

Call for Papers, Posters, and Participants

International Agroforestry Education Conference

Theme:

Integrating Conservation in Upland Agriculture in Southeast Asia

24-26 October 2007, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Organizers:



**Southeast Asian Network
for Agroforestry Education**



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Why this Conference?

- Southeast Asian landscapes are rapidly changing and transforming lives positively and otherwise
- The goal toward obtaining food security and managing natural resources well, particularly in the uplands, are certainly influencing the emergence of various land use options.
- The interest to explore to the fullest the functions of agroforestry to address the above concerns is ever growing.
- Agroforestry is a novel area of education that has emerged in the last two-three decades. Agroforestry deals with the interaction between trees, crops, domestic animals, people, and landscapes.
- In recent years a major shift in the way agroforestry is viewed has also emerged:
 - From considering agroforestry systems at plot and farm level towards analysis at the landscape level.
 - From seeing agroforestry systems as subsistence production towards looking at their business, marketing and entrepreneurship aspects.
 - From focusing solely on technologies towards integrating socioeconomic factors including land tenure, gender and ethnic diversity.
 - From promoting 'technology transfer' of agroforestry 'models' towards shared learning and the participatory development of agroforestry options and innovations.
 - From focusing on local land management towards including environmental impacts and policy considerations at more diverse scales, from local to global.
- In short, tertiary education institutions are reexamining the role, contributions, and potential of agroforestry education. The challenge is to link agroforestry and natural resources education with global concerns such as environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, climate change, including health related problems.
- This conference provides a venue to discuss the landscape changes and their impacts in Southeast Asia and how higher education institutions should respond under the theme "Integrating conservation in the upland agriculture in Southeast Asia." It would specifically address the following objectives:
 - Share evidences and experiences that strengthen the convergence of food security and environmental conservation goals for the uplands of Southeast Asia;
 - Examine and extract lessons from policies and programs related to agroforestry and natural resources management in Southeast Asia uplands;
 - Capture and develop shared understanding of the challenges, trends and best practices in agroforestry and natural resources education toward sustainable agriculture in Southeast Asia uplands
- **Based on the knowledge and experiences to be gained from the discussions, the conference participants will be invited to formulate a common framework to advance reforms in agroforestry and natural resources education in Southeast Asia.**

Scopes and topics of the conference

The conference is divided into 3 key sessions with the corresponding topic coverage as follows:

1. Striking the Balance between Food Security and Environmental Conservation in the SEA Uplands

- Examples and analysis of conflicts and convergence of past and present strategies and approaches between food security and environmental conservation
- Experiences in integrated landscape approach to achieve sustainable agriculture in the uplands
- Experiences in recognizing and implementing local and/or community-based agroforestry systems, technologies, and other innovations
- Challenges and opportunities in improving local farming management and conservation practices
- Definition of the roles of agroforestry in food security and environmental conservation
- Experiences in mitigating/managing climate change, and natural disasters in the uplands
- Emerging enterprise and markets for agroforestry products

2. Making More Sense of Past and Present Agroforestry and Natural Resources Management Policies and Programs

- Issues and good practices in land use planning, tenure and allocation arrangements, and landscape agroforestry project experiences
- Experiences and lessons from Rewarding/Payment for Environmental Services

- Experiences in natural resource governance and management in the uplands
- Experiences and lessons learned on communicating and scaling up AF research products (methods, approaches, tools, actors)
- Impacts and links of international trade agreements with food security and environmental conservation
- Issues and best practices in building effective partnerships and institutional arrangements among stakeholders

3. Redefining the Niche of Tertiary Learning Institutions in Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education in SEA

- Balancing coverage of hard and soft sciences in Agroforestry education Experiences in Linking AF education with Research and Extension Effectively
- Application of Multi-disciplinary and System-based Approaches in agroforestry education
- Experiences and best practices on Training for Change/ Capacity Strengthening in AF and NRM
- Best practices in AF knowledge management and dissemination of learning materials and other information
- Experiences in networking and partnerships toward effective AF education



Target Participants

The conference will be relevant to:

- Government policy makers and development workers engaged in sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation programs and projects in the uplands
- Higher education administrators and faculty members of agriculture and forestry universities and colleges
- Professionals from nongovernmental organizations and other the private sector who are either engaged in research, education, and extension works on sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation in the uplands
- Graduate students of agriculture, forestry, and environmental sciences

Paper and Poster Requirements

- Abstract of not more than **350 words** for both paper and poster presentations
- **Deadline for submission is on or before 30 June 2007 to ICRAF-SEANAFE c/o Jess C. Fernandez (j.c.fernandez@cgiar.org)**
- Detailed requirements will be given to accepted presenters by 30 July 2007

For further inquiries

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Registration fees

• Professionals

1. Early birds (those who would register before 3 August 2007)
 - 1.1. From SEANAFE member countries (Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam), \$100
 - 1.2. From Non-SEANAFE member countries, \$200
2. Regular registrants (those who would register after 3 August 2007)
 - 2.1. From SEANAFE member countries, \$150
 - 2.2. From Non-SEANAFE member countries, \$250

- **Students** (from both SEANAFE and non-SEANAFE member countries), \$80

The registration fee for professionals covers conference materials, lunch and 2 snacks and welcome and farewell dinners. For the students, the welcome and farewell dinners are not included. Accommodation and travel expenses shall be borne by individual participants.

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