New research coordinated between FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and the Regional Centre for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University (RCSD) has examined intersections between gender, migration and land tenure, with a focus on local contexts, land rights and culture that shape the experience of migration and land occupation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand). This research challenges the existing paradigm on land, gender and migration in two ways: First, there have been few studies that have examined migration, gender dimension and generation in agrarian transformation. Secondly, even less attention has been paid to the issues of generational differences and land tenure among those who migrate.

Research has focussed upon site-specific case-studies in three countries, namely north-eastern Thailand, northern Laos and eastern Myanmar. Employing a gender-sensitive approach, this research investigates more generally the extent to which secure access to land shapes and is shaped by different women and men’s migration, including from a generational perspective. The research aims to develop a better understanding of the gendered implications on migration and agrarian related issues in order to:

1. Generate evidence on how gendered and ‘generationed’ patterns of out-migration (due to various drivers) impacts female and male farmers’ access to, use and management of land, with a specific focus on women and youth and their likely empowerment in agriculture in three countries in the Greater Mekong Region.

2. Analyse the extent to which secure access to land shapes and is shaped by different women and men’s tendency to migrate, including from a generational perspective and provide recommendations for policies and programmes that could support positive outcomes for women in agriculture and increase tenure security in the rural transformation context.

3. Raise awareness on the importance of multi-sectoral, gender-sensitive approach to sustainable development and poverty reduction in the context of migration and agrarian transformation.

4. Contribute to FAO Organizational Strategic Objective Strategic Objective 3 “Reduce rural poverty” and priority area on migration.
### AGENDA

**THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2019 – Moderator Daniel Hayward (Chiang Mai University)**

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<td>• Opening: Dr Chayan Vaddhanaphuti, director of RCSD (Regional Center for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development), Chiang Mai University</td>
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| 09.10 | • Outline of the Project  
Clara Mi Young (FAO RAP)  
Professor Emeritus Philip Hirsch (Chiang Mai University) |
| 09.25 | • Migration, land and gender: the global experience into the Mekong region  
Dr Soimart Rungmanee (Thammasat University) |
| 09.40 | • Case study presentations:  
1. Udon Thani, Thailand – Dr Patcharin Lapunan (Khon Khaen University) |
| 10.00 | **Coffee break** |
| 10.30 | 2. Karenni State, Myanmar – Maw Thoe Myar (Chiang Mai University)  
3. Luang Prabang, Lao PDR – Sounida Sautouky (Chiang Mai University) |
| 11.10 | • Reflections:  
Dr Shalmali Guttal (Focus on the Global South)  
• Q&A |
| 12.00 | **Lunch** |
| 13.00 | • Expert panel on land, migration and gender.  
- Maria Moita (IOM Regional Office)  
- Dr Diana Suhardiman (International Water Management Institute, Lao PDR)  
- U Shwe Thein (Land Core Group, Myanmar)  
- Professor Pasuk Pongpaichit (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)  
**Panel moderator:**  
Professor Emeritus Philip Hirsch (Chiang Mai University)  
• Reflections:  
Sally Barber (UN Women)  
• Q&A |
| 14.30 | **Coffee break** |
| 15.00 | • Commentary:  
Clara Mi Young (FAO RAP)  
Marianna Bicchieri (FAO RAP) |
| 15.20 | • Open discussion/lessons learned/further steps  
Daniel Hayward (Chiang Mai University)  
Marianna Bicchieri (FAO RAP) |
| 16.30 | **Close** |
The workshop will be held in the main conference room at FAO RAP. Participants will enter by the main gate where they will receive a visitor’s pass.

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