

(Draft) The 3rd Lao Organic Agriculture Forum (LOAF)

Project	Enhancing sustainable tourism, clean production and export capacity in Lao People's Democratic Republic
Implementing agency	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Host	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
Activity	The 3rd Lao Organic Agriculture Forum (LOAF 3), platform public-private sector dialogue
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To update participants on the situation of organic agriculture development in Lao PDR and explore future directions 2. To share with participants the experiences of organic agriculture development in other countries 3. To facilitate information sharing among civil society, the public and private sectors in Lao PDR on organic agricultural development, traceability, standards, as well as linkages with the tourism industry in the country. 4. To discuss concrete activities which could be adopted by stakeholders to promote further the development of organic agriculture in Lao PDR
Target Group	40 - 50 participants from private and public sectors
Duration & Location	14 th – 15 th July 2014 in Vientiane, Lao PDR

Tentative Programme

Day 1: Monday 14th July 2014

08.30 – 9.00	Registration
09.00 – 10.00	Opening and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open by Director General, Department of Agriculture ▪ Open by Director General, Department of Trade Promotion and Product Development ▪ Mr. Henrique Pacini, Trade and Environment, UNCTAD
10.00 – 10.15	Coffee break
10.15 – 12.00	Lao Organic Value Chain: The Experiences So Far (chair by Mr Vitoon Panyakul) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organic vegetable value chain in Luang Prabang (Luang Prabang Organic Agriculture Group) • The organic coffee value chain in Pakse (AGPC) • The organic mulberry and silk value chain (Mai Savanh) • The organic rice value chain (Lao Farmer Product) • Sale of organic products in Vientiane (AGROASIE shop)
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break (organic foods supplied by local organic farms)
13.00 – 15.00	Support Mechanism for Building Lao Organic Value Chain (chair by Mr Vitoon Panyakul) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building organic value chain in Luang Prabang – lessons learned from the project 2nd year of implementation (Mr. Franck Caussin, UNOPS) • Linking tourism with organic farming in Lao PDR (Mr. Henrique Pacini, Trade and Environment, UNCTAD) • Organic guarantee system of Laos Certification Body (LCB)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Agriculture Development Center, DOA • Lao Organic Agriculture Promotion Project, JICA • Eat Green: Changing Food Consumption Patterns – A Sustainable Approach Towards Economic Development in Lao PDR (OXFAM Lao)
17.30	End of Day One

Day 2: Tuesday 15th July 2014

08.00 – 08.30	Registration
08.30 – 10.00	Organic Value Chain: Experiences from Other Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uganda (Mr Musa K. Muwanga) • Thailand (Mr Vitoon R. Panyakul)
10.00 – 10.30	Unfair trade practices facing small Exporters in Organic Agriculture (Mr. Hassan Qaqaya, Head , Competition and Consumer Policies, UNCTAD)
10.30 – 12.00	Workshop (3 parallel sessions) + coffee break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organic production: how can we expand organic productions in Lao • organic supporting agencies: coordination and collaboration • organic value chain in Lao: what are the weakest link
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break (organic foods supplied by local organic farms)
13.00 – 14.00	Plenary - Report Back from the Working Group “ Putting it all together and the way forward towards”
14.00 – 14.30	Closing of the workshop by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director General, Department of Agriculture • Director General, Department of Trade Promotion and Product Development • Mr Henrique Pacini - Trade and Environment, UNCTAD
14.30	Coffee break