



Agenda 3: Update on AARNET activities

- 3.1 Update on Progress Report of AARNET 2020
- 3.2 Update on the status of the proposals and discussion on funding opportunities with inputs from AMs



3.1 Update on Progress Report of AARNET 2020

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the 15th AARNET Steering Committee (ASC) Meeting was postponed to 2021. Progress report was submitted to 27th ASWGC by AARNET Secretariat (AARNET Sec) in May 2020.
- AARNET Secretariat (AARNET Sec) had been coordinating with ASEC and WorldVeg to revise the AARNET project proposals since 2019, to get them into a form acceptable by potential donors.

The following Project Proposals are under the revision process:

- Improved Coordination and Strengthened Capacity to Deal with the Invasive Insect Pest *Tuta absoluta* in Mainland Southeast Asia.
- Going wild in finding insect-pest resistance for tomato breeding in Southeast Asia.
- Sustainable and eco-friendly protected cultivation of vegetables in South East Asia.
- Promoting biocontrol-based integrated pest management strategies for safer vegetables in the ASEAN countries.



3.2 Update on the status of the proposals

Project title	Progress and Status
1. Improved Coordination and Strengthened Capacity to Deal with the Invasive Insect Pest <i>Tuta absoluta</i> in Mainland Southeast Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This project was routed to EWG-PS and has been approved for funding by JAIF in May 2021.• WorldVeg as IA will be sharing implementation plan in upcoming EWG-PS virtual meeting on 13 July 2021.
2. Going wild in finding insect-pest resistance for tomato breeding in Southeast Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had a virtual meeting with Japan mission to explore funding possibility in Aug 2020.• Pending JMT's response after revised budget by IA in May 2021.
3. Sustainable and eco-friendly protected cultivation of vegetables in South East Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals had gone through several rounds of revisions by WorldVeg and are still being revised for the project proponent, work plan and budget requirement.
4. Promoting biocontrol-based integrated pest management strategies for safer vegetables in the ASEAN countries	



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**For discussion/inputs on
funding opportunities, how to
move projects forward?**