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- Through PSAV, the National Sustainability Curriculum (NSC) developed in Vietnam has been replicated for a number of industries in a number of countries such as Indonesia, the Philippines and Myanmar. Harvard University has built a model of PSAV as “a typical story in PPP cooperation in agriculture” in Southeast Asia.

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1 PPP Task Force (TF) on Coffee:

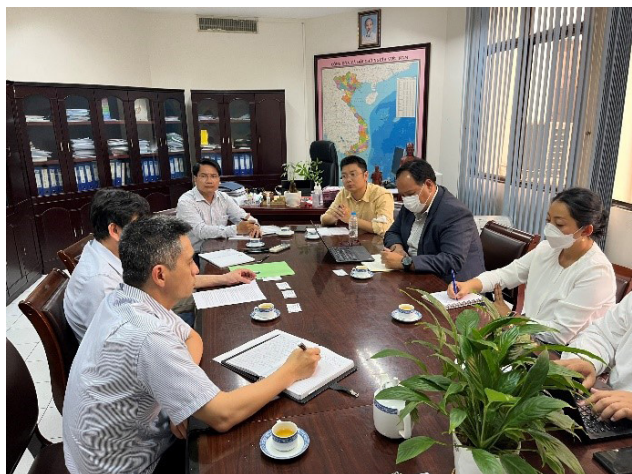
Capacity building for community agricultural extension in association with coffee material areas in the Central Highlands

The PPP Task Force on Coffee collaborated with the National Agricultural Extension Center and the Agricultural Extension Center of Gia Lai Province to organize a training course: Capacity building for community extension in association with coffee materials in the Central Highlands for 60 trainees who are officials of the community agricultural extension team in 4 provinces participating in the project of material areas in the Central Highlands which are Gia Lai, Kon Tum, Dak Lak, and Dak Nong. The objective of the training course

is to equip knowledge and skills in community agriculture extension; the ability of coffee production according to export standards to build a common coffee material area to meet the requirements of domestic and international markets, contributing to serve the pilot project on building agro-forestry material areas and meet the Standards for Domestic Consumption and Export from 2022 to 2025.

According to the plan, in the fourth quarter of 2022, the National Agricultural Extension Center will continue to organize training courses to improve the capacity of community agricultural extension in association with the fruit tree material areas in the North (held in Hoa Binh); forest timber material areas for sustainable organizations only FSC, PEFC, VFCS in the Central Coast region (held in Thua Thien Hue province); fruit tree material area Dong Thap Muoi (held in Tien Giang).

2 PPP Task Force (TF) on Fruits and Vegetables:



PSAV Secretariat had a direct working session with the representative Co-leader of the private sector PPP Task Force on Fruits and Vegetables

On the morning of September 7th, 2022, the PSAV Secretariat had a direct meeting with the representative of the Co-head of the private sector of the PPP Task Force on Fruits and Vegetables to discuss and re-evaluate the situation of the Group's action plan in the third quarter of 2022 and the action plan in the fourth quarter of 2022. Vietnam's fruit and vegetable industry can be said to have achieved impressive results in recent years.

The fruit and vegetable industry has surpassed coffee, rice, and rubber to become one of Vietnam's key export products to many markets in the world, including the 10 largest markets with export turnover reached 3.55 billion USD in 2021. However, Vietnam's fruit and vegetable industry still have many bottlenecks and problems in production, processing, and market... in which, although potatoes are considered a vegetable and fruit. However, for various reasons, Vietnam is currently only self-sufficient about 40% of its annual potato needs, and the remaining 60% of potatoes are for processing needs still have to import. Therefore, the target of 2023 - 2028 is to bring the potato area to 35-40 thousand ha with an average yield of 18 - 20 tons/ha, the income value is 160 - 180 million VND/ha/crop from a production point of view. Sustainability associated with processing, consumption, value chain improvement and income are still big challenge and needs the cooperation of many stakeholders.

3 PPP Task Force (TF) on Fisheries

On September 7th, in Can Tho, the Dutch Diplomatic Mission to Vietnam, in collaboration with members of the PPP Task Force on Fisheries and other strategic partners in the field of aquaculture, held a seminar. Forum on "Sustainable fisheries development and development of Dutch - Vietnamese enterprises 2022" to strengthen trade and investment promotion, exchange of experience, knowledge, and technology transfer between Vietnam and the Netherlands for development. Sustainable aquaculture development in Vietnam. The forum also provides an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss challenges in the Mekong Delta, in which large Vietnamese enterprises share experiences and directions for sustainable aquaculture business development.

The EU market is one of the five largest seafood export



markets of Vietnam, of which the Netherlands is the largest seafood export market of Vietnam in the EU and the sixth

globally. In 2021, the two countries bilateral trade turnover reached US\$ 8.373 billion, up 9.4% compared to 2020. The EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) makes an important contribution to promoting sustainable trade between Vietnam and the EU. Representatives of businesses and research agencies on the Dutch side believe that Vietnam has full potential to become a sustainable seafood supplier in the context that the world faces food security challenges when the population increasingly increasing. The Netherlands is willing to cooperate with Vietnam to develop

sustainable seafood from such perspectives as sustainable innovation, research and application of technology, and a comprehensive approach. Currently, the Netherlands and Vietnam have a long-term, reliable relationship, having established a strategic partnership in the fields of "Water and Climate Change Adaptation", "Agriculture and Food Security". Dutch experts also provide technical advice to the Government of Vietnam to develop the Mekong Delta Master Plan in 2022.

4 PPP Task Force (TF) on Pepper and Spices

Preliminary meeting of the PPP Task Force (TF) on Pepper and Spices (the first 6 months of 2022)



On July 29th, 2022, in Ho Chi Minh City, the Plant Protection Department (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development), Vietnam Pepper Association, and Sustainable Trade Initiative in Vietnam (IDH) held the Preliminary meeting of the PPP Task Force (TF) on Pepper and Spices (the first 6 months of 2022). Mr. Nguyen Quy Duong - Deputy Director of the Plant Protection Department, Ms. Hoang Thi Lien - President of the Vietnam Pepper Association, and Mr. Huynh Tien Dung - Director of IDH co-chaired the meeting.

Participants in the meeting included representatives of

agencies, units, and companies who are members of the PPP Task Force (TF) on Pepper and Spices such as: Eurofins Co., Ltd., SGS Vietnam Company...

According to Mr. Duong, to achieve the target by 2025, 70% of pepper produced in Vietnam will meet the maximum allowable manufacturing readiness level (MRL), 25% of pepper farmers will increase their income by 20%, 25,000 farmers are trained, and have access to agricultural services, 75,000 tons of pepper are produced sustainably, the whole system must step in, including the state, enterprises (quadrant), farmers and social organizations such as Farmers' Union, Women's Union, Youth Union... The private sector plays a very important role.

The most important aim of the PPP Task Force (TF) on Pepper and Spices is safe production and sustainable farming in the direction of ecological agriculture. In addition to the training and practicing contents, the Plant Protection Department also proposed to include two programs, named the development of a national strategy on plant health for the period 2022 - 2030, which integrates food safety issues, climate change adaptation, and transboundary pest management; develop and implement an Integrated Plant Health Management (IPHM) Plan for the period 2022 - 2025, which integrates food safety, pest management, and risks posed by pesticides.

5 PPP Task Force (TF) on Agro-Chemicals

The signing ceremony of the cooperation plan between the Plant Protection Department and Bayer Vietnam Co., Ltd

On August 8th, 2022, at the Plant Protection Department, the signing ceremony of a cooperation plan between the Plant Protection Department and Bayer Vietnam Co., Ltd. on guidelines for the safe use; develop production and effective biological pesticides in the period of 2022-2025 took place. Mr. Hoang Trung, Director of the Plant Protection Department and Mr. Chu Viet Ha, Director of the Plant Science Branch of Bayer Vietnam Co., Ltd. signed the agreement with the witness of the representatives of both sides and the presence of press and media agencies.

According to the plan, between 2022 and 2025, Bayer will focus on building models on key crops with export potential, especially building a model to guide the safe and effective use of pesticides on melons, especially in Dak Lak province, one of the key growing areas and also melon is a fruit that Vietnam has been imported into China.



In addition, every year Bayer commits to building models of safe and effective use of pesticides with an area of about 70 hectares on key crops: rice, citrus, vegetables, coffee... Development of registration and use of biological pesticides, annual training of about 50 classes with 2000 farmers and 300 pesticide dealers participating. The total estimated cost of implementation is 5 billion.

Standardization of regulations on the application of pesticide spraying equipment

On the morning of August 19, 2022, the Plant Protection Department and CropLife Vietnam organized the Workshop on Drone/UAV Pesticides Application: "Sharing Practices - Regulatory Frameworks in APAC & Adoption Roadmap" in Ha Noi

The Workshop had the participation of representatives of state agencies, domestic scientists and international experts, and representatives of companies that research and develop solutions for global crop protection and companies providing equipment UAV/drone.

The main content of the workshop included information sharing from international experts on the current status of unmanned aerial vehicle applications - UAV/Drone in the agricultural sector in the Asia-Pacific region, benefits of application as well as potential application in Vietnam. In particular, the workshop is also a forum to update and receive comments from stakeholders for the draft basic standard on "Field trial of pesticides to control plant pests by flying equipment". unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)".

6 PPP Task Force (TF) on Livestocks

Livestock industry achieved high results in the first 6 months of 2022



July 12th, in Hanoi, the Department of Livestock Production coordinated with members of the PPP Task Force on Livestock to hold a conference to review the direction and management of the first 6 months of the year and the plan for implementation plan of key tasks in the last 6 months of 2022. Deputy Minister of MARD Phung Duc Tien attended and chaired the Conference.

In the first 6 months of 2022, diseases in livestock herds were complicated, and the livestock industry was still facing difficulties due to high feed prices, especially for small-scale farmers. However, the Ministry has actively directed relevant units to closely coordinate with localities to strictly implement measures to control, prevent and containment diseases in livestock herds, so livestock production develops stably. Breeders have the initiative to source seeds and good market demand. According to the



The most prominent point of the content set out in the meeting this morning was the need to standardize legal conditions and regulations in the application of drones to spray pesticides.

In the coming time, the Plant Protection Department will cooperate with other parties to finalize the basic standards on testing and regulations related to the control of UAVs to spray pesticides.

General Statistics Office, compared with the same period in 2021, as of June 2022, the total pig herd is estimated to increase by 3.8%, the output of live pigs for slaughter is about 2.12 million tons (an increase of 5.7%); poultry herd increased by 1.2%, the output of poultry meat for slaughter was about 980 thousand tons (up 5.2%), egg production was about 8.8 billion eggs (up 4.8%); total cow herd increased by 2.2%, live beef production was about 241.2 thousand tons (increased 4.4%), fresh milk production was about 617.8 million liters (up 10.1%); the total number of buffalo decreased by 1.4%. However, the output of live buffalo meat was about 62,000 tons (up 1.8%). It is estimated that in the first 6 months of 2022, the growth rate of production value of the livestock industry reached 5.7% (the whole agricultural sector will reach 2.8%).

The output of industrial animal feed in the first 6 months of 2022 is estimated at 10.5 million tons, equivalent to the first 6 months of 2021; in which feed for pigs (accounting for about 55% of total production) increased by 13.2%, for poultry (accounting for 40%) decreased by 8.6%, other foods (accounting for 5%) decreased by about 12.5%.

To ensure that the growth of the livestock sector contributes to the overall growth of the agricultural sector in 2022, it is necessary to strengthen the direction and management of livestock production to achieve the goal of increasing the average value of livestock production in 2022, about 5.0-5.5% compared to 2021, all kinds of meat output will reach about 6.95 million tons, up 4% compared to 2021 (in which live pork production will reach over 4.2 million tons), and poultry meat production reached over 1.9 million tons), fresh milk is 1.24 million tons, up to 7.3%, eggs are 18.4 billion eggs, increasing 5%.

PSAV SECRETARIAT MEETING

On August 3rd, 2022, members of the PSAV Secretariat had a meeting with Mr. Nguyen Do Anh Tuan - Director of the PSAV Secretariat to review and re-evaluate the operation of the Secretariat and all the PPP Task Forces in the first 3 quarters of the year, at the same time propose solutions to overcome the remaining difficulties. At the meeting, Mr. Tuan gave specific instructions to the Secretariat as well as operational orientations for the PPP Task Forces in the coming time, specifically: (i) Strengthening the partnership

between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, local authorities with international organizations, NGOs, donors, businesses and farmers... to promote sustainable agricultural development; (ii) Enhance dissemination of up-to-date and reliable information on sustainable agricultural development; and (iii) Seek cooperation opportunities among Task Forces, propose solutions in the new context, as well as orient the implementation plan in the fourth quarter of 2022.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN AGRICULTURE: REMAINING PROBLEMS

The Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture in Vietnam (PSAV) has contributed to restructuring the agricultural economy, creating 500,000 direct jobs, improving the skills of farmers... However, because it was established under alternative initiatives, there is no precedent at in Vietnam and abroad, so PSAV's activities in the past time have faced many difficulties and problems...

PSAV has focused on connecting dots in the agricultural industry to jointly develop the value chain of Vietnam's key commodities to increase labor productivity, promote the development, application, and practice of standards for agricultural products; increase income for farmers, and improve environmental sustainability in agricultural production.

By the end of July 2022, the PSAV has built many demonstration models of sustainable, environmentally friendly farming sites and increased incomes for farmers in 8 commodities: Coffee, Tea, Rice, Fruits and Vegetables, Pepper and Spices, Fisheries, Livestock, Agro-Chemicals. **Notably, through PSAV, the National Sustainability Curriculum (NSC) developed in Vietnam has been replicated for many industries in some countries such as Indonesia, the Philippines, and Myanmar. Harvard University has built a model of PSAV as "a typical story in PPP cooperation in agriculture" in Southeast Asia.**

Those are the policy mechanism for PPP still lacks specific regulations for the agricultural sector, apart from Circular No. 14/2017/TT-BNNPTNT, Decree No. 15/2015/ND-CP, and Decree No. 63/2018/ND-CP,

there is no document amending, supplementing or replacing Circular No. 14/2017/TT-BNNPTNT, especially instructions on finance and use of capital (support for project preparation, state budget capital to implement the project...), reducing the confidence and attractiveness of the project to private investors.

"There is still a lack of an appropriate mechanism for public partners to act as real partners, because the State is the party to sign contracts, but has the right to issue and adjust legal documents, this is a big risk for the public partner when implementing PPP projects".

MSc. Duong Hoang Lan Chi, Institute of Financial Strategy and Policy (Ministry of Planning and Investment).

MSc. Duong Hoang Lan Chi also gave 4 recommendations for investment in the form of PPP in agriculture in Vietnam.

- The legal framework of PPP in general and PPP in agriculture in particular needs to be improved.
- It is necessary to develop specific policies and regulations for agricultural PPPs.
- It is necessary to develop, promulgate and effectively implement policies to encourage enterprises, such as land incentives (exemption and reduction of land rent, land accumulation to apply science and technology), credit insurance, investment in rural infrastructure, human resource training, etc.
- It is necessary to supplement budget flows from the public sector for PPP activities, have mechanisms to encourage and strengthen production linkages, research, update and share information in agricultural production.

THE 11TH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FORUM ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION



On August 30th, 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries organized the 11th Public-Private Partnership Forum on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication to provide a platform for regular dialogue between government officials, farmer organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders on rural development promotion and poverty eradication.

More than 10 years since the first ASEAN Public-Private Cooperation Forum was held in June 2012, many activities in the fields of rural development and poverty reduction have been effectively implemented within the cooperation ASEAN framework, with the support from governmental and non-governmental organizations. These cooperation activities have helped rural ASEAN gradually prosper and human resources in rural areas improved.

With the theme “Promoting rural development towards a common and inclusive prosperity in ASEAN”, the speakers presented the Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Elimination for the period 2021-2025, and launched the summary report “Reducing Inequality in Decade of Action to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals and Accelerate Post-COVID-19 Recovery” and presents the Master Plan draft on Rural Development and promote ASEAN’s partnership.

The sharing, exchange of experiences and cooperation between governments in the region and international organizations is one of the principal channels to jointly realize the goals set out in the Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Hunger Eradication and Poverty Reduction of ASEAN for the period 2021-2025 and the next period.

POTENTIAL PROSPECTS OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) IN DEVELOPING VIETNAM'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INDUSTRY

The aim of the activities is to find sustainable development solutions in the public-private partnership, improve the prospects of sustainable fruit and vegetable production in Vietnam, especially the support to increase the efficiency of public-private partnerships in the Fruits and Vegetables Task Force. On the eve of the PSAV Annual Meeting in 2022, the Secretariat for Sustainable Agriculture Development of Vietnam in collaboration with the PPP Task Force on Fruits and Vegetables is expected to organize a Workshop on "Prospects of public-private partnership (PPP) in developing the fruit and vegetable industry in Vietnam" is expected to take place in Dak Lak in November 2022.

PSAV PLENARY MEETING 2022

It is expected that at the end of November 2022, the Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture in Vietnam (PSAV) will hold the PSAV Annual Plenary Meeting to (1) Update Vietnam's policy to promote investment in green agriculture and climate change adaptation; (2) Summary of PSAV's activities implemented in 2022; (3) Public-Private Dialogue on business expectations for government policies to support the private sector in green agriculture development; (4) Introduction of the Food Innovation Hub (FIH); (5) Signing MoU, and orientation of PSAV's activities plan in 2023.

VIET NAM PEPPER OUTLOOK FORUM

Besides the Viet Nam International Pepper Outlook 2022 - VIPO 2022, PSAV will coordinate with the PPP Task Force on Pepper and Spices to organize the Forum "Vietnam Pepper Outlook" to update the requirements and Consumer tastes of the import market through the lens of experts from the globally famous Pepper and Spices industry, thereby helping parties in the supply chain of Vietnam's pepper industry to assess the current situation and offer appropriate business solutions to meet the needs of the import market and promote the sustainable development of Vietnam's pepper industry to be stable in the future. The Forum is expected to be held in November 2022 in Dak Lak.

GROW ASIA FORUM 2022

Grow Asia Forum 2022 is a high-level event that brings together more than 120 leaders from governments of countries in the ASEAN region, regional and international private entities, global civil society, farmers' organizations, and other mass organizations. With thematic dialogues around (i) Agricultural innovation, (ii) Women's economic empowerment, (iii) Responsible agricultural investment, (iv) Adaptability and resilience to climate change, and (v) Comprehensive finance. Since then we will find collaborative solutions to address food system challenges and gather information to prepare the Council's upcoming G20 and B20 summits in Indonesia. Scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, at Shangri-La Singapore.

ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE: PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR EMISSION REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

It is expected that in October 2022, the PSAV Secretariat will coordinate with Nestlé Vietnam Co., Ltd. (Co-chair of the Fourth Sector) to organize a seminar to (i) Share strategies and roadmaps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture to fulfill the country's commitments at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) (ii) Introduce the regenerative agriculture model (iii) Analyze and define the role and key solutions for the sustainable development of Vietnam's agricultural sector through cooperation, trade promotion and investment in the form of public-private partnership (PPP).

1. Decision 858/QĐ-TTg dated July 20th, 2022 on approving the Strategy for the development of mechanization of agriculture and agro-forestry-fishery processing until 2030 issued by the Prime Minister.

The decision will take effect from July 20th, 2022.

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2. Decision 3156/QĐ-BNN-TT dated August 19th, 2022 on promulgating temporary guidance documents on granting and managing planting area codes issued by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

This decision takes effect from August 19th, 2022.

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3. Circular 06/2022/TT-BNNPTNT dated July 28th, 2022 on amending the Circular on quarantine of aquatic animals and animal products promulgated by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

This Circular takes effect from September 11th, 2022

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4. Decision 2732/QĐ-BNN-CN dated July 19th, 2022 on announcing newly issued administrative procedures, amended and supplemented administrative procedures in the livestock sector under the management function of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The decision was issued on July 19th, 2022.

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5. Decision 3117/QĐ-BNN-TY dated August 17th, 2022 announcing administrative procedures to be amended, supplemented, and abolished in the field of veterinary medicine under the management function of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

This decision is effective as of September 11th, 2022

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6. Decision 667/QĐ-TTg dated June 2th, 2022 on approving the foreign investment cooperation strategy for the period 2021-2030

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7. Decision 911/QĐ-TTg dated July 29, 2022 on the approval of the Scheme on environmental protection in fisheries activities for the period 2021-2030: related to the termination of the use of toxic chemicals in aquaculture.

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8. Decree 46/2022/NĐ-CP dated July 13, 2022 amending Decree 13/2020/ND-CP guiding the Law on Livestock, in which, stipulates that 09 cases of imported animal feed are exempted. Check quality

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