
- Agriculture Research for Development (AR4D) System in ASEAN – Roles of CGIAR, AVRDC and National Agriculture Research Organizations (NAROs)

- Agri-food system and Rural Development Models (conflict, tension and transformation for socioeconomic sustainability) in ASEAN
- Agrochemical dependency and abuse (economic, cultural, social and other contributing factors), pollution and alternatives in ASEAN
- “ASEAN Plus” academic partnerships and cooperation for Sustainable Agri-food Systems and Rural Sustainability (Australia, Canada, EU, Japan, China, France, Germany, Korea, U.S. and others in the ASEAN region)
- ASEAN Policies, Divisions, Committees, Working Groups and Programs for Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- ASEAN Sociocultural-Economic Integration (Agri-food Systems implications/impacts)
- Best Practices and International Standards for Greening Agri-food Systems (from farms to plates and across value chains)
- Climate Change Impacts on Agri-food Systems and Adaptive Responses
- Decent Work and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- Development Cooperation with ASEAN for Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- Ecosystem Services (Ecological, Economic, Socio-Cultural) provided by Healthy Sustainable Agri-food Systems and Rural Communities and Agrobiodiversity in ASEAN
- Education for Sustainable Agri-food Systems (Curriculum Reform, Program Development, Research and Teaching Innovations in ASEAN Schools and Universities)
- Ethics and Corruption in Agri-food System Businesses of ASEAN countries
- Farmer Field Schools, Research with Farmers and Applied Learning for Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- Financing and Resource Mobilization for Social and Sustainability Sciences and Education for Sustainable Agriculture (ESA)
- Gender and Women’s roles in ASEAN Agrifood Systems and Sustainability
- Global *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 2015-2030*, COP 21 Climate Change and other International Agreements – Agri-food Systems as a crossing cutting issue in SDGs
- Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Transboundary Cooperation for Sustainable Agri-food systems and Synergies with ASEAN Organizations.
- Health, Safety, Diet and Nutrition in ASEAN Agri-food systems
- Human Rights to Food and Land Tenure (for Sustainable Production) in Agri-food Sector
- Indicators, Measurement, Data and Statistics for Monitoring and Evaluating Green Agri- food Systems for Sustainable Communities in ASEAN
- Inequality (economic, social, educational) in Agricultural Development and the Rural- Urban divide – Understanding Causes, Prevention or Mitigating factors of poverty and prosperity in rural farming communities
- Indigenous Agri-food system knowledge and management traditions in ASEAN countries
- Integrated Crop-Livestock-Fish-Forestry Agri-forestry Systems (Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine-Terrestrial interfaces)
- Land-use mis-management and eco-agriculture landscape alternative approaches (across different eco-geographies or political boundaries)

- Legal, Policy, Governance and Political challenges for Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- Mainstreaming and Enabling Rural Sustainability (Evidence/Factors supporting Healthy Communities, Learning Partnerships, Nutrition, Sustainable Livelihoods)
- Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme of UNESCO
- Media and Information Management for Sustainable Agri-food systems
- Migration and agriculture labor (implications for ASEAN sociocultural integration)
- Narrowing the Development Gap (NDG) by promoting South-South Cooperation across ASEAN through sustainable Agri-food system approaches and Food Security while improving Rural Development policies and Programs in Southeast Asian LDCs/CLMVs
- Organic and Agro-ecological Methods, Products and Partnerships for Sustainable Agri- food systems and Rural Development
- Poverty Reduction and Rural Prosperity through Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- Social and Sustainability Sciences – Demonstrating importance of interdisciplinary evidence-based Agri-food System/Rural Studies in policy/decision making for ASEAN
- Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for Agri-food Values Chains
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ASEAN Agri-Food Systems
- Threats/Barriers to the ASEAN Agri-Food System Sustainability
- Trade Agreements implicating Agri-food Systems of ASEAN Member States (Local and Regional Ecological, Social and economic) or Impacting Southeast Asian sustainability
- Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge contributions to Sustainable Agri-food Systems and Rural Sustainability
- Water, Food and Energy Nexus and Transboundary systems across the ASEAN Region
- Youth and the Future of ASEAN Agriculture – (Decent Green employment and entrepreneurship in Agri-food systems and rural communities)

POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS or SPECIAL PANEL SESSIONS

There will be at least one plenary and parallel panel session (a half or full day – Thurs 26 Jan) on the current State of Agri-food Agri-food System Knowledge, Curriculum, Research, Teaching and Extension Services Data, and institutional capacities among the region’s Schools and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in ASEAN. They will also discuss future education for sustainable agriculture (ESA) development needs and make policy, program and funding recommendations to governments, ASEAN regional organizations and donors.

A key organizing partner for these plenary and parallel sessions will be the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) “**Expert Group on Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Systems in Southeast Asia**” coordinated by Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR). With funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) the SIANI- HESA group includes academic experts in agriculture education from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. But the group invites collaboration with farmer-scientists, farmers, youth groups, civil society research organizations, extension specialists, women’s groups, government officials, and agriculture or rural development experts from national, regional and international agencies. Details about past and ongoing HESA-SIANI activities re on the HESA page of the SIANI web site (<http://www.siani.se/topic/hesa>) including background documentation.

A complementary event (requiring separate registration) will be a post-conference workshop 26- 27 January on ***Agriculture for Food Security (AgriFoSe2030) Translating science into policy and practice*** organized by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). Details will be provided on AgriFoSe2030, SEI and SIANI websites. Another (tentative) event may be a UNESCO ***Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme School on Agrifood Systems, Rural Sustainability and Community Health*** for “ASEAN and Plus” Young Professionals.

Check the UNESCO site (<http://bangkok.unesco.org/theme/social-and-human-sciences>) for details. Other partners are also invited to co-organize other special panels integrated with the main conference program and/or to host, co-sponsor and cross-promote side events and pre or post-conference workshops. Please contact the Conference Program Committee through email at socialsciencesAsean@gmail.com with your proposal.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE for PREPARATION and FOLLOW-UP

PERIOD	KEY DATES or MILESTONES (Events or Outputs)
July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Abstracts and Bios Posted (On website of UNESCO first with complementary postings/links and cross-promotion after with other partner sites) • Invite early registration online with completion of travel grant request form (if required) with submission of abstracts • Identify additional resources and secure other support from Partners to cosponsor separate conference Panels, Publications, etc. funding expert, speaker travel costs for specific themes etc.
July-Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Complementary Funding Proposals to suitable donors from Chula and with Partners for Panels, Publications, follow-up projects,
Sept 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance Deadline (Friday 8 September, 2017 for Abstract Submissions (with Bios) or Panel Proposals • 19- September 2017 (Tues) Project Task Force and Conference Program Committee Meeting
Nov 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions on Travel Grants (for Chula Sponsored Participants) subject to quality of papers and levels of available funding from ASC or others)
Nov-Dec 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Draft of Preliminary Program with Confirmed Speakers (and co-sponsored panels, side events, etc. to date) • Notifications of CU Travel Grants: <u>Thurs 30 November 2017</u> • Deadline <u>Monday 11 December 2017</u> to Submit Full papers • Chula Travel Grants confirmed (with official Invitation letters sent only to approved only for scholars committed to writing and revising full papers for proceedings publication
Jan 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Conference, (<u>23-25 January 2018</u>, 3 days Tuesday to Thursday at Chulalongkorn University (CU) Bangkok • Post Conference Workshops (<u>26-27 January 2018</u>)
Feb-Mar 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Papers (by Conference Presenters) – Submission of FINAL Revised Papers Deadline <u>Monday 12 February, 2018</u> • Editing/Publication of Proceedings (before Songkran holiday period) • Drafting/Submission of Multi-year research proposals with Partners

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER AND PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

- Invite partners to co-organize and independently fund or co-sponsor theme panels, speakers or other resource people and participant travel, or complementary activities (e.g. receptions, dinners, coffee breaks)
- Invite partners, including and potential donors to help to plan medium term and longer term regional research and capacity development project. Medium term work will be linked to *ASEAN WORK PLAN on EDUCATION (AWPE), 2016-2020* outcomes. Related longer term work could be linked to implementing, monitoring and evaluating United

MAIN TARGETED CONFERENCE OUTPUTS

- Book of Abstracts and Bios (circulated at Jan 2018 Conference)
- A set of Action Recommendations for strengthening or reforming social and sustainability sciences about agri-food systems, and to improve agriculture education policies, institutions and programmes in Southeast Asia to be shared with ASEAN Secretariat, Member States, regional or international organizations and others.
- Publication or In Press (Full papers with book of quality edited Proceedings) by February or March 2018 - If submitted for Peer Review to an academic publisher may be longer timeline to final publication (options to be discussed with Program Committee).