



# Bringing Agroecology to the Market: Innovative Market Approaches & Institutional Settings to accompany the agroecological transition

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# Few elements of background

- Thematic workshop following up a panel discussion organized by **ALiSEA** in Luang Prabang in December 2017 during the **Luang Prabang Film Festival** about “**We are what we eat**”.
- Video record of the panel discussion soon available on **ALiSEA YouTube channel**
- Workshop taking place in the framework of the **Lao Uplands Initiative** as part of the pre-conference meetings



# Overview of the process

- **Setting the stage** with the introduction of some key concepts: Agroecology, Markets, Trust, Mindful Markets
  - **Getting inspired** with the presentation of some innovations in Laos and Thailand
  - **Working together** in a world café session organized around 3 main questions
  - **Feeding the Lao Uplands Conference**
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# An innovative approach to Q&A session...

- All participants are encouraged to download the **mobile application sli.do**
- Access code for the event is **# P138**
- All participants are encouraged to submit their **questions** about the different case studies presented **throughout the presentations**
- Questions can be submitted **anonymously**
- Questions will be collected and submitted to the presenters for **debate** after the lunch



# The Lao Uplands Initiative

Nov 2017 – Jun 2018

**Are the Lao Uplands in the right path...**

**...towards sustainable development?**



# Overall objectives

- Taking stock of knowledge about **green growth** in the Lao Uplands: **opportunities and challenges**
  - Developing a **common vision for the future** that would feed policy processes
  - Provide guidance to **strategic planning** of different institutions at MAF including new department on policies and other ministries
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# A series of thematic workshops...

Date	Workshop topic	Organizers
23-24 November 17	<b>Soil carbon is what we need</b> at the occasion of the World Soil Day	DALaM, CIRAD, EFICAS
9 December 17	<b>Panel discussion about « We are what we eat »</b> at the occasion of the Luang Prabang Film Festival	MAF, ALiSEA, GRET, CIRAD,
9 February 18	<b>Bringing agroecology to the market:</b> Innovative Market Approaches and Institutional Settings to accompany the agroecological transition	NUoL, ALiSEA, GRET, CIRAD
22 February 18	Vulnerabilities and adaptations strategies in the Lao Uplands: <b>exploring pathways towards resilience</b>	DALaM, NAFRI, CIRAD, CDE
5-7 March 18	<b>Lao Uplands Conference: landscape of opportunities</b>	DALaM, NAFRI, CIRAD, CDE
15 March 18	<b>Alternative Futures in the Lao Uplands:</b> a macro-level perspective	NIER, NAFRI, CDE, TABI
23 March 18	Capitalization of experience on the promotion of sustainable agriculture: <b>extension methodologies</b>	DAEC, LURAS, FAO
April 18	<b>Harmonizing land use planning</b> approaches and applying common standards for sustainable land management	DALaM, GIZ, CDE-TABI, CIRAD

# ...Towards the Lao Uplands Conference



**CHANGING UPLANDS**  
challenges & opportunities

- Drivers of changes in landscapes & livelihoods
- Increasing the resilience of uplands systems



**ENGINEERING TRANSITION**  
towards agroecology

- Co-designing development pathway
- Changing role of extension services



**ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS**  
for uplands development

- Policy incentives & intervention mechanisms
- Towards agroecology-friendly value chains

