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VIABLE AND RESILIENT SMALL-SCALE FARMING IN THE “NEW NORMAL”

Ensuring a brighter future for family farmers in Asia-Pacific

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Background

The disruptions in the supply chains since the start of the pandemic have had an enormous impact on the livelihoods and welfare of smallholder family farmers. Even before the health crisis small-scale farmers in Asia are already exposed to multiple risks and at the same time are confronted by chronic issues such as lack of access and control to land and other productive resources, finance, and affordable technologies among others. Moreover, women farmers and young farmers are facing greater barriers and have lesser assets. As many have recognized, the pandemic showed the gaps, weaknesses, and strengths of systems and policies at the country-level up to the international setting. How can the lessons be integrated into recovery programs while also ensuring they are gender-sensitive and context-specific?

There are several pathways to rebuild and transform our food systems in a more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable manner. Farmers’ organizations (FOs) and cooperatives have been playing an important role in responding to the challenges of small-scale farmers, including those related to the pandemic. The 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) has also opened up opportunities at various levels - global, regional, and national. Coalitions have been formed to translate solutions into actions, and national action plans were developed to guide countries in the process. The UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDF) launched in 2019 has also widened the opportunity to accelerate the implementation of pro-farmer policies and concrete actions to support small-scale farmers. It also has a national pathway such as the development of UNDF National Action Plans and the formation of a multi-stakeholder platform. If synergies can be created between these pathways and initiatives, and are properly implemented in an inclusive manner, can have a meaningful impact on small-scale farmers who are producing about 35 percent of the world’s food. With

several frameworks in place and with the pandemic still affecting the world, it's time to take action.

With "building back better" in mind, this upcoming event will focus on strategies and local innovation of small-scale farmers around **sustainable, agroecological agricultural practices, processing and marketing of safe and nutritious food, and gender-sensitive approaches.**

This event is within the framework of ILC's Commitment-based Initiative 2 (CBI 2), Strong small-scale farming systems. CBI 2 is about ensuring "equitable land distribution and public investment that supports small-scale farming systems, including through redistributive agrarian reforms that counter excessive land concentration, provide for secure and equitable use and control of land, and allocate appropriate land to landless rural producers and urban residents, while supporting smallholders as investors and producers, such as through cooperative and partnership business models".

Objectives

The regional event will gather family farming stakeholders to discuss critical approaches and sustainable innovations for small-scale family farming.

At the end of the activity participants should be able to:

1. Recognize the advocacy strategies and innovations that have successfully enabled men, women, and young farmers to address their challenges, whilst contributing to sustainable food systems transformation;
2. Understand the factors that can affect the sustainability and economic viability of small-scale farming in today's context
3. Formulate recommendations to enhance existing initiative taking into considerations lessons from the pandemic; and
4. Identify new partnerships and new initiatives for building smallholder farmers' resilience.

A synthesis document will be produced out of the case studies that will be presented. This document will support the design and development of programs and interventions at the local level.

Participants - Farmers, civil society organizations, government officials, researchers, and donors.

Date and time - 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Philippine Standard Time/ GMT+8 (6 hours)

Venue - Zoom

Program (Time is Philippine Standard Time / GMT+8)

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:30 am – 11:00 am	OPENING SESSION
	Event mechanics (5 mins)
	Opening remarks (5 mins each) AFA AR Now ILC
	Poll (2 mins)
	Event overview (5 mins) AFA
11:00 am – 11:55 am	SESSION 1. YOUTH AND LAND RIGHTS
	VIDEO LAUNCH – Ang Pangarap ni Alvin (15 minutes)
	Youth Participation in Land Rights Campaigns (8 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nepal (NLRF) - To be identified
	Results of the Youth and Land Asia survey and regional position paper on Youth and Land (AFA / YLA) (10mins)
	Open discussion
	SESSION 2. BUILDING RESILIENCE FROM FARM TO TABLE
11:56 am – 12:49 am	Session 2.1 Agroecological technologies for small-scale farms
	Case 1. Family Farming in Indonesia - API (10 mins)
15-min break	Break
	Case 2. Integrated farming system in the Philippines: PAKISAMA (10 mins)

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	<p>Case 3: Sustaining family farm enterprises in Kyrgyzstan: The case of "Nurbek" Nursultan Arapov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Union of Water Users Association of the Kyrgyz Republic (NUWUA) (10 mins)
	Q&A (8 mins)
12:50 pm – 2:37 pm	Session 2.2 Increasing Farmers' Market Power
	<p>Case 4. The Kamla-RUDI Enterprise in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) (10 mins)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch break (60 mins)
	<p>Case 5. Family farmers in the Food System and Value Chain, the case of Kraing Leav Samaky Agricultural Cooperative in Cambodia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sopheap Pan, Farmer and Nature Net (FNN) (10 mins)
	<p>Case 6. The struggle of onion growers in Bangladesh</p> <p>Rowshan Jahan Moni, Deputy Executive Director, ALRD (10 mins)</p>
	Q&A (7 mins)
2:38 pm – 2:48 pm	Special session on Digital Agriculture and Value Chains
	<p>Virtual Call Centers: How farmers' organizations in Bangladesh manage to thrive during the pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing Middle Initiative Bangladesh (TBC) (10 mins)
2:49 pm – 2:59 pm	Special Session on Policy Advocacy for Family farming
	<p>Participation of farmers in policy processes (KLMPE) – PAKISAMA (TBC) (10 mins)</p>
3:00 pm – 4:06 pm	SESSION 3. BREAKOUT SESSION
	This session will provide space to reflect on the implications and propositions as a result of the pandemic and the changing landscape. What do the

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	<p>changes mean to farmers and their organizations? What actions should be given prioritized? (45 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southeast Asia Group - South Asia Group - East and Central Asia Group - Youth
	Plenary (20 mins)
4:06 – 4:15 p.m.	EVENT SYNTHESIS
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	CLOSING SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AFA ▪ AR Now ▪ ILC