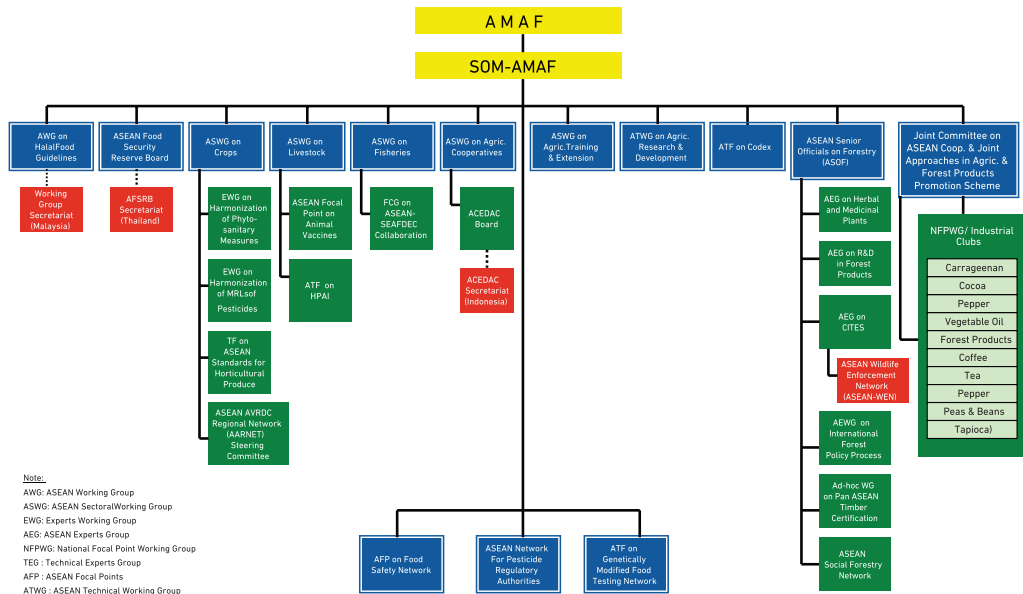


Structure of the Organization of ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry



THE LATEST ACTIVITIES:

Promotion is continue to be done through business forum, the 7th ASEAN Cooperative Business Forum (ACBF), which was held in 2017 in Manila, Philippines. This forum was a place for cooperatives and other stakeholders to promote their leading and distinguished products. This forum is expected to facilitate potential partnership in the future.



In addition, in line with the Strategic Action Plan in increasing added value, ACEDAC and AFOSP collaborate through the programme named ASEAN Learning Series and Policy Engagement on Agricultural Cooperatives (ALSPEAC) which was held on July 2017 in Indonesia with focus on Inclusive Agricultural Value Chain on Coffee. ALSPEAC is designed to promote better coordination and collaboration among agricultural cooperatives, governments, private sector, and relevant stakeholders (NGOs, academia, and many others).

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ASEAN Centre for Development of Agricultural Cooperatives (ACEDAC)
 an ASEAN Body under ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperative (ASWGAC) to implement daily activities. ACEDAC is supported by a Secretariat. The Board shall report to the Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF) through the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperatives.

The functions of ACEDAC are:

- a. To provide fora for exchanging information and improving agricultural cooperatives development;
- b. To gather, analyse, compile and disseminate information through various media;
- c. To promote, foster and encourage joint project activities related to agricultural and related cooperatives within the framework of supporting specific development policies and programmes, promoting intra-ASEAN trade, and enhancing cooperatives and ASEAN's competitive edge regionally as well as internationally;
- d. To initiate joint efforts in human resource development and management, especially in education and training.

ACTIVITIES

General Overview Meeting of Project for Strengthening Capacity Building in Agriculture Sector in ASEAN Countries, Phase 2 (CB Project 2) (Jakarta, 26-27 Juli 2017)

As an effort to improve the capacity of agriculture-related practitioner and workers, ASEAN Secreariat with funding of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan, through Capacity Building (CB) Project, involved ACEDAC to improve agricultural cooperatives in ASEAN. CB Project aims to build capacities of agriculture-related practitioners and officials, such as farmers, members of agricultural cooperatives, extensions workers/officials, and agri-business leaders in ASEAN Member States. CB Project offers many trainings and contributes to levelling technique among AMS to assist agricultural sector. The activities under CB Project 2 includes Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM), Agriculture Policy Seminar, Training Courses, Dispatch of Japanese Short-term Experts, and Monitoring and Evaluation Activities. This project completed with the outcome of 983 participants in various theme of training courses from ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN – Japan Meeting on Food Value Chain in the Future - (25-26 October 2017)

HRD Project on Food Related Areas through Partnership with Universities in ASEAN Countries is funded by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan. This project provides a series of lectures on food value chain to universities in ASEAN Member States by inviting Japanese expert as lecturers. ACEDAC took part in involving agricultural cooperatives in this project. Since its establishment in 2004, the project has implemented 19 programs in all AMS universities, for total of over 2.000 students, inviting over 200 experts. These activities have contributed for fostering development of young generation, establishing and strengthening partnership and creating networks at various levels including public-private, academic-industrial and among different players in the industry along the food value chain (e.g., agricultural production and processing). The meeting was held in Bali, Indonesia and it aims to summarize the status of project implementation for past years and obtain feedback from stakeholders among 10 ASEAN Member States. The meeting also deal with adjustment of opinions among stakeholders for the second phase.



SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The activities of ACEDAC, among others are the following:

- ❖ Conduct annual meetings to consider and adopt its annual report/technical report as well as evaluate and approve a tentative plan of action for the following year;
- ❖ Gather, analyse, compile and disseminate information about agricultural cooperatives movements and/or business cooperations between agricultural cooperatives and appropriate business organisations;
- ❖ Promote joint projects activities related to agricultural cooperatives within the framework of supporting specific development policies and programmes, such as:
 - Develop an ASEAN agricultural cooperatives information network;
 - a. Undertake comparative studies on ASEAN cooperatives legislations, audit systems, organisation and management pertaining to agricultural and related cooperatives;
 - b. Conduct research and development on agricultural cooperatives financing and auditing systems and business and trade activities conducted by agricultural cooperatives and/or cooperations between agricultural cooperatives and business organisations; and
 - c. Organise joint activities such as farmers' weeks, workshops, seminars, conference, exhibition etc. Conduct human resources development and management programme, especially education and training of personnel and cooperators.
- ❖ Encourage joint economic projects in the fields of production, processing, manufacturing, marketing, trade and agro-based industry; and
- ❖ Assist the ASEAN Cooperative Organisation (ACO) and undertake joint activities with the Organisation such as workshops, seminars, conferences, exhibition etc. in cooperation with other ASEAN bodies and/or organisations.