



## Scientific conference:

# How to support agricultural development while conserving natural resources and alleviating poverty in Cambodia and South-East Asia countries?

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### Context

In the framework of the Environment Day initiated by the UN Program for Environment and locally supported by the French Embassy for the second year in a row, the Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia will organize a scientific conference aimed at linking scientific skills and knowledge in both environment and agricultural economics fields.

Meanwhile, the Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia, through its Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, is initiating a research project on the payment of environmental services in Cambodia and South-East Asia. This project will be carried out in collaboration with ENITA Clermont-Ferrand, France, and potentially with different international and regional research institutes and universities.

### Objectives

The conference aimed at contributing answering the following question by introducing technical or institutional solutions that link the three aspects of sustainable agricultural development:

*How to support agricultural development while conserving natural resources and alleviating poverty in Cambodia and South-East Asia countries?*

This conference targets lecturers and researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders involved in the relevant fields such as NGOs, private companies and donors in Cambodia and the region. A limited number of students of RUA and other Cambodian Universities will also attend the seminar.

### Conference details and tentative agenda

The conference will be held on June 3, 2009 at RUA, Phnom Penh.

The conference will include different presentations of regional and national experts. First, presentations will first introduce the theoretical framework and key environmental and agricultural issues and policies in South-East Asian countries. Then, experts will focus on technical and institutional systems or solutions linking development and environment. A specific focus will be made on environmental services and their payment. The papers will be published in RUA and RUA partners' websites.

The tentative agenda of the seminar is detailed below and will be screened and approved by a scientific committee made of different international experts in relevant fields.

Scientific committee		Organization committee	
Dr. Olivier AZNAR	Economist, Cemagref, FRANCE	M. Colas CHERVIER	Technical assistant, FSP project, RUA
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Dr. Dung NGUYEN HUU	University of Economics – Ho Chi Minh, VIETNAM	Mme Elida DELBOURG	Communication officer, GERES Cambodia
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### Tentative agenda of the seminar

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Presenter	Institution	Paper title	Time
<b>Registration of participants</b>			7:30 – 8:00
<b>Opening ceremony</b>			8:00-8:30
<b>General introduction</b>			
Mak Soeun	MAFF	Cambodian Agricultural Development Policy	8:30 – 9:00
<i>Break</i>			9:00 – 9:30
<b>I- Theoretical framework for Environmental Services Analysis</b>			
Malyne NEANG and Christophe DEPRES	RUA	Environmental services, agriculture and development	9:30 – 10:00
Patrice Levang	CIFOR-IRD	Theoretical framework: payment for environmental services	10:00 – 10:30
<b>II- Environmental Stakes for the rural and agricultural development in Cambodia and Southeast Asia</b>			
Dr. Dung NGUYEN HUU	University of Economics – Ho Chi Minh	Environment and economy in Vietnam	10:30 – 11:00
<b>III Lessons learnt from previous experiments carried out in Cambodia : Payment for Environmental Services Supply by farmers and others stakeholders</b>			
<b>A. Biodiversity conservation</b>			
Dr. Bui Dung The	Hue College of Economics , Hue University	Upland farmers and payement for forest environment services: An experiment in Vietnam	11:00 – 11:30
Seng Bunra	Conservation International/Ministry of Environment	Reconciling development and conservation in Cambodia	11:30 – 12:00
<i>Lunch break</i>			12:00 - 13:30
<b>B. Watershed services</b>			
Dr. TRẦN TIẾN KHAI	University of Economics – Ho Chi Minh	Conversion from rice to shrimp production in coastal region of Mekong Delta: a need for assessment of environmental impact	13:30 – 14:00
Prak Sereyvath	CEDAC	Experience of development of organic agriculture in Cambodia, issues and perspectives	14:00 – 14:30
Am Phirum	Ministry of commerce/GRET	Setting up geographical indications in Cambodia: experience, related public policy, perspectives	14:30 – 15:00
<i>Break</i>			15:00 – 15:30
Dr. Phan The Dong	Nong Lam University	Experiences of labelling in Vietnam	15:30 – 16:00
Stéphane Boulakia	MAFF/CIRAD/ AFD	Conservation agriculture in Cambodia: experience of PADAC project in developing direct-mulching based farming systems, what environmental services and what possible payment	16:00 – 16:30
<b>C. Carbon offset</b>			
Minh Cuong Le Quan	GERES	Carbon credit market in Cambodia: experience and perspectives	16:30 – 17:00
<b>Closing ceremony</b>			17:00 – 17:30