

3rd Rubber PLANT SUMMIT

13-15 March 2013
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Day 1 - 13 March 2013, Wednesday

Optional Workshop:

A-Z of SITE Assessment for Plantations Myanmar.

“Soil Assessment & Agronomic Specificities to Raise Yield”

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

PROGRAM AGENDA

- How to assess and evaluate site conditions in Myanmar?
- How to choose the suitable crops (rubber, oil palm, cassava, etc.) in term of soils and climates?
- How to establish the plantation appropriately?
- How to use the best agronomic practices
- How many agro-ecological zones in Myanmar?

Expert Leader:

Dr Tin Maung Aye, Cassava Agronomist / Soil Scientist
International Center for Tropical Agriculture

Non-conference attendee: USD995

Conference attendee: USD795

Day 2 - 14 Mar 2013, Thursday

08:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 Chairman's Welcome & Introduction

09:10 Opening Remark
Inviting: Senior Official
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation Myanmar

09:30 **Current Situation of Rubber Plantation and Production in Myanmar**

- Agronomic practices
- Costs of establishment
- Yield production and quality: Mon, Kachin, Kayin & Shan state

Dr. Myat Thu, Sr. Staff Officer
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation

10:00 **Foreign Investment Law & Privatization Process for Agri-Investment in Myanmar**
Alessio Polastri, Managing Partner
P&A Asia

10:30 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

11:00 **Designated Forest Land and Forest Plantation Development**

- Growing rubber in marginal/forest land

• Rubber wood industry
Min Zaw Oo, Staff Officer - Planning & Statistics Division, Forest Dept
Ministry of Forestry, Myanmar

11:30 **Developing Rubber on a Commercial Scale in Dawei: Opportunities & Challenges for Investors**

- Plans to develop Dawei as an agri-investment corridor
- Choosing the right clone
- Processing and logistics challenges

Dr. Yu Sein, Chairman

Dawei Rubber Planters & Producers Association

12:00 **Structuring a Rubber Project: Government Lease Fees, Joint Venture, and Tax Considerations**

- When obtaining land from the Government for a rubber project, what are the economic terms?
- Is a local partner legally required? Can a rubber investment be 100% foreign owned?
- If you use a local party to supply the land, how would the joint venture be structured?
- What happens when the foreign shareholder wants to transfer the project to a third party?
- Which taxes apply to a rubber project, and how can profit be extracted in a tax efficient manner?

Edwin Vanderbruggen, Partner
VDB Loi Myanmar

12:45 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch

14:00 Chairman's Remarks

14:10 **Global Outlook for Rubber as a Commodity Crop & Price Movement for 2013**

John McClure, Business Development Manager
LMC International Ltd

14:40 **Automated Rubber Tapping System as Solution for Labour Shortage**

Dr. Sivakumaran A/L Seenivasagam
Executive Director (Research & Development)
Greenyield Berhad

15:10 **Economic Feasibility of Intercropping Rubber with Cassava**

- Biofuel production plan for Cambodia
- Market for cassava as biofuel crop in Cambodia
- Domestic demand and export capacity of rubber in Cambodia

• Issues and challenges of intercropping rubber with cassava

Ly Thanh Binh, Chairman & CEO
Green Asia Global Corporation

15:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

16:10 **Assessing Ecosystem Services in Rubber Plantations: From Flux Measurements to Life-Cycle Assessment Approach**

- Carbon sequestration in rubber plantation
- Indicator of soil biodiversity in rubber plantations
- Impact of climate change on the functioning of rubber plantations
- Development of LCA approach to assess the environmental impact of rubber plantations

Dr. Frederic Gay, Researcher

CIRAD (Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement)

16:40 **Genetic Modification of Plant Traits using Novel Gene Silencing Technology named "CRES-T"**

- Genetic modification of tropical plants
- Isolation of useful factors that confer tolerance to environmental stresses
- Strategies of molecular breeding for tropical plants

Dr. Masaru Takagi, Professor & Director of Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (IEST)
Saitama University

17:10 Discussion followed by end of Day 1

Day 3 - 15 Mar 2013, Friday

09:00 Chairman's Remark

09:10 **Developments in Downstream Processing for the Tire & Non-Tire Industry in Indonesia**

Dr. Aziz Pane, Chairman
Tyre Association of Indonesia (APBI)

09:40 **Status of Rubber Planting & Investment Prospects**

- Land use and suitability zoning
- Clonal varieties & seedling qualities
- Intercropping and agroforestry
- Contract farming & concession arrangement

Philippines

Laos

10:30 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

11:00 **Standardization of TSR (Technically Specified Rubber) in Myanmar**

- Technology challenges
- Export outlook

U. Myint Oo, Deputy General Manager
EFR Manufacturing Co., Ltd

11:30 **Social License to Operate, Environmental and Corporate Due Diligence Issues in the Myanmar Plantation Sector**

- Update of trends on land, transparency, human rights frameworks & community considerations
- Overview of agri-business guidance from the National Sustainable Development Strategy
- Land use change issues for rubber and palm oil plantations
- Factors for consideration in improving social license for plantations

David Allan, Director
Spectrum

12:00 **Financing Commercial Agricultural Investments in Frontier Markets**

- Financing tools & options
- Common pitfalls to avoid
- Opportunities in perennial crop investment in Myanmar

12:30 Final Discussion followed by Closing Lunch

13:30 End of Conference

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