



Mission Report

51th Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO TROPED NETWORK

4-5 September 2012
Brunei Darussalam

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO TROPED NETWORK held their 51th Governing Board Meeting (GBM) in The Rizqun International Hotel, Brunei Darussalam on 4-5 September 2012. The Network has now three Tropmed Centres in Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines after one Centre in Indonesia (RCCN) became independent SEAMEO Centre (SEAMEO RECFON) in 2011.

The TROPED Network is coordinated by TROPED Network Office located at Mahidol University in Thailand. The chairperson during the 51st GBM is from Brunei Darussalam (Dr. Anita).

C. Participants

The participants of the Governing Board Meeting consisted of Representatives from SEAMEO member countries except from Indonesia and Timor Leste, Directors of TROPED Malaysia (Dr. Shahnaz Murad), TROPED Philippines (Dr. Nina Gloriani), TROPED Thailand (Dr. Sasithorn Pukrittayakarnee), Secretary General of TROPED Network (Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon), SEAMEO Secretariat (DDPD), and other key staff of each TROPED centre as well as representative from the Ministry of Health, Thailand, and one observer from Australia.

D. Organizer/s

TROPED Network office with the support of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam.

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

Prior to the discussion on the working papers, there was a session on Thematic Symposium with the theme of "Impending Health Threats of Urbanization". The symposium was headed by the TROPED Network Coordinator followed by presentation of each TROPED Centre.

Working papers deal mostly on the financial matters, requesting the approval on the use of funds and the change of financial planned budget by the board.

SEAMEO College presentation to GBM and request the cross-cutting and common issues in SEAMEO countries.

Key Discussion

1. Urbanization in relation to health problems is common issue in Southeast Asian countries. Moreover, urbanization also encounters other sectors such as education and employment.
2. The Board approves the use of reserved funds for operation of activities due to the expected shortfall.
3. The Board approves the change of planned budget on the programme caused by less financial contribution (SEDF) due to that RCCN is no longer part of TROPMED Network.

Feedback on SEAMEO College

1. The Board agrees that urbanization is the cross-cutting issue to be recommended for SEAMEO College.
2. Under urbanization there are sub-issues including health, education, livelihood and employment to which SEAMEO Centres could participate in the activities such as trainings, workshops and research programmes.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Presents an opening remark on behalf of the SEAMEO Secretariat.
2. Presents a brief description on SEAMEO College and responded to the questions from the Board members.
3. Informed the Board on the FOM prior to make decisions on the request of financial matters by the Network.

G. Side Meeting/s

N/A

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Report back to the Director on the cross-cutting issue raised during GBM for the input of SEAMEO College validation workshop.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

Will be delivered by TROPMED Network to Secretariat about Minutes of The Meeting.