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Agroecology and
Safe Food System
Transitions

Introduction to field visit

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Group 1: Agroecological farms in Hoa Binh province

Overview of the program

- 7:30 - 9:30 Departure from hotel to the Dong Suong Cooperative (64km)
- 9:30 – 11.30 On-site discussion and sharing with cooperative leaders and members (stop 1)
- 11.30 – 13.00 Lunch (stop 2)
- 13.00 – 14.30 Travel from Luong Son to Kim Boi district (71km)
- 14.30 – 16.00 Visit Mr. Toan and other households (3-5) participating in the project 'Agroecology for resilient landscapes for the poor in northern uplands of Vietnam' (A4P) – (Stop 3)
Visit Phuc Tam An Medicine Cooperative (Stop 4)
- 16.00 – 18.00 Travel back to Hanoi (102km)

Group 1: List of registered participants by 24 February

STT	Họ và tên	Cơ quan/Tổ chức
1	Oliveros Oliver	Agroecology Coalition
2	Swaans Cornelis Petrus Maria	Alliance Bioversity-CIAT
3	Imelda Bacudo	ASEAN Climate Resilience Network
4	Irish Baguilat	Asian Farmer Association (AFA)
5	Andrew Peter Bartlett	ASSET project
6	Diego Naziri	CGIAR - International Potato Center (CIP)
7	Triomphe Bernard Louis	CIRAD
8	Chloé ALEXANDRE	CIRAD
9	Lienhard Pascal Pierre	CIRAD
10	Maria Stella Tirol	College of Development Communication, UPLB
11	Douangsila Thippaphone	Department of Agricultural Land Management
12	Chounlamountry Thisadee	Department of Agriculture Land Management (DALaM)

STT	Họ và tên	Cơ quan/Tổ chức
13	Ferrand Pierre	FAO
14	Olsson Patrik	Government of Switzerland
15	Adrien Trouvadis	GRET
16	Thomas Dubois	ICIPE
17	Ricci Fabio	ICRAF
18	Geck Matthias Samuel	ICRAF
19	Sandhya Sasi Kumar	ICRAF
20	Filippi Viviane	IFAD
21	Francisco Rosado May	Intercultural Maya University & Indigenous Partnership
22	Boupha Thiphavong	Land Equity International
23	Sarmiento Jon Jon	PAKISAMA
24	Mapp Reid Inola Antonett	Regional Rural Dialogue Program (PDRR)
25	Roxanne Abdulali	SNV
26	Maria Corazon Jimenez- Tan	University of the Philippines Diliman

Group 1: Agroecological farms in Hoa Binh province

Logistic arrangements:

- Transportation: 35-seater bus
- Simultaneous translation
- ICRAF facilitators: Nguyen Mai Phuong and Pham Duc Thanh
- Local host: Hoa Binh Sub-Department of Crop Production and Plant Protection
- Field trip participants are requested to be ready to board the bus at 7:15

Group 1: Agroecological farms in Hoa Binh province



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Stop 1: Dong Suong Cooperative

- Location: Lien Son commune, Luong Son district, Hoa Binh province.
- Year of establishment: 2017
- Reason to establish: change from unproductive rice to fruit and vegetable
- Scale: 13 members, with around 3h of farmland.
- Main products: organic vegetables and fruits.
- Main buyers of the products: retail shops in Ha Noi

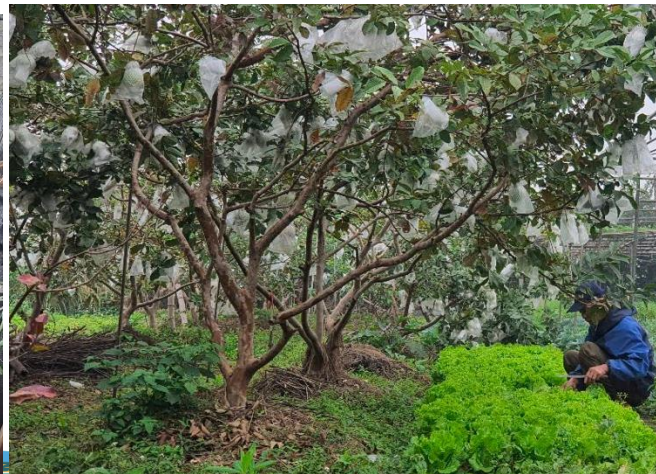


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Stop 1: Dong Suong Cooperative

Key agenda of the visit:

- Meeting with the leadership and members of the cooperative to discuss about the cooperative's development pathway, achievements and challenges related to the cooperative's production and product value chain
- Walk in the farm to visit the cooperative's vegetable garden, fruit trees, composting area, and agricultural product packaging area.



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Stop 2: Lunch at Hoa Ban restaurant

Participants will have opportunity to try traditional Vietnamese cuisines in Hoa Ban restaurant just 3 km away from Dong Suong Cooperative. Vegetarian food will also be served for those who do not eat meat.

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Stop 3: Homestead of Mr. Lý Sinh Toàn, Tu Son commune, Hoa Binh

Mr. Toan's family has participated in the project 'Agroecology for resilient landscapes for the poor in Northern uplands of Vietnam' (A4P) implemented by ICRAF Vietnam, funded by BftW and co-funded by Metrics project.

One of the aims of A4P project is to contribute to the development of agroecology in the project sites. The project supports different agroecological practices for farmers who wish to transform their farming practices, including diversifying trees and crops composition in the agricultural landscape through tree planting, reducing the use of industrial fertilizer and producing compost from animal dung and crop residues, and enhancing the value chain of local products.

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Stop 3: Homestead of Mr. Lý Sinh Toàn, Tu Son commune, Hoa Binh

Mr. Toan joined the A4P project through Farmers' Training organized by the Core Farmer Group in 2023.

After the training, he took part in tree planting activity, with (*Canarium tramdeum* and *Michelia tonkinensis*) to diversify the tree/crop composition his home garden and to provide shades for the medicinal plants.

He also adopts the composting practice to produce compost for his garden.



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Stop 3: Homestead of Mr. Lý Sinh Toàn, Tu Son commune, Hoa Binh

Key agenda of the visit:

- Quick overview of A4P project
- Meeting with Mr. Toan and a few farmers in Ha Son village to understand about local livelihoods, the challenges, the project interventions they have taken and the improvement they have experienced.
- Visit Mr. Toan's home garden where he planted new multi-purposed native trees and prepared the compost.

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Stop 4: Visit Phuc Tam An Medicine Cooperative, Tu Son commune, Hoa Binh

The cooperative has been producing traditional medicine based on local plants and recipe. The A4P project supported the cooperative to upgrade their production line to meet the requirement for registration of their product with the Government (Department of Health), and to provide space for meeting and sharing among the farmer interest group on medicinal plants.

Group 1: Agroecological farms in Hoa Binh province

Stop 4: Visit Phuc Tam An Medicine Cooperative, Tu Son commune, Hoa Binh

Agenda of the meeting:

- Meeting with the members of the Cooperative on their process of development, achievements and challenges related to processing and value chain of the traditional medicine.
- Visit the processing line

Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province

Overview of the program

- 7:30 - 9:30 Departure from hotel to Dung Tan Farm (65km)
- 9:30 – 11.30 On-site discussion with the farm manager and technical staff and visit to the farm.
- 11.30 – 13.00 Travel to Dzung Tan Restaurant (12km) and lunch break
- 13.00 – 14.00 Travel from Pho Yen district to Dong Hy district (36 km)
- 14.00 – 15.30 On-site meeting and discussion with Junozd Farm
- 15.30 – 16.00 Travel from Đồng Hỷ - Thái Nguyên (21km)
- 16.00 – 17.00 Meeting with Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry
- 17.00 – 18.30 Travel back to Hanoi (90km)

Group 2: List of registered participants by 24 February

STT	Ho và tên	Cơ quan/Tổ chức
1	Fuchs Lisa Elena	Alliance Bioversity-CIAT
2	Staiger Simone	Alliance Bioversity-CIAT
3	Banzuela Estrella Benunia	Asian Farmer Association (AFA)
4	Ramirez Marlene	(AsiaDHRRA)
5	Chan Saruth	CASIC/Ministry of AFF
6	PRADES Alexia	CIRAD
7	Djama Mohamed Marcel	CIRAD
8	Blanchard Mélanie	CIRAD
9	Roger Francois Louis Marcel	CIRAD
10	SINCLAIR FERGUS LLOYD	Co-Convenor
11	SAPHANGTHONG Thatheva	Department of Agricultural Land Management
12	VONGLORKHAM Sysavanh	Department of Planning and Cooperation
13	Van Rooij Tjerk Maria Rainerus	Event Facilitator
14	Oyewole Oluropo Babafemi	Farmers Organisation (PAFO)

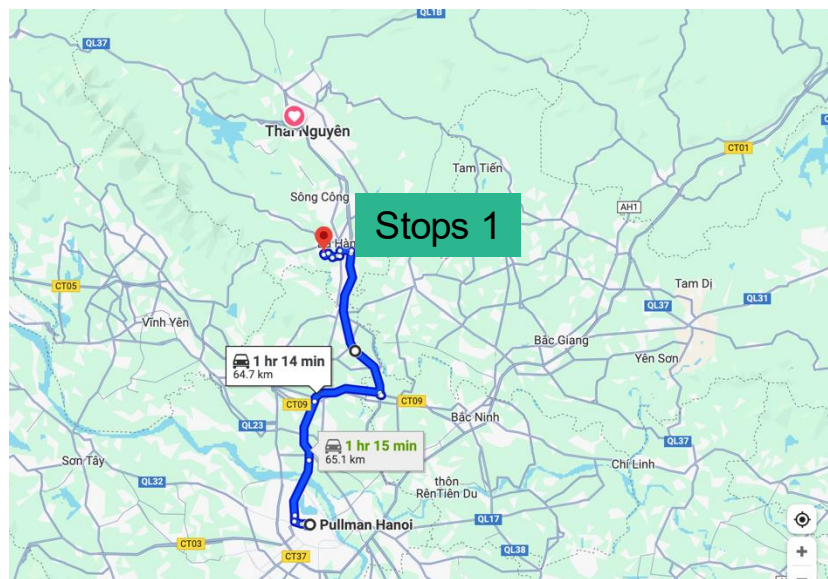
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15	PAT Sovann	GRET
16	BOUDVISED Soutima	Gret/ALiSEA
17	Ciannella Martins de Oliveira Rodrigo	ICRAF
18	Crossland Elizabeth Mary	ICRAF
19	Ghione Da Rosa Soleda Elisa	ICRAF
20	Motte Bienabe Estelle Marie Pierre	ICRAF/CIRAD
21	Yator Monicah	Indigenous Women and Girls Initiative
22	Tazhibaeva Sairagul	KAFLU
23	Phimmachanh Phouthasinh	Lao Farmer Association
24	Omollo Anne Nzilani	ICRAF
25	Orwaya Nelly Nabwire	ICRAF
26	Ellis William Wyn	Sustainable Rice Platform
27	Chen Yi Ann	United Nations
28	Dr. Hauser Michael	Vienna's University of NR. and Life Sciences

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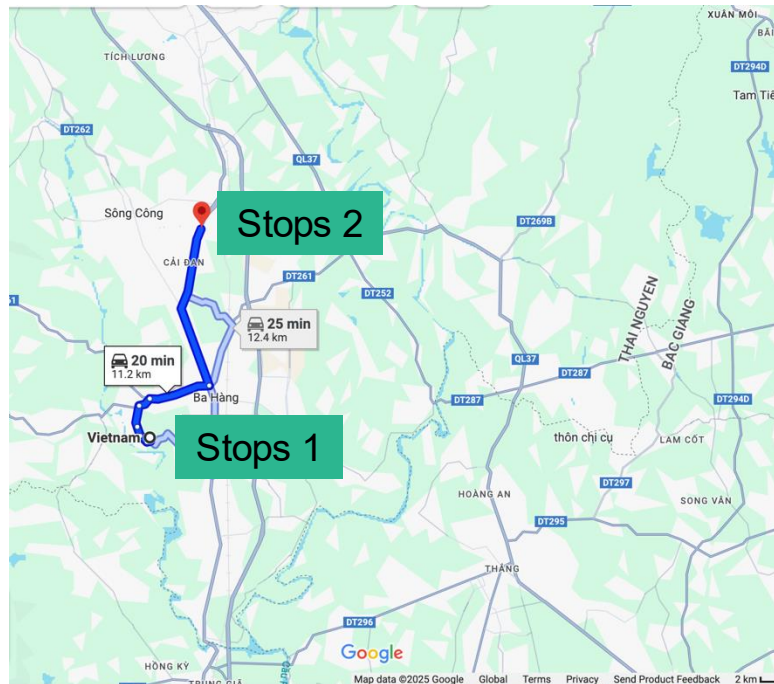
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Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thái Nguyên province



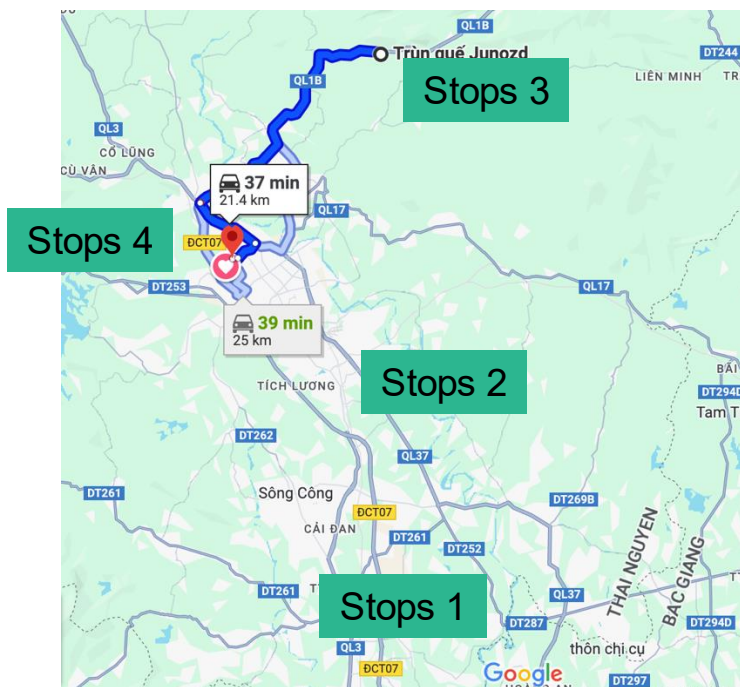
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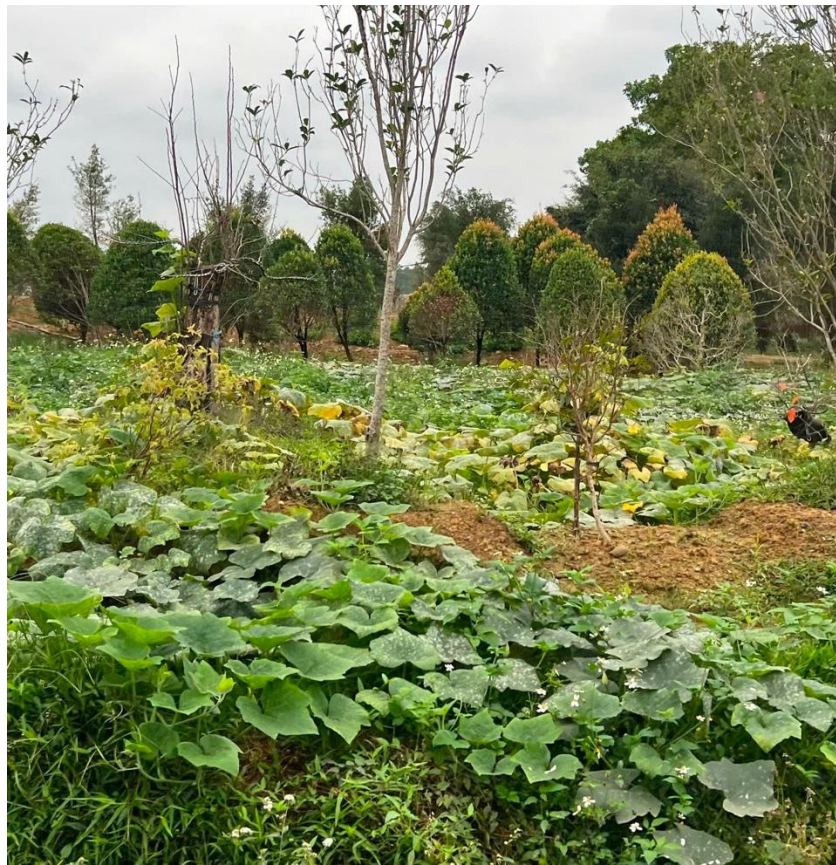


Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province

Stop 1: Dzung Tan Farm

- Location: Dzung Tan farm is located in Pho Yen City of Thai Nguyen province, about 65km from the center of Hanoi.
- Year of establishment: 2021
- Scale: around 30ha, following the model of VAC (garden, fishpond and barn).
- Main production areas: (1) the cropping areas, with rice and corn areas, and vegetables grown under the canopy of timber and ornamental trees, (2) the aquaculture areas with more than 10 ha fishponds in various locations in the farm with trees planted around the ponds to create a cool environment for aquatic species, (3) the barns where livestock are raised under the canopy of trees.





Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province

Stop 1: Dzung Tan Farm

Key agenda of the visit:

- meeting with manager of the farm, and the team to learn and discuss about the development of the farm, the achievements, and difficulties related to production and the farm's product value chain.
- Walk through different areas of the farm to look at different cropping and livestock areas.

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Stop 2: Lunch at Dzung Tan restaurant

Participants will have opportunity to try traditional Vietnamese cuisines in Dzung Tan restaurant around 12 km away from the Farm. Vegetarian food will also be served for those who do not eat meat.

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Stop 3: Junozd Farm

Location: Junozd Farm is located in Song Cau Town, Dong Hy district around 50km from Dzung Tan Restaurant.

Scale: around 1ha.

Main activities in the farm: (1) vermiculture with earthworms, animal dung and crop residues to produce compost for her farm and for sale, (2) livestock (pig, chicken) raising from the agricultural by-products and the worms produced in the farm, (3) cultivation area with tea and vegetables planted under the canopy of fruit trees.



Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province

Stop 3: Junozd Farm

Agenda of the visit:

- Meeting with the farm manager to hear about the experience in setting up and running the farm, and to learn from her how she overcame the challenges in the first days.
- Visit the earthworm area, the livestock raising, and the garden



Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province

Stop 4: Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry (TUAF)

Location: Thai Nguyen city, Thai Nguyen province, around 90km from Ha Noi.

Key features: A leading regional agriculture university in the Northern provinces. rich practical experiences in promoting various agroecological practices in rural livelihoods

TUAF co-hosts with CIFOR-ICRAF Vietnam the field visit to agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province.



Group 2: Agroecological farms in Thai Nguyen province

Stop 4: Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry (TUAF)

Agenda of the visit:

- Overall introduction about TUAF and exchange about research and development in agroecology
- discussion on the key learnings from the two agroecological farms visited during the day

Notes for both groups

- Please be on time for the trip. The buses will leave sharply at 7h30
- Please wear proper attire for walking up the hill and for meeting with people in the field. Short skirts and sleeveless shirts are not advised.
- Walking shoes, sunglasses, water bottle, hat and suncream are recommended
- Apologies for those whose names are not in the list. Strict government regulations require us to apply for field travel for foreign nationals well in advance. Only those whose names appear in the permission document are legal to go to the field.
- For logistic arrangements, Vietnamese participants must sign up before 3:00PM on 1st April.

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