



## Myanmar Agriculture Network

### Myanmar Agriculture Network (MAN) Core Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, 25 January 2019

Attendees:

Name	Title and Organization
1. Grahame Dixie	Executive Director (Grow Asia)
2. Somang Yang	Country Partnership Manager (Grow Asia)
3. U Aung Lwin,	(MAN Country Director)
4. U Thadoe Hein,	MAN Co-Chair (Awba)
5. Leo Roosendaal,	MAN Co-Chair (Mercy Corps)
6. U Tin Htut Oo,	MAN Advisory Council, (YOMA)
7. Frederik Heijink,	MAN Advisory Council (Embassy of the Netherlands)
8. Cuntis Slover,	MAN Advisory Council (LIFT- UNOPS)
9. Daw Nyo Nyo Aung	On behalf of Sugar co-lead, (MSSMA (DOA))
10. Daw Phyu Yamin Myat	Agri- Finance WG co-lead (MMFA)
11. U Soe Htike Lwin,	Agri- Finance WG co-lead (Proximity Finance)
12. Yudhi Destanto,	Agri- input WG co-lead (UMG)
13. Bernard Kong	Seed WG co-lead (MLM)
14. Phu Pwint Han	Seed WG co-lead (MLM)
15. Nyein Thu Aung	Seed WG co-lead (MLM)
16. Esther Wintraecken,	Corn WG co-lead (Fresh studio)
17. U Tin Aung,	Horticulture WG co-lead (MFFVPEA)
18. Kang Chengrui	(East West Seed)
19. U Thein Tun	(East West Seed)
20. U Thein Soe Min,	Mobile Services WG lead (Greenway)
21. Steve Daffern	Mobile Services WG co-lead (Impact Terra)
22. U Khin Zaw Tun,	Pulses & Oilseeds WG lead (ICCO)
23. Adeline Aye Aye Than	Sugar WG co-lead (Wilmar)
24. U Nyantha Maw Lin	Tea WG co-lead (Burgundy Hills Co.Ltd)
25. U Htet Oo Zaw	Technical Extension WG co-lead (Golden Plain)
26. Thin Su San	Technical Extension WG co-lead (Golden Plain)
27. U Ye Pyae Kyaw,	Technical Extension WG co-lead (Syngenta Foundation)
28. Daw Su Wai Myint	(MAN Engagement Manager)
29. U Sopye Thantsin	(MAN Operation manager)
30. Daw Aye Nandar Tun	(MAN WG coordinator)

Hosted by: Leo Roosendaal, MAN Co-Chair (Mercy Corps)

#### CONTACT

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## Core Committee Meeting Note Summary

### 1. **Review of MAN's new** Constitution

The following are highlighted discussions on the new constitution of MAN.

Chapter 3 Objectives of the Association (Vision, Principles)

- No objection on the vision and principle of MAN.

Chapter 4 Membership

- Technically, membership management is the authority of the secretariat, but specific rules and regulations will be required for membership approval and termination.

Chapter 5 Bodies, committees and other groups of the association

- The role of Directors is legalized by the new constitution of MAN.
- According to the law of company registration, a company must have at least two directors and the ratio of foreigner in the board of director should not be more than one third of the total. Therefore, the number of Co-Chair should expend from two to three in which one is a foreigner and the other two are locals.
- In the article 22 (a), Grow Asia could identify and propose the candidate for the Secretariat but the final decision or approval should rest on the Core Committee.

Chapter 6-8 General Meetings, Proceedings, and Voting

- General meeting should be held at the exact time of a year, and all members should be invited.

Other discussions and suggestions in relation to the Constitution are:

- Even though the Core Committee has the authority to amend **the MAN's constitution**, the amendment of **MAN's** constitution and changes in the Core Committee should be undertaken in the General Meeting.
- The clarification or definition on the relationship between Grow Asia and MAN is requested in this meeting. Post-registration, there should be an MoU in place between Grow Asia and MAN specifying the roles and responsibilities to each other.
- Ministry of Investment and International Economic Relations should be included in the **MAN's Advisory council**.
- If members of Board of Director must be individual and must not be the representative of an organization according to the company law, Awba want to review its status of Co-Chair by taking legal opinion of its lawyers.

**Decision:**

- **MAN's new** constitution is ratified with the majority vote in the Core Committee meeting. This constitution will be used in the re-registration of MAN in 2019.
- As we need a third Director for the Board (in order to facilitate the status as a Union-level association with one foreigner comprising of under 1/3 of the Directors),

appointment of U Tin Tun Oo, **a member of MAN's Advisory Council**, as the third Co-Chair is approved by the Core Committee meeting.

2. Review of MAN 2019 Budget and Fundraising plan

- Grow Asia points the fact that, due to the non-permanent nature of donor interest, members of MAN should pay for services of MAN that is a primary source of MAN to be financially independent in the future.

**Decision:**

**MAN's 2019 budget was approved by the Core Committee meeting** without objection.

3. Membership Fee Structure

- If the membership fee is classified depending on the size of the company/organization, there should be a clear set of criteria to determine the size of the company/organization.
- There should also be membership fee waiver system managed by the Core Committee for organizations who cannot afford/ do not have the mechanism to pay the membership fee, with consideration of their potential contribution to MAN.

**Decisions**

The following membership fees structure is approved by the Core Committee meeting:

Member Category	Membership Fee	Quantity	Total
Multinational Company	2000	10	20,000
Local Companies	500	75	37,500
INGOs	1000	15	15,000
Others	300	49	14,700
Total			87,200

4. Proposals from WGs for IBAN-Grow Asia fund for Inclusive Business project design.

- IBAN-Grow Asia fund USD 18,000 is planned to distribute equally between funding proposals of Sugar, Tea, and Corn working groups.

5. Plan for General Assembly

- The date of the General Assembly 2019 is set in third week of March or first week of April, 2019. MAN Secretariat to coordinate availabilities of BOD before sending out Doodle to Core Committee
- Main Agenda of the General Assembly is constitutional amendment.

**ACTIONS / NEXT STEPS**

Discussion Topic	Action Item	Accountable Party	Deadline (if applicable)
Application of IBAN-Grow Asia funding	To follow up the submission of final proposals of Sugar, Tea, and Corn Working Groups in regard to the ToR of IBAN-Grow Asia's	Su Wai Myint Sopye Thantsin	February, 2019

	inclusive business project.	Aye Nandar Tun	
Constitutional Amendment	To amend the new constitution of MAN according to the decision of the Core Committee meeting and the members of MAN. To open comments just before the general meeting.	Grow Asia MAN Secretariat	March, 2019
MoU between Grow Asia and MAN.	Preparing the MoU between Grow Asia and MAN.	Grow Asia and MAN Secretariat	February, 2019
A letter of consent form the Directors	To take the letter of consent form the Directors of MAN, that required <b>for MAN's re-registration</b> process.	Grow Asia	February, 2019
General Assembly	MAN Secretariat to coordinate availabilities of BOD before sending out Doodle to Core Committee for 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of March or 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April, with tentative agenda/ concept note.	MAN Secretariat	February, 2019