



VIETNAM NETWORK IN AGROFORESTRY EDUCATION (VNAFE)

MINUTES OF EXTENDED BOARD OF VIETNAM NETWORK IN AGROFORESTRY EDUCATION (VNAFE)

Hue Agriculture and Forestry University, Period 26 – 27, Nov, 2009

Meeting content

- Actions evaluation of VNAFE in 2009
- Results sharing in Agroforestry education; training and research.
- To inform the SEANAFE develop strategy.
- Discussion of network management: fee, co-odirnation, web site management.
- 2010 yearly plan establishing

Timing, venue

Two days, beginning at 8^h00' AM, 26, Nov, 2009 and closing at 15:30, 27, Nov, 2009.

Venue: Meeting Hall, Hue Agriculture and Forestry University.

Participants

Meeting participants includes VNAFE Board and representative of extended institutions, there are 13 participants; including as follow:

- Representative of VNAFE member institutions: NOMAFSI; Vietnam Forest University; Hue Agriculture and Forestry University, Tay nguyen University, Da Lat University; HCM Agriculture and Forestry University; Lam Dong Extension Centre; Science and Technology Department of Dak nong Province.
- Delegates: Rector of Hue Agriculture and Forestry University (meeting held institution); Vice of Rector of Forest Science Institute of Vietnam (FSIV) – One member of SEANAFE Board and some of lecturers of Forestry faculty, Hue Agriculture and Forestry University.

(The list of participants is attached)

Meeting process and results:

1. Warm opening

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Duong Viet Tinh: presents the meeting reason and introduce participants.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nguyen Minh Hieu – Rector of Hue Agriculture and Forestry University warm meeting opens.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy – Chair of VNAFE: introduces the meeting program.

2. Present achievements of VNAFE in 2009

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy – Chair of VNAFE presents report, included:

- The context of VNAFE in 2009

- VNAFE manage, fee
- VNAFE Website management.
- Main activities in VNAFE plan were implemented in 2009: Forestry policy analyses report, contribution article for APAnews – FAO, SEANAFE; Training on landscape and marketing in Agroforestry; Training need assessment (TNA) in Agroforestry; Writing research proposal on CO₂ sequestration at ministry and government level; VNAFE Board meeting.
- Activities were not planned but implemented in 2009: Join with SEANAFE for project finding: Agroforestry develop in order to adjust and damage reducing in climate change context of APN; 02 master thesis manage that are supported by SEANAFE; Selection persons who take part the short course training on sustainable development in SEA upland area (02 Vietnam members come from Hue Agriculture and Forestry University & Chur Mom Ray national park)

3. Present some achievements of VNAFE

3.1. Result of Agroforestry TNA

M.Sc. Pham Quang Vinh, representative of Vietnam forestry University presents main achievements of TNA in Agroforestry, that were done at the north provinces of Vietnam by Vietnam forestry University combine with Thai Nguyen Agriculture and Forestry University, including some contents as follow:

- Result of TNA of Agroforestry bachelor: information on the job of Agroforestry bachelor; evaluated result of K/S/A and Agroforestry curriculum.
- Find out K/S/A which be added in AF education and improve AF curriculum follow credit training system.

Plenary discussion:

M.Sc. Hoang Huu Cai – HCM Agriculture and Forestry University: Recognizes VNAFE implemented meaningful activities, well supported for AF education. In AF curriculum should be added the market chain of AF product; Environment service concepts such as AF landscape service, create the good opportunities for local farmers can sell their environment service, biodiversity... AF includes the production, environment service, market activities,...When interviewing we should identify how many percent private company, state and foreigner company employers AF bachelor.

Depend on specific characteristic of each University, In AF curriculum establish process should begin TNA action then deeply discuss, clearly identify and design the obligatory and non-obligatory subjects, special subject... Strategically, VNAFE need open a forum for members can share, exchange ...when we select and develop the necessary subjects

M.Sc. Pham Quang Vinh – Vietnam Forest University: Some contents such as market, environment service were be reviewed and added in the non-obligatory subjects of AF curriculum.

Dr. Dang Thai Duong – Hue Agriculture and Forestry University: We need agreement the same AF curriculum for whole Vietnam education. In credit training system there is autodidactic part, so that we should add it into the curriculum.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy – Tay Nguyen University: to highly appreciate the TNA; with this approach will well supporting for curriculum development of AF short course training, curriculum establishing follow credit training system closely relate to MoET

regulation so that we need agree the obligatory subjects, systematically analyze in order to develop the qualitative AF curriculum.

Dr. Vo Dai Hai – FSIV: We pay attention to the timing and realistic content in AF curriculum, the linkage between Vietnam forest University and FSIV in training some subjects of silviculture branch training, we suggest the collaboration among lecturers of Universities and related institutes for realistic experience adapting to student.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Duong Viet Tinh – Hue Agriculture and Forestry University: In fact, AF bachelors have responded the realistic demand, the problem here how we can do the clients understand and give more job for AF bachelor.

M.Sc. Pham Quang Vinh – Vietnam Forest University: When we designed the questionnaire in TNA we had not noticed the positional work of graduated student as well as rate and component. The Universities should do well marketing their aim and trained branch, the clients base on realistic demand for employee receiving.

Dr. Le Quoc Doanh – NOMAFSI: AF is a synthetic, deep trained branch, combine between Agriculture and Forestry, there is an interdisciplinary in AF activity, AF curriculum is not an addition of Agriculture and Forestry. Training program need appropriately combine between theory and practices depend on local, regional characteristic ...AF approach is focus more on landscape than area scale. This is the most related thing in identifying the special subjects in training.

3.2. Result of the training on landscape and market in AF

M.Sc. Nguyen Van Son. - Director of Lam Dong extension Center – presents some main achievement of the training course, includes:

- Overview
- Short course objectives, method
- Learning content and group working outcome.
- Participants’ feedback, in term of member’s concerns these are solved by Lam Dong extension Center in many activities at local.

Plenary discussion:

M.Sc. Pham Quang Vinh – Vietnam Forest University: The training course is well responded of VNAFE activity plan in 2009

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy – Tay Nguyen University: This action reflects a good collaboration for budget and experience sharing in education and extension

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Le Quoc Doanh: Training collaboration is a good way, we need learn and spread continuously in order to help universities, institutes participate together in training, improve our education quality

4. Financial report of VNAFE

Dr. Cao Thi Ly, Network’s secretary reported the financial management in 2008 and 2009. Everybody highly agree the report and make sure contribution to fees in 2010.

5. Members discuss, evaluate the VNAFE activities in 2009 and identify follow up activity in the near future

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Duong Viet Tinh – Hue Agriculture and Forestry University

VNAFE fruitfully operate, the first success is managing role of the network's Chairman, and he frequently maintains, updates the website and facilitates the contribution of member institutions.

M.Sc. Hoang Huu Cai – HCM Agriculture and Forestry University

He highly appreciates of VNAFE activity in 2009. Lecturers of HCM Agriculture and Forestry University participated the short course that were organized by SEANAFE have good evaluation of network's activities.

VNAFE follow up activity in 2010 and coming years: We need context analyze for linkage with other network, beside to prove staff's ability in each member institutions in order to continuously operate and develop, details are follow:

- Website maintenance
- Continuously exchange and network manage by various way, in which we prioritize via email, online
- Research strategy establishing: focus on REDD research tendency in AF and biodiversity,...linkage between AF and REDD research.
- Notice and invest the field research subject, put it into the AF curriculum.

M.Sc. Pham Quang Vinh – Vietnam Forest University

He has good comment of managing role of the network's Chairman.

Follow up activity of 2010 be focused to improve young staff's capacity, research trend is REED linkage with AF; co-operation among Universities and Institutes in research and training in order to increase training quality, balance theory and practice for student. Transferring the research achievement to benefit group and update into workbook...

M.Sc. Pham Tuan – Da Lat University

On behalf of the University, he undertook absolutely collaborate in every activity of VNAFE. He hopes that VNAFE support in young lecturer training at inside and abroad short course.

M.Sc Nguyen Van Son – Lam Dong extension Center

VNAFE activity is useful not only in training but also technique transfer of extension center. He is afraid of lacking the financial when ICRAF stop assisting. The VNAFE Board need mobilize resources for network operation. Training topic is met realistic demand. We need more AF short course for many local of Lam Dong province.

Le Huy Tuan – Science and Technology Department of Dak Nong Province.

His organization is a new member of network, he hope for learning and experience sharing in AF area. He also highly appreciate the network's operations in 2009 and suggest some follow up activities: VNAFE need organize more short course in order to expand approached method, new research trend, English skill training, create opportunity for young staff to approach useful, foreigner document; CO₂ sequestration research is a new trend, that is being interested in every body, we need added these contents into VNAFE activity plan as well as short courses training...

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Le Quoc Doanh – NOMAFSI

He highly appreciated of managing and coordinating role of the network's Chairman. SEANAFE will become an International Non Government organization (INGO), The Chair can describe more clearly the network's action trend. In the near future, we need choose main activity that is appropriate for collaborated potential among member institutions of VNAFE. We establish a closely cooperation in CO₂ sequestration research.

Dr. Dang Thai Duong – Hue Agriculture and Forestry University

We should review weak points those haven't been carried out in order to improve it's in coming time. VNAFE website is useful for research and education. He hopes that VNAFE is going to discuss and find out the sponsor, implement a lot of realistic and sustainable activities in the future. Solution: To take full advantage of member institutions for seeking the sponsor for research. Information exchange issues are better maintainable.

Assoc.Prof.Dr Vo Dai Hai – FSIV

He is a member of SEANAFE board so that he know well actively status of SEANAFE as well as VNAFE. VNAFE operation is useful and highly appreciated

- Website is a strong point of VNAFE, it should be maintainable and develop
- Fees contribution is a good way for network's development
- Member institutions of VNAFE is various, included education, research organization, state enterprise, transfer technology likes extension center. We should create close cooperation among institutions in order to improve educational quality, professional document writing, technology transferring, and research achievement applying...
- Weak points of VNAFE: member institutions act inequilaterally (for example: Thai Nguyen Agriculture and Forestry University is weak partner)
- VNAFE Board yearly meeting, workshop can be organized via online if we lack of budget. The most important thing is maintenance the website for serving research and education.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy – Tay Nguyen University:

He do hope everybody give careful consideration; create effective cooperation between research and transfer technology to target groups. He suggests that the member institutions more consider in contribution and sharing research, educational achievement, and field study on the website for self-learning. Short course increasing is good; however we need review the timing and budget resources... CO₂/REDD research trend will be considered in VNAFE plan establishing. He thanks and acknowledges all of participant's contribution, especially many thanks the great solutions for VNAFE maintenance in the future. Base on this We need detail discuss on 2010 plan and coming years. He also acknowledges whole weak points, especially in resource mobilization for research, everybody has lesson-learn for follow up activity.

6. Discussion and agreement VNAFE strategy and 2010 plan

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy announced SEANAFE status:

- SEANAFE is admitted an INGO by Philippines, in which VNAFE is a network's member.

- 18th SEANAFE board meeting result and action plan of SEANAFE in 2010 base on budget balance.
- Draft VNAFE plan for 2010

From information mentioned above of SEANAFE and result evaluation of VNAFE activity in 2009, all participants discuss and agree the VNAFE strategy and action plan in 2010 as follow:

6.1. VNAFE developed strategy:

- i. Position of VNAFE: Maintenance is a national network and takes part with member role of INGO SEANAFE.
- ii. Linkage in order to training service provide to project: “Forest for Livelihood Improvement in The Centre Highlands - FLITCH” support by ADB in 2010 – 2014 period; simultaneously linkage with different program, project on the country. VNAFE is going to introduce the training, consultant service to member institutions, these organization should repay 10% budget total to VNAFE.
- iii. Resources mobilization: Implement research in order to result transfer base on one main partner and invite other partners involving. NOMAFSI will bring out training needs, invite different partners providing trainer.
- iv. International cooperate proposal writing: Main responsibility is M.Sc. Hoang Huu Cai, combine with the board (Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy) in new idea finding and writing. The proposal is reflected competitive capacity and realization.
- v. Web and information sharing mechanism: One partner has to contribute one article per month. Each partner has responsible person for information providing to web master.
- vi. Network fee (2.000.000 VND/year/institution) is maintenance. Besides there is receipts 10% from training service of the institutions that is introduce by VNAFE.
- vii. Invitation internal and external experts to teach student and master student on AF new knowledge related to damage reducing in climate change context. Lecturer exchange is carried out by organization’s budget. Institution inform lecturer exchange demand, invite lecturer via email, website.
- viii. VNAFE and Vietnam ICRAF: VNAFE need contact and closely cooperation Vietnam ICRAF in order to implement strategy and resources mobilize.

6.2. VNAFE plan in 2010:

The Board agrees the VNAFE plan in 2010, included 6 activities:

- i. Network management, information exchange, and website: cost 2000USD from SEANAFE.
- ii. The Board meeting and whole VNAFE member institutions combine with competent level dialogue for network acknowledge: cost 500USD from

SEANAFE add fees resources of 2009 & 2010 of network; to call more contribution from member institution or different resources (if yes). We need combine with other content in order to organize by AF workshop way. Timing: July – August, 2010. Venue: NOMAFSI.

- iii. Contribution article for APAnews
- iv. Training on CO₂ sequestration of natural forest: Cost 1.500USD from SEANAFE. Human resources: VNAFE member institution (Assoc.Prof.Dr. Bao Huy, Vo Dai Hai, Hoang Huu Cai) and from ICRAF. Venue: The Centre Highlands, research combine between FSIV and Tay Nguyen University. Participant: lecturer, field staff.
- v. AF Road Shows: Cost 2.500 USD from APN project. This activity will be combinable organize in the fair, national agricultural exhibition of MARD at Ha Noi. Organizers are NOMAFSI (Assoc.Prof.Dr. Le Quoc Doanh) and FSIV (Assoc.Prof.Dr. Vo Dai Hai). Timing: Jan – April, 2010.
- vi. Create a forum on web site of AF curriculum: The meeting has agreed opening one new webpage for information exchanging and sharing in order to improve the AF curriculum. Line of action: What's problem in AF curriculum? Feedback is sent via email to web master. This action is absolutely voluntary, no benefit.

The detailed 2010 plan of VNAFE is attached

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