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# MAHFSA Regional Workshop and Consultation Meeting for Capacity Building and Knowledge Product Development

TUESDAY 16 MAR 2021 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

## Background

The “Measurable Action for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia” (MAHFSA) Programme is a five-year joint initiative between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Building on the IFAD-Global Environment Facility (GEF) supported ASEAN Peatland Forests Project (APFP 2009-2014) and co-developed by a consortium of the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the Global Environment Centre (GEC), MAHFSA seeks to strengthen existing ASEAN regional

coordination mechanisms to facilitate a more harmonized response to tackling the transboundary haze pollution problem and for promoting sustainable forest management and peatland conservation. To achieve this goal, the programme has three main components. These are:

- (i) Component 1: Enhancement of data, information and results-management system and operational capacity
- (ii) Component 2: Data, information and results analysis for strategic knowledge product development
- (iii) Component 3: Enhancement of regional coordination mechanisms.



Within Component 1 activities, GEC conducted a Capacity Development Needs and Gap Analysis (CDNGA) aimed at informing the development of a regional data, information and results-management system; supporting the improvement of existing national data, information and results-management systems; and supporting the development of a capacity building package tailored to meet country and regional data and results management needs. A virtual briefing for AMS was held on 7 July 2020 providing explanations on the scope and methodology of the CDGNA as well as the expected outputs from its questionnaire.

In the implementation of Component 2, CIFOR conducted a Knowledge Stocktake Analysis (KSTA) of existing knowledge products, recording all available knowledge products as well as highlighting some areas for improvement to enhance the availability and utilization of knowledge products on sustainable peatland and haze management. The KSTA report provides an overview of thematic areas and types of knowledge products that MAHFSA could consider producing, not only to complement and enrich knowledge products available in the region, but also to support the capacity building activities under MAHFSA Component 1 by providing the necessary up-to-date training materials to meet the needs of ASEAN Member States (AMS).

Findings from the CDNGA and the KSTA are being taken into consideration in determining focus areas for MAHFSA support to programme stakeholders, particularly AMS. The five focus areas assessed in the CDGNA are: (1) peatland inventory, mapping and assessment of degradation status, and monitoring; (2) peatland fire prevention measures; (3) peatland fire and haze occurrence, extent of fire prone areas, and monitoring of fire occurrence using satellite imagery; (4) resources allocated and generated for peatland management and fire prevention; and (5) the implementation of National Action Plans on Peatlands (NAPPs), ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy (APMS) and ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap. These five areas will be cross-referenced with the thematic areas of the KSTA, which include: the economic or livelihood implications of the dynamics in policies; tenure system and monitoring methods or technologies to determine priorities for capacity development activities; and guiding choices for best practices.

In terms of knowledge product types, translating analytical products into information and guidelines deemed necessary by key stakeholders will become a key area for consideration. As the MAHFSA Programme is envisaged to develop or enhance a total of 20 knowledge products, consultation with ASEAN peatland and haze stakeholders is an important means for gathering feedback.

Under Component 3, policy dialogue and engagement are planned as media for dissemination, awareness training and information exchange between all stakeholders relevant to peatland and haze issues in Southeast Asia. A concept note for the establishment of a Regional Multi-stakeholder Platform for Peatland and Haze Management in Southeast Asia is being developed. This outlines the objectives and purposes of the platform in providing opportunities for key stakeholders to discuss best practices, policy issues and the programme, with the objective of stimulating enhanced data and knowledge exchange, joint planning and programme/project development, policy dialogue, as well as resource mobilization.

A virtual regional workshop is being organized to invite relevant stakeholders from the region to verify CDNGA and KSTA findings and recommendations.

## Objectives

The specific objectives of the workshop are:

- 1 To present and verify findings and recommendations with relevant stakeholders, including results from other peatland partner programmes and input from AMS, relevant research institutions, and academics on:
  - ▶ The Capacity Development Needs and Gap Analysis; and
  - ▶ Knowledge Stocktake Analysis of existing knowledge products.
- 2 To confirm five (5) priority areas for support by the MAHFSA Programme in developing capacity building packages and knowledge products to meet the needs of AMS and fill any gaps; and
- 3 To identify an indicative list of twenty (20) knowledge products for development and dissemination as MAHFSA outcomes.

## Expected outputs

Expected outputs of the workshop are:

- 1 Verification of the findings and recommendations of the Capacity Development Needs and Gap Analysis and the Knowledge Stocktake Analysis
- 2 A list of 5 priority areas for developing capacity building packages and knowledge products
- 3 An indicative list of 20 specific knowledge products for development and dissemination as MAHFSA outcomes.

## Target Participants

The participants of the workshop include:

- 1 ASEAN Member States
- 2 ASEAN peatland programme partners
- 3 ASEAN Centre
- 4 Academic/research institutions
- 5 International and Civil Society Organisations
- 6 ASEAN Secretariat

## Agenda

Tuesday, 16 March 2021

Time	Activity	Speakers
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
09:00 – 09:10 10 min	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> <b>Dr. Vong Sok</b> Head of Environment Division ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community ASEAN Secretariat	<b>Mr. Ivan Cossio Cortez</b> Country Director South East Asia and the Pacific Sub-regional Office International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
09:10 – 10:10 1 hour	<b>Session 1 – Presentation on key findings on the CDNGA to identify capacity building needs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verification/discussion on the key findings and recommendations of CDNGA</li> <li>• Verification of general themes on capacity development packages</li> </ul>	GEC <b>Faizal Parish</b>  Facilitator: <b>Gita Syahrani</b>
10:10 – 11:10 1 hour	<b>Session 2 – Presentation on key findings of the KSTA to identify knowledge products:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verification/discussion on the key findings and recommendations of KSTA</li> <li>• Verification of gaps in knowledge products</li> </ul>	CIFOR <b>Michael Brady/            Ahmad            Dermawan</b>  Facilitator: <b>Gita Syahrani</b>
11:10 – 11:20 10 min	<b>Coffee break</b>	MAHFSA
11:20 – 11:50 30 min	<b>Session 3 – Cross-Sectional Analysis and Discussion on MAHFSA priority areas for capacity building and knowledge products:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on MAHFSA priority areas and their links to MAHFSA outcomes</li> </ul>	PCU  Facilitator: <b>Gita Syahrani</b>
11:50 – 12:05 15 min	<b>Synthesis and conclusions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the 20 knowledge products intended for development and dissemination by MAHFSA</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul>	CIFOR  Facilitator: <b>Gita Syahrani</b>
12:05 – 12:10 5 min	<b>Closing remark</b> <b>Dr. Vong Sok</b> Head of Environment Division ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community ASEAN Secretariat	PCU

## Meeting format and dates

The meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom Conference on 16 March 2021. The meeting will be facilitated by a facilitator and discussions will utilise online collaborative platform such as Miro (<https://miro.com/>) and online polling tools such as Slido (<https://www.sli.do/>).



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