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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE | SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

on Rising to the Challenge of
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
through Sustainable Highland Development:
The Royal Project Model

19 – 21 December 2019
Royal Park Rajapruek, Chiang Mai, Thailand



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Background

The Royal Project Foundation (RPF) is based in the north of Thailand, founded by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great in 1969, aiming to improve the quality of life of hill-tribe people by diminishing opium growing and reviving natural forests and water resources. For over five decades, a good number of national and international organizations have recognized the achievements of the Royal Project Foundation as the best practice in sustainable highland development.

His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua has made firm commitments to nurture, conserve, and extend the work of the Royal Project Foundation to ensure its continued operation, offering the highland people with a better living while generating positive consequences to other countries regionally and globally.

On the occasion of the Royal Project's 50th Anniversary, the Royal Project Foundation and its partner, Highland Research and Development Institute (Public Organization) (HRDI) consider it is timely to organize the International Conference on Rising to the Challenge of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Sustainable Highland Development: The Royal Project Model. This Conference will provide a platform for sharing to other organizations, both internally and internationally, successful endeavours, knowledge and experiences of the Royal Project on promotion of illicit crop replacement and support a holistic approach for sustainable highland development. Keynote Speakers from international organizations will be invited to share their experiences on SDGs on highland development. Moreover, representatives from the countries that have followed the Royal Project model and those practicing their alternative development model will also be invited to facilitate knowledge sharing, lessons learnt, and good practices for sustainable highland development in the region and the world.

Objectives

1. To commemorate the benevolence of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great's profound wisdom and graciousness in bestowing the Royal Project for the benefit and happiness of the Thai highland people.
2. To demonstrate deep gratitude and respect to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua for his firm commitments to nurture, conserve, and extend the Royal Project Foundation for the happiness of his subjects.
3. To disseminate successful outcomes of the Royal Project highland development model that align with the SDGs.
4. To demonstrate the expansion of knowledge and experiences of the Royal Project to other highland areas of the country beyond the scope of the Royal Project Foundation by Highland Research and Development Institute (Public Organization).
5. To promote an exchange of knowledge, experience, and best practices among different stakeholders to create a model that is sustainable and inclusive for the prosperity of the highlanders regionally and globally.

Expected Outputs

1. Knowledge and experiences for over 50 years of the Royal Project on sustainable highland development will be shared, hoping to be contributive to other interested parties internally and internationally.
2. Extensive exchanges of knowledge, views, and experiences will be offered among experts, professionals and participants from various international countries and organizations.
3. Strong connections and networks between international organizations and other relevant stakeholders on sustainable highland development will be made, leading to the SDGs.

Preliminary Programme

Day 1 – Thursday 19 December 2019

08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 10.30	<p>Opening Ceremony Report : Privy Councillor Dr. Jaranthada Karnasuta, Chairman of the Boards of Directors, Royal Project Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multivision Media Presentation on the Royal Project 50 Years of Experiences <p>Keynote Addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Project Alternative Development Model <i>by Privy Councillor General Kampanat Ruddit,</i> <i>Chairman of the Executive Board, Royal Project Foundation</i> • Alternative Development and Its Role in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals <i>by Mr. Jorge Rios, Chief, Sustainable Livelihoods Unit, UNODC Vienna</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	<p>Keynote Addresses: International Perspectives on Sustainable Land Use and Food Security on Highland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards Zero Hunger and Sustainability <i>Mr. Jong-Jin Kim, Deputy Regional Representative, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (TBC)</i> • Humans and Environment: Harmonious Sustainability <i>Prof. Hubert Hasenauer, Rector, University of Natural Resources and Living Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria (TBC)</i> • Alternative Development for Sustainable Development on Mountainous Area <i>Dr. David Molden, Director-General of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal (TBC)</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.00 (60 mins.)	<p>Panel Discussion – Alternative Development: Voices from Farmers</p> <p>Panelists: <i>AD farmers from RPF and HRDI, Thailand, Myanmar and Lao PDR</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Luechai Choechokchai, Thung Luang Royal Project Development Center 2. Mr. Surapon Klinkhajonklai, Farmer Leader, Mae Hae Luang Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System, Chiang Mai, Highland Research and Development Institute (Public Organization) 3. Farmer, Myanmar (TBC) 4. Mr. Bounthanh Thepmanila, Huay Oun Village Headman, Oudomxay, Lao PDR <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Wirat Prapthuk, Director of Highland Research and Development Institute</i></p>
14.00 – 15.30 (90 mins.)	<p>Panel Discussion – Socio-Economic and Marketing Sustainability under Alternative Development</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Anchan Chompupoung, Assistant Director, Royal Project Foundation Office, Chiang Mai : Marketing and Logistics Development 2. Representative, PTT Public Company Limited : Green Marketing Strategy (TBC) 3. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Kraissid Tontisirin, Senator: Health Care and Malnutrition 4. Dr. Bunwong Thaiusa, Working Group on Research and Development, Royal Project Foundation : Community Forest Conservation and Development <p>Moderator: <i>Assoc.Prof.Dr. Avorn Opatpatanakit, Vice President for Research and Academic Services, Chiang Mai University</i></p>
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.30 (105 mins.)	Panel Discussion –Experience on Alternative Development and Future Networking towards UN- SDGs Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Mr. Niyom Termsrisuk, Secretary General, Office of Narcotic Control Board (ONCB), Thailand</i> 2. <i>Mr. Hagen E.W. Dirksen, Honorary Consul of Germany, Chiang Mai</i> 3. <i>Mr. Troels Vestor, Country Manager, UNODC Myanmar Office</i> 4. <i>Mr. Erlend-Audunson Falch, Programme Manager, UNODC Lao PDR Office</i> 5. <i>Mr. Mohammad Zia Ahmadzae, Program Executive Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Afganistan</i> 6. <i>Mr. Alvaro Salcedo, Deputy Director for Drug Control, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru (TBC)</i> Moderator: <i>Prof. Dr. Pongsak Angkasith, RPF Executive Board Member</i>
17.30 – 18.30	Visit Royal Project Fair 2019
18.30 – 20.00	Reception Dinner at the Royal Park Rajapruek
Day 2 – Friday 20 December 2019	
07.30 – 12.00	Field Visits Field visit to RPF and HRDI operation areas representing achieved sustainable solutions through holistic approach in economic, environmental and social dimensions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mae Hae Royal Project Development Center • Pa Mieng and Teen Tok Royal Project Development Centers • Pang Dang Nai Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch at site</i>
13.00 – 16.00	Group Discussion –Reflection towards International and Local Experiences (Lessons learnt from the field visits)
16.00 – 18.00	Back to the hotel
19.00 – 20.00	Dinner at Hotel
Day 3 – Saturday 21 December 2019	
09.00 – 11.30	Group Presentation and Open Discussion <i>Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pittaya Srueamsiri, Research and Development Working Group, RPF</i>
11.30 – 11.50	Conclusion and Summary Report <i>by Prof. Dr. Pongsak Angkasith, RPF Executive Board Member</i>
11.50 – 12.00	Closing Ceremony <i>by Privy Councillor General Kampanat Ruddit, Chairman of the Executive Board, Royal Project Foundation</i>
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 16.00	Expert Consultations

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