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Migration & Agriculture Resilience Initiative for Sustainability (MARIS): Linking Gender, Water and Agriculture

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Objectives of the workshop:

- **Promote cross learning and better understanding of the key challenges** facing agriculture in an era of out-migration through sharing experiences from different countries in South, East and Southeast Asia.
- **Identify interventions (policies and practices)** which can contribute to addressing the livelihood, agricultural and resource management challenges created by labour migration.
- Establish a **network** of researchers, development practitioners and policy makers to share information, better address knowledge gaps (research) and engage in policy dialogue around migration, agriculture and natural resource management

Day 1: December 17, 2016

Time	What	Objectives/How	Who
8.00 – 8.30	Registration		
8.30 – 8.45	Welcome Ceremony - Welcome address, Prof Wan Junyi South China Agriculture University		Prof Chen / Prof Wan Junyi
8.45 – 9.30	Introduction to workshop Framing presentation on how this fits in with previous workshops and what we want to get of the meeting Overview workshop and participants	- Review workshop process/flow - Expectations and issues to address	Fraser Michael

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9.30 – 10.30	Session 1: Framing the issues 1. Overall trends and issues in Migration and Agrarian Change , Peter Mollinga 2. Irrigation water trade and farmers' behavior: challenge from Labour migration Prof. Liu Yiming 3. Migration and agrarian change in the Greater Mekong Region with focus on Myanmar Michiko Iko 4. Coming home: the return migrants with ill-health and its implication for healthcare and household livelihoods Prof. Ding Shijun	Three high-level presentations that frame overall issues from global and regional perspective and discussion and the discussion.	Chaired by Prof Chen and Fraser
10.30 – 10.50	Coffee Break		
10.50 – 12.30	Session 2: Country level experiences 1. Lessons/experiences from China (Prof Chen Fengbo) 2. Lessons/experiences from Nepal (Amrita Limbu) 3. Lessons/experiences from Lao (Chanpasuk Tantaphone) 4. Lessons/experiences from Myanmar - internal migration study in Myanmar's delta (Zaw Min Naing) 5. Lessons/experiences from Thailand (Soimart Rungmanee)	A series of country presentations which highlight various issues related to migration, agriculture and NRM and impacts on agrarian change in countries (10-12 minutes each with 30 minute discussion) Discussion on general issues and challenges	Michael
12.30 – 1.45	Lunch		
1.45 – 3.15	Session 3: Identification of opportunities and interventions 1. Gender and migration (Elok Mulyoutami) 2. Experiences in using simulation analysis to understand migration trends and impacts on poverty (John Ward) 3. LIFT Experiences in funding initiatives relation to agrarian change and migration (Ms Thet Hnin Aye) 4. Lessons from Myanmar on migration to Thailand (Khun Moe Htun) 5. Is migration an effective way to provoke rural development? (Associate Prof Lu Jixia)	Presentation on issues and interventions * Policies and practices to facilitate adaptation or addressing migration * How migration can be harnessed to generate positive change in rural communities * The links between migration and ecosystem and climate stress * Impacts so far created on women and vulnerable communities	Michael
3.15 – 3.45	Coffee Break		

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3.45 – 4.15	Session 4: Panel Discussion on policies and practices relevant to migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Dinesh K Marothia, (India) - Dr. W.J.S.K. Weerakkody (Sri Lanka) - Mr. Xiong Gangchu, Bureau of Agri of Guangzhou local government - Michiko Iko (Myanmar, IMO) 	Reflection on policy implications and what can be done, what are knowledge gaps and addressing institutional issues.	Alan
4.15 – 5.00	Sense-making of the day Group work around problem tree analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is migration affecting agriculture and NRM? - What are the main threats and opportunities to rural agrarian systems in relation to migration? - What does this mean for potential interventions? What are potential gaps in knowledge and understanding 	Framing questions which allow participants to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bring together learning * Understand what this means and how we can address future issues. 	Farah

Day 2: December 18, 2016

Time	What	Objectives/How	Who
830 – 8.45	Review of day and agenda		Michael
8.45 - 10.00	Follow up on sense making and problem tree matrix Continue group work and present back		Farah/Michael/ Nitasha
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break		
10.30 – 11.00	Framing a regional initiative Presentation by Fraser, Prof Fengbo and Alan Nicol on a framework for future work on Migration, agriculture and NRM	Provide an over-arching framework for discussions on developing entry points for proposals and initiatives	Fraser, Alan and Prof Chen
11.00 – 12.00	Group work on identifying entry points for regional and national initiatives Potentially look at a couple of emergent themes like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender and migration - Impact of migration on agri and NRM institutions 	Allow participants to identify potential policy, research and development interventions at national or regional level that could be part of a wider initiative. 45 minutes group work -15 minute discussion	Farah/Michael/ Nitasha

	- Technology issues related to migration	Use Previous Research Proposal outlines and build upon these.	
12.00 – 12.30	Introduction to field	Provide participants with the context of what is happening in China and what we will see in the study tour	Prof Chen
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch and Depart for Field trip		

Day 3: December 19, 2016

All Day in the field

Day 4: December 20, 2016

Time	What	Objectives/How	Who
830 – 8.45	Review of day and agenda		Nitasha
8.45 – 10.00	Debriefing on the field trip – working groups	Provide opportunity to discuss in working groups what was learned in the field trip and how it relates to earlier discussions	Prof Chen Fengbo and Nitasha
10.00 – 11.00	Towards a network of practitioners Group work to discuss potential ideas for developing a network or community of practice	We could use a Purpose to Practice type of session which allows us to look how the network would be established and run http://www.liberatingstructures.com/33-purpose-to-practice-p2p/	Nitasha
11.00 – 12.00	Conclusion/Wrap up - General summary by South China Agriculture University and IWMI - Participants reflection and evaluation	Provide opportunity to sum up main outcomes of the workshop and allow participants to reflect on what they have learned	Prof Chen
12.00	Lunch and leave for Guangzhou		