

17th STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ASEAN-AVRDC REGIONAL NETWORK FOR VEGETABLE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (AARNET)

29 – 30 May 2023

(Physical meeting, hosted by Brunei)

Venue: Conference Room at Universiti Teknologi Brunei, Brunei

AGENDA

- Agenda 1 Opening of the Meeting**
- 1.1 Welcome Remarks by Ms Poh Bee Ling, Covering AARNET Chair
 - 1.2 Opening Remarks by Dr Syazana Abdullah Lim, Director of Center for Research on AgriFood Science and Technology (CrAFT)
 - 1.3 Remarks by Mrs Delphine Larrousse, WorldVeg Regional Director for East and South East Asia
- Agenda 2 Adoption of Agenda**
- Agenda 3 Update on AARNET project proposals**
- 3.1 Update on Improved coordination and strengthened capacity to deal with the invasive insect pest *Phthorimaea absoluta* (*Tuta absoluta*) in mainland Southeast Asia by WorldVeg [virtual presentation]
 - 3.2 Update on other AARNET project proposals by AARNET Secretariat
 - 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
- Agenda 4 Update on WorldVeg's work in the ASEAN region**
- 4.1 Update on seed conservation project, Taiwan Asia Vegetable Initiative (TASVI), previously known as "Open Network for Asian Vegetables (ONAV) [virtual presentation]
 - 4.2 Project idea presented by WorldVeg on "Building a platform for vegetable diseases monitoring in the region" [virtual presentation]
 - 4.3 Presentation on the use of germplasm by Dr Yann-rong Lin, Worldveg Deputy Director General – Partnerships
- Agenda 5 Status and Priorities of Vegetable R&D in ASEAN**
- 5.1 Country presentation – Brunei
 - 5.2 Country presentation – Cambodia [virtual presentation]

- 5.3 Country presentation – Indonesia [virtual presentation]
- 5.4 Country presentation – Malaysia
- 5.5 Country presentation – Myanmar
- 5.6 Country presentation – Philippines
- 5.7 Country presentation – Singapore
- 5.8 Country presentation – Thailand
- 5.9 Country presentation – Vietnam
- 5.10 Discussion among AARNET Steering Committee’s members on vegetable R&D priorities for ASEAN

Agenda 6

Other Matters

- 8.1 Other Matters
- 8.2 Venue of Next Meeting

Agenda 7

Recommendations to ASWGC and SOM-AMAF

Agenda 8

Adoption of Report

Agenda 9

Closing of the Meeting