



## **Mission Report**

### **65<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO SEARCA Governing Board Meeting**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Venue: Radisson Blu Plaza  
Bangkok, Thailand

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#### **A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission**

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#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

1. SEAMEO SEARCA organised its 65<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting (GBM) from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.
2. The SEAMEO SEARCA Governing Board is the principle policy making body of the Centre. It comprises of one representative from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Board is responsible for the overall operational policies, strategic planning, annual evaluation and review of the Centre's programmes and budget within the framework of its approved five-year development plan.
3. SEAMEO SEARCA's mission is to strengthen institutional capacities in agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia through graduate education and institutional development, research and development, and knowledge management.

#### **C. Participants**

1. SEAMEO SEARCA Director and Staff
2. Governing Board (GB) members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
3. DDAC, SEAMEO Secretariat

#### **D. Organizer/s**

1. SEAMEO SEARCA

#### **E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points**

1. The presentation of SEARCA's First Fifty Years (Pushing the Frontiers of Agricultural and Rural Development) was presented to the audience.

#### **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

1. SEAMEO Secretariat is an ex-officio member of the SEAMEO SEARCA governing board. On behalf of the SEAMEO Director, DDAC presented the 2016 key significant policies and programmes, operational matters taken from all the SEAMEO meetings in 2016/2017 as well as the proposed Innovation Award for 2018 and the joint GBM in Bali, Indonesia during 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

## **G. Follow-up Actions Needed**

**N.A.**

## **H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs**

SEAMEO SEARCA hard copy of Working Papers consisting of:

- 1.1 Detailed programme
- 1.2 List of participants
- 1.3 Administrative notes
- 1.4 Various WPs
- 1.5 List of GB Chairs
- 1.6 List of GB venues



65th SEARCA GBM 2018 with SEARCA Board, representatives of SEAMES, SEARCA staff and guests