

**1st Regional Workshop on
“Analysis for production, transaction and phytosanitary systems on seeds
and planning country activities in Thailand and Viet Nam”**

Concept note

Background

FAO has substantially started working on the regional project “Improving Capacities of Phytosanitary Inspection and Integrated Measures for International Movement of Seeds” (GCP/RAS/297/JPN) in November 2016 and the project work plans have been endorsed by participating countries (Thailand and Viet Nam) at the inception meeting in Kobe, Japan in February 2017.

In response to the agreed project work plan at the meeting on the activities relating to the initial research (Activity 1.2), International Plant Quarantine Experts (IPQEs) will be engaged to implement the activity accompanied with the National Project Coordinator (NPC) and assisted by project coordinator in May 2017. This research activity will collect information from the participating countries on seed production, transaction and phytosanitary procedures such as information on import/export phytosanitary inspection, laboratory skills and equipment, export certification scheme, pest risk analysis (PRA) and other phytosanitary measures implemented on seeds for planting.

The collecting data will be analyzed by NPCs and IPQEs respectively to identify strengths, weakness, needs and priorities of the existing phytosanitary systems in Thailand and Viet Nam related to international movement of seeds for planting from the standpoint of their situation and/or specialty, and furthermore provide recommendations through a report (Activity 1.3). The report will be presented at this propose regional workshop.

The main aim of the workshop is to formulate activities to be implemented under the project, to prioritize them and to identify national capacity building programmes for specific country solutions. In achieving the workshop outputs, discussions will be organized to coordinate views and recommendations from the IPQEs based on the technical expertise such as plant pathology and diagnostic capacity. The activities selected should also be fulfilled the needs of the NPPO of each country based on the status, limitation and challenges in the present phytosanitary regulation, seed productions and transaction and taking into consideration the constraints of logistics and limited duration of the project activities .

Objectives

1. To evaluate the existing problems and regulatory requirement for production, transaction and phytosanitary procedures on seeds for planting at country and sub-regional level

2. To identify prioritized activities in participating countries based on technical and country's needs in line with the project work plan

Expected outputs

1. Detailed country action plan based on technical requirements and country's needs which includes tentative country training plan for 2017 of the target pests/crops and tentative schedule.
2. Analytical report of participating countries and IPQE respectively

Financial support

The project will cover the costs of meeting package for all participants. Four (4) participants will be invited from outside of Bangkok, Thailand and Vietnam respectively and their costs of travel and accommodation (room with breakfast) will be covered by the project if necessary.

Date: 27 June, 2017 (09.00-16.30)

Venue

Centra by Centara Government Complex Hotel & Convention Centre Chaeng Watthana, Bangkok, Thailand

Selection of participants

The participants at the workshop will be the National Project Coordinators, IPQEs, officers working with NPPO and supporting institutes involved in project activities, country resource persons from Thailand/Viet Nam and officials of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan as donor representative. Around 30 people are expected to participate in the workshop.

Facilitator /Consultants

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