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► Capacity building for government and farmer communities on Green Jobs and Just Transition, Knowledge Tour in Muang and Mae Chaem Districts, Chiang Mai, Thailand

24-26 November 2022

► Background

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) was launched in 2013 as a response to the call at Rio+20 to support those countries wishing to embark on greener and more inclusive growth pathway. PAGE brings together five UN agencies – UN Environment Programme (UNEP), International Labour Organization (ILO), UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – whose mandates, expertise and networks combined can offer integrated and holistic support to countries on inclusive green economy, ensuring coherence and avoiding duplication. PAGE Green Recovery Programme in Thailand aims to accelerate progress towards inclusive, green, and sustainable development in the partner countries, with the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) as the Government Focal Point.

The concepts of green jobs (GJs) and a Just Transition (JT) to environmental sustainability play an important role in the process of green economic policy development. Thailand's economy is shifting towards a greener economy to enhance the potential for realizing sustainable development objectives. This green revolution has been driven by the improvement of technology, innovation and social imperative which allow workers to adapt to the skill needs and demands of new greener technologies. To accelerate greening, Thailand has produced policies designed to enhance environmental conservation. However, without the development of its labour force through suitable and up to date job skills, greening becomes difficult to achieve.

The transition to more sustainable agriculture can deliver more employment opportunities and better working conditions. Sustainable agriculture for small-scale farmers in Thailand means an agricultural system that will lead farmers to self-sufficiency and provides for ecological balance in farm communities. Therefore, it can be seen as an alternative solution with different farming methods for small-scale farmers rather than a mainstream agriculture based on market forces.

The objective of the ILO work is to provide an assessment of green and decent jobs potential and analysis of existing policy settings for supporting a just transition, with a case study in the agricultural sector in Chiang Mai Province.

Based on the findings of the ILO policy readiness assessment and the case study findings, a capacity building workshop will be organized in 24 November, Muang District, Chiang Mai, with an on-site knowledge/experiential tour to Mae Chaem District on 25-26 November 2022.

Objectives of the capacity building workshop and knowledge tour

- Enhance the awareness and understanding of local stakeholders of Green Jobs and Just Transition, with a focus on the transition toward sustainable agriculture,
- Advise on local income generation/Green Jobs opportunities as well as skills needs for sustainable agriculture based on the findings of the ILO Green Jobs assessment and case study analysis,
- Raise the awareness and build the capacity of local government, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)/farmer communities to actively participate in Green Jobs and Just Transition promotion in sustainable agriculture through institutional strengthening and social dialogue.

Event modality

Date & Time: 24-26 November 2022 (3 days excluding travel)

Venue (in-person attendance):

1. 24 November: Capacity Building Workshop will be organized at Siripanna Villa Resort & Spa, 36 Rat Uthit Rd, Amphur, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50000

Website: <https://www.siripanna.com/>

2. **25-26 November:** Knowledge Tour will be organized in Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai, Thailand with overnight stay at
 On 25 November: Y.P. Farm Stay, Pang Hin Fon Sub-district, Mae Chaem, Pang Hin Fon Sub-district, Mae Chaem (wheelchair accessible)
 Website: <https://m.facebook.com/people/Y-P-Farm-stay>

On 26 November: Chadaporn Rentroom (wheelchair accessible)
 128 Chang Khoeng, Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai 50270
 Phone: 081 034 6521
 Website: <https://www.trip.com/hotels/chang-khoeng-hotel-detail-9430164/chadaporn-rentroom/>

Working language: English/ Thai

Interpretation/translation: Simultaneous interpretation will be made available for participants during the training session; consecutive translation will be provided to ILO team during the site-visit.

Participants

The capacity building will gather around 25-30 participants including:

- Local government officials working in sustainable agriculture, including those involved in the implementation of the Khok Nong Na Model (under the Chiang Mai case study)
- SMEs operating in local agriculture and related areas (e.g. agricultural product processing)
- Local farmer communities involved in sustainable agriculture, including those involved in the implementation of the Khok Nong Na Model.
- ILO and PAGE partner agency staff and technical consultants working on the project and related areas.

Draft agenda

MC – Ms [Wasana Sittirin](#), ILO Consultant for PAGE Thailand

Day 1:	24 November 2022 The capacity building workshop in Muang District, Chiang Mai
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:20	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Suwimol Wattanawiroon, PAGE Thailand National Coordinator (with brief introduction of PAGE Thailand Green Recovery Programme) (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eric Roeder, Technical Specialist on Green Jobs, Climate Action and Resilience through Just Transition - Asia Pacific Region (5 mins) • Northern Region Economic and Social Development Office (NESO), Chiang Mai (5 mins) (สำนักพัฒนาเศรษฐกิจและสังคมภาคเหนือ) • Provincial Community Development Office (Director - TBC) (5 mins)
09:20-10:15	Ice-breaker exercise (participants introduce themselves and their workplace) (15 mins)

	<p>Session I: Introduction to the project and Green Jobs & Just Transition</p> <p>Moderated by Mr Eric Roeder, Technical Specialist on Green Jobs, Climate Action and Resilience through Just Transition - Asia Pacific Region</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Environmental knowledge services – another avenue for green jobs and skills development, Dr Samantha Sharpe, ILO knowledge partner, Associate Professor, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney (15 mins) • Learning Needs Assessment for promoting inclusive green economy in COVID-19 recovery: Asst. Prof. Chalotorn Kansuntisukmongkol, Ph.D., Director of Policy Research Center on Green Economy, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University (online) (15 mins) <p>Q & A (10 mins)</p>
10:15- 10:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session II: Green/decent jobs and just transition in agricultural sector in Thailand</p> <p>Moderated by Ms Suwimol Wattanawiroon, PAGE Thailand National Coordinator</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thailand’s policy readiness on promoting Green Jobs and Just Transition with a focus on Agriculture sector and Key findings and recommendations from the Chiang Mai case study: Ms Wasana Sittirin, ILO consultant for PAGE Thailand (20 mins) ❖ Green Skills in Agricultural Sector: Ms. Nittayaporn Wiangtong, Skill Development Technical Officer, Institute for Skills Development, Chiang Mai, MOL (15 mins) ❖ Role of private sector (SMEs) and community network in promoting sustainable agriculture: local enterprise or CBO (15 mins) <p>Q & A (10 mins)</p> <p>Kick-off commentator: Ms Kavya Raman, ILO PAGE India consultant</p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Lunch break</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Breakout session A: Green Jobs and Just Transition – the role of social dialogue and farmers cooperatives</p> <p>Explanation of the group discussion exercise by Dr Samantha Sharpe, ILO knowledge partner, Associate Professor, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney (5 mins)</p> <p>There will be 5 breakout groups with 4-5 people in each group. Each group will have: i) a moderator who facilitates the group discussion, ii) a note taker of the discussion, and iii) a rapporteur who reports to the plenary sharing the key points in one slide (template to be prepared and shared before the workshop).</p> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your understanding of green jobs and just transition? What are the most important issues? 2. How effective are current policy frameworks in delivering green jobs and decent work in the agricultural sector in Thailand? What works and what doesn't work? 3. How is the social dialogue / stakeholder engagement mechanism working in the process? What are good experiences and lessons learned for local SMEs and community involvement? 4. What are the essential skills and knowledges including traditional knowledge to protect environment while creating green jobs and decent work in agriculture? How do we develop the skills needed?
14:00 – 14:20	<p>Breakout groups report back to plenary</p> <p>Facilitated by Ms Wasana Sittirin, ILO consultant for PAGE Thailand</p>
14:20 – 14:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Breakout session B: responses to the issues and the capacity building needs</p> <p>There will be 5 breakout groups with 4-5 people in each group. Each group will have: i) a moderator who facilitates the group discussion, ii) a note taker of the discussion, and iii) a rapporteur who reports to the plenary sharing the key points in one slide (template to be prepared and shared before the workshop).</p> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the top two priorities for sustainable agriculture development? 2. What are the top (1-2-3) capacity building and skills development priorities?
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Breakout groups report back to plenary</p> <p>Facilitated by Ms Wasana Sittirin, ILO consultant for PAGE Thailand</p> <p>Prioritisation activity with Dr Samantha Sharpe</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Plenary discussion: The discussants will provide comments/feedback to the breakout group reporting and summarize the key take-aways for the day from their perspectives.</p> <p>Moderated by Ms Suwimol Wattanawiroon, PAGE Thailand National Coordinator</p> <p>Discussants (20 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Eric Roeder, ILO (5 mins) - Dr Samantha Sharpe, UTS (5 mins) - Local government officials (5 mins) - Local SMEs/CBOs/ farmers (5 mins) <p>Open discussion (10 mins)</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Closing Day 1</p> <p>Moderated by Ms Wasana Sittirin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Eric Roeder, ILO - Ms Suwimol Wattanawiroon, PAGE Thailand National Coordinator
<p>Participants from Mea Chaem travel back to Mae Chaem District</p>	

Day 2:	25 November 2022 The knowledge tour in Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai.
08:30-12:00	Departure from Siripanna Villa Resort & Spa to Mae Chaem District
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Meeting with the Chief of Mae Chaem District and the Chief of Community Development Officer at Mae Chaem District Office
14:00 - 15:00	Interviews with local officials (inputs for video).
15:00-16:30	Meeting with the host family at the agritourism in Pang Hin Fon Sub-district (CLM level) and sharing local experiences:
16:30 - 17:30	Interviews with local officials (inputs for video)
	**Stay over-night here

Day 3:	26 November 2022 The knowledge tour in Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai.
08:30 - 11:00	Departure to Khong Khak sub-district (CLM level) and sharing local experience with the best practice case of Khok Nong Na Model implementation (quality standard, market channels support from private sector)
11:00 -12:00	Interviews with local officials (inputs for video)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 15:00	Departure to Doi San Keang village, Chang Kerng Sub-district and sharing local experience with the farmer at household level (HLM level)
15:00 - 16:00	Interviews with local officials (inputs for video)

Day 4:	27 November 2022 Travel back to Muang District and then back to Bangkok
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