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Recommendations and Action Points (interactive discussion, 30 minutes)

- by and among civil society groups
- by, and with ASEAN secretariat
- by and with concerned national governments

Synthesis and Closing Remarks

(6 mins)

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Notetaker:

Marlene Ramirez, *AsiaDHRRRA* and Chaerul Umam, *Binadesa*

Rapporteur :

AFA (to be identified during WS)

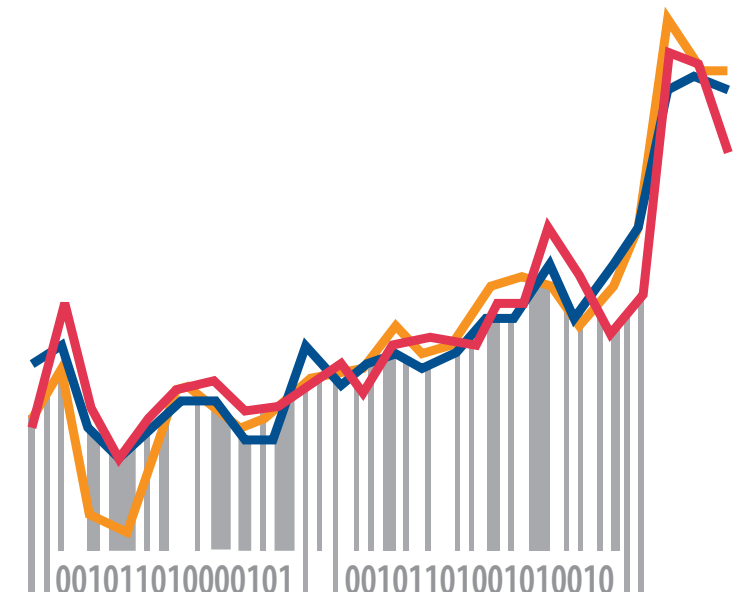
Estimated Participants : 50 participants

- Women and men Representatives of producer organizations
- Women and men Representatives of consumers' organizations
- Women and men Representatives of labor unions
- NGOs working on food security, rural development, people-centered economic development

Persons in Charge for the Workshop:

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Food Price Volatility and Food Reserves in ASEAN

Organizers

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■ BACKGROUND:

Just over two years after the 2008 food price crisis, in recent months the international community has been concerned again about high food price levels on international markets. Many governments, international agencies and producers organizations are currently involved in debates about food price volatility and what policy responses may mitigate it and reduce its impact on poor consumers. Farmers' organizations are likewise asked how price volatility impacts small-scale producers. What causes food price volatility? What policies and programs can help mitigate food price volatility?

Rice is the staple food of the ASEAN people. ASEAN is home to the world's top exporters and importers of rice. It is very important that we have stable supply of good and affordable rice in our country and in the region. Our production of rice has been hampered by many factors, including climate change and natural disasters. The ASEAN is improving its Rice Reserve Scheme. National governments are increasing buffer stocks. Local communities likewise are strengthening local stocks. Are food reserve schemes an effective strategy to minimize price volatility? If so, how should these schemes be implemented at national and ASEAN levels?

■ OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand the effects of price volatility to small producers and poor consumers
2. Analyze the causes of food price volatility in ASEAN countries
3. Analyze the ASEAN Rice Reserve Scheme
4. Formulate policy and program proposals addressed to national governments and ASEAN that will reduce food price volatility
5. Develop joint and complementary actions amongst civil society groups, and between CSO and ASEAN , and identify possible mechanisms for coordination

■ PROGRAM

Moderator : Esther Penunia, AFA

Welcome Remarks

(6 minutes)

Nuruddin, Secretary General, Aliansi Petani Indonesia (API)

Marlene Ramirez, Secretary General, AsiaDHRRA

Effect of food price volatility and coping mechanisms

(30 minutes; 5 minutes per speaker and 10 minute open forum)

Vuley Voan, Vietnam Farmers' Union (VNFU)

Fadil Kirom, Aliansi Petani Indonesia (API)

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Causes, Analysis of Food Price Volatility

(45 minutes ; 15 mins/ presentation, 15 mins open forum)

Alexander Chandra and Lucky Lontoh, Trade Knowledge Network-Southeast Asia, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Arze Glipo, Asia Pacific Network on Food Sovereignty (APNFS)

The ASEAN Emergency Rice Reserve Scheme

(40 minutes; 20 mins presentation, 20 mins open forum)

Mr Suriyan Vitchitlekarn, Assistant Director and Head, Agriculture Industries and Natural Resources Division, ASEAN Economic Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat.

CSO/FO Initiatives and Policy Proposals to Address Food Price Volatility

(40 minutes; 5 mins per speaker, 10 mins open forum)

Vuley Voan, VNFU representative

Fadil Kirom, Aliansi Petani Indonesia

Kun Wardana Abyoto, UNI-APRO