



## Myanmar Agriculture Network

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

Wednesday, 19 June 2019

Attendees:

Name	Title and Organization
1. Somang Yang	Country Partnership Manager (Grow Asia)
2. Pranav Sethaputra	Country Partnership Manager (Grow Asia)
3. U Ye Htut	(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. Daw Aye Aye Than	General Manager ( Operations, Wilmar )
9. U Thein Win	Agronomist ( Fresh Studio )
10. U Thet Naing Linn	Agri- input WG ( UMG )
11. U Pyi Sone	Mobile Services WG ( UMG )
12. Daw Khin WinMyat	Mobile Services WG ( UMG )
13. U Khin Zaw Tun	Pulses and Oilseed WG (ICCO)
14. Bran Peters	Pulses and Oilseed WG (ICCO)
15. U Nay Lwin	Agri-Finance WG Co-lead ( MMFA )
16. Daw Ayey Pyae Sone Tun	(MAN Engagement Manager)
17. Daw Aye Nandar Tun	(MAN WG coordinator)

Hosted by: Somang and Ye Htut

### Core Committee Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Internal Update

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

##### Staffing

MAN welcomes two team members in the last quarter, U Ye Htut and Aye Pyae Sone Tun as Country Director and Engagement Manager respectively.

##### Knowledge Exchange

- For Myanmar, Grow Asia partnered up with independent consultant, conducted a case study on Myanmar Vegetable Markets Work and expected release is in August 2019.

#### CONTACT

[Country Partnership] Director, \_\_\_\_\_

[Country Partnership] Operations & Finance Manager, \_\_\_\_\_

Grow Asia Manager, Country Partnerships ([Insert countries]) | [Name of manager] | [\[Insert email address\]](#)

- MAN also working together with KREI on Corn Value Chain ODA study. The purpose of this study is to map the current state of corn value chain initiatives and scope out a role for a new donor project in 2020-2021
- Regionally, Grow Asia and IBAN are collaborating upon the state of inclusive business in agriculture in SE Asia. Phase 1 has been implemented and Interim Report will be delivered in June 2019, with the Corn, Tea and Sugar Working Groups having been awarded funding for their proposals. Phase II is currently being carried out and supposedly end in September 2019.

## Strategy and Programming

### Key Focus Areas

- In 2019, MAN will be focusing on building up MAN secretariat capacity, strengthening the relationships between the members as well as the government, running sustainably through membership fees and promoting learning around digital, agri-finance WG.

### Selecting WG Events

In the future, the Secretariat will select WG activities based on these following criteria.

- **Potential to contribute to MAN's vision for:**
  - Improving the competitiveness of Myanmar's agricultural sector
  - Improving livelihoods of smallholders
- **Relevance for MAN members, and agricultural ecosystem**
- **MAN's competence and additionality vs. other ecosystem actors**  
If other organizations are already active in the issue, consider why MAN needs to join, what value it can add?  
 For areas where MAN does not have technical competence, consider working with those who do (joint initiatives)
- **Cost-effectiveness**

### Upcoming WG Events

Proposed Date	Theme	Objective
Week of 14 October 2019	Agri-Finance	To put together organizations that are providing financial products/solutions with potential users to (1) solicit feedback, (2) improve current solutions and (3) encourage feedback.
Week of 4 November 2019	Digital	Showcase solutions emerging from Myanmar and the region, highlighting where activities are focused and where more support is needed.
Week of 13 November 2019	Floriculture	Identify actionable next steps to develop Myanmar's floriculture sector.

		Funded by the Dutch Embassy. Submit detail plans in September.
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Remark: Events are confirmed. Dates are still TBC with WG.

Other discussions and suggestions in relation to the Knowledge Exchange and Strategy are:

- Regarding the knowledge exchange programs, Co-chairs and advisors recommended that MAN/Grow Asia to encourage the development of inclusive businesses in the country, a potential to extend the regional project to country specific project.
- Regarding the MAN's roadmap in the future, Co-chairs and advisors suggested focusing more on multi-stakeholder partnerships, learning from what other partner countries of Grow Asia is working on and elevate it in Myanmar.
- U Thadoe from Awba resigned from his position as co-chair of MAN. To fill up this vacancy, MAN will announce all working groups and ask for their nominations.

**2. Review Membership Fee & Roll-out plan**

MAN will be rolling out its membership plan in July. It will be announced prior to General meeting which will be held either on 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

Membership fees per type of organization are as follows;

Membership Tier	Annual membership fees	Quantity
MNCs	\$2,000	32
INGOs + Dev Agencies	\$1,000	33
Large Non-MNC Companies (revenue >\$1m)	\$500	52
MSMEs (revenue <\$1m) & International Associations	\$3200	41
Local Commodity Associations & Research/Academia	\$50	25
LNGOs & Civic Organizations	Free	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>198</b>

### 3. Planning General Meeting

The purpose of the general meeting is to showcase what MAN has been doing in the past year, announce 2019 Strategy and Program, and creates opportunities for networking between stakeholders and working groups. Proposed date is either September 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

Highlights of General Assembly will be

- Showcasing 3 working groups' activities and achievements
- Presentation of Making Vegetable Markets Work Case Study
- Announcing Membership Fees and Roll-out
- networking between stakeholders and working groups

For crowd control, 3 persons per existing member organizations can attend the meeting FOC but additional will be charged.

### 4. Core Committee Meetings (Upcoming)

In the upcoming Q3 CC meeting, MAN will focus updating on membership status and preparation of Agri-finance event. Tentatively to be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. (Online/ Skype Meeting)

For Q4 CC meeting, the key focus will be reviewing working group proposals for 2020, updating membership and funding status and broader agenda for 2020.

### Others

#### ACTIONS / NEXT STEPS

Discussion Topic	Action Item	Accountable Party	Deadline (if applicable)
Agri-Finance, Floriculture, Digital	To decide event date and agenda	Ye Htut, Aye Pyae and Nandar	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
CC meeting	Prep <u>are</u> for meeting in September	Ye <del>htut</del> Htut, Aye Pyae, Nandar and Pranav	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>
Membership Form update, roll out	Send form, reminder for GM invite, Submission	Nandar	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>
General Meeting	Invite <u>participannts</u> speakers, <u>participants</u> , Venue booking,	Ye Htut, Aye Pyae and Nandar	Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Calling for WG proposals for 2020	Send application form, Hold WG meetings, Submission Deadline	Ye Htut, Aye Pyae and Nandar	Sep 29th
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