



ENSURING FOOD SECURITY FOR THE ASEAN COMMUNITY

APF/ACSC 4 | February 21, 2009 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Building 1 Room 101 (B1.101)

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Atty. Elpidio Peria, *Third World Network*
Ms. Riza Bernabe, *AFA-commissioned Researcher*
Mr. Dondon Parafina, *ANSA-EAP*

WORKSHOP ORGANIZERS:

AsiaDHRRA and AFA

PROGRAM

1. Opening Remarks: Marlene Ramirez, AsiaDHRRA Secretary General
2. Presentations
 - a. **Sustainable, Ecological Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry: What it has Delivered, What Are Its Promises And What Are The Challenges In Promoting It In The ASEAN Region** (15 minutes) by Atty. Elpidio Peria, Third World Network
 - b. **Proposed Regional Agricultural Trade Agenda** – *presentation will include a discussion on potential areas of cooperation, exchange as well as beneficial trade offs among countries in the region.* (20 minutes) by Ms. Riza Bernabe, AFA-commissioned Researcher
 - c. **Good practices in Agriculture Budget Watch in Asia** (15 minutes) by Mr. Dondon Parafina, Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia Pacific (ANSA-EAP)
3. Open Forum
4. Plenary discussion (a) Proposals to ASEAN governments and (b) Action points on engaging ASEAN in pushing this programs and proposals
5. Synthesis of discussions and agreements by Esther Penunia, AFA Secretary General

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKSHOP:

The current food crisis has prompted a lot of responses from various sectors. For many rural development advocates especially in agricultural based economies, the call to ensure food security has been more resounding.

This workshop would like to discuss concrete policy and program proposals which we think are relevant, sound and effective in ensuring food security in the region. These concrete policy and program proposals are fruits of several conferences, dialogues and in-country consultations held most recently about the food crisis and food security. Along this, the workshop will focus on three important aspects of food security --production, agricultural trade and good governance thru social accountability.