

WORKSHOP ON ADVOCACY TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE IN MYANMAR'S DRY ZONE

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Executive Summary

CAPSA in partnership with the Network Activities Group (a national NGO) and the Department of Rural Development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Myanmar (DRD-MOALI) organized a **'Workshop on Advocacy to Promote Participatory Decision-Making for Climate-resilient Agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone'** in Magway, Myanmar from 29-30 September 2016. The workshop was part of the capacity building component of the project titled *'An Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar'* which is funded by the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT - <http://www.lift-fund.org>) and aims to support livelihoods improvement and food security in the country's Dry Zone that suffers from a high incidence of poverty.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- i. Highlight the importance of participatory decision-making and advocacy for climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone.
- ii. Strengthen the capacities of local and provincial governments as well as development partners such as civil society organizations, private sector and farmer groups, to undertake advocacy and use participatory decision-making methods.
- iii. Support the on-going process of reforms in Myanmar and the transition towards democratic governance.

Twenty eight participants (including 28.6% women) from Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions of the Dry Zone attended the event representing mid-level technical, professional and managerial staff from union and regional governments including the Department of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Research, farmer associations, NGOs, and community-based organizations working on sustainable agriculture in the Dry Zone.

The workshop was led by qualified international and national experts and was conducted in a participatory mode with active engagement of the participants. The event was designed to maximize interactive learning, and encouraged active contributions from the participants through discussions and group work.

Feedback received from participants in the wrap up session was positive. Most of the participants indicated that at least half of the knowledge and skills they acquired from the workshop will be adopted in their work (97%). The knowledge and understanding of participants on Importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making for agriculture in the Dry Zone (Session 2) got the highest rating score of 3.14 ('Excellent' – 4 and 'Poor' – 1) where 78.57% participants stated it as 'Good'. Overall, the workshop helped to strengthen the capacities of participants in terms of prioritizing various sectoral issues relating to sustainable agriculture, analysed current participatory decision-making practices, tested stakeholder analysis tools, and developed group as well as personal action plans for advocacy.

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I. Introduction

The Dry Zone of Myanmar covers about 13% of the country with a population of approximately 14.5 million people¹. It suffers from high levels of poverty and food insecurity. Agriculture is an important source of food as well as livelihood but it is being increasingly impacted by severe land and environmental degradation as well as climate change. The most severely affected are the resource poor rural families and smallholder farmers whose livelihoods and welfare are primarily dependent upon agriculture. In this context, building the sustainability and climate resilience of agriculture in the Dry Zone is of critical significance.

Over the past five years, Myanmar has been undergoing a process of reform to move from a rigid government structure towards democratic governance. A new national government has assumed office in April 2016 which is expected to accelerate this move. The reform processes and the strengthened democratic environment have created opportunity for more participatory decision-making and a bottom-up approach for policy and programme formulation and implementation. This is especially important for the agriculture sector which has been suffering from various policy-related bottlenecks and rigidities that have contributed to low productivity in the sector as well as low income for farming communities, particularly smallholders. As new challenges emerge which threaten agricultural sustainability in the Dry Zone, enhancing the role of stakeholders such as regional and local governments, village development committees, farmer groups, NGOs/CSOs and private sector in decision-making and providing adequate platforms for broad-based consultation can better allow ground-level needs and constraints of all stakeholders to be recognized and taken into account during policy/programme formulation and execution. Such a participatory approach can thus enable a more effective, efficient and responsive policy/programme environment which can support agricultural sustainability and farmer welfare in the Dry Zone as well as at the national level. To realize this opportunity and enable participatory decision-making, however, it is important to strengthen the advocacy skills of regional and local level stakeholders.

CAPSA in partnership with the Network Activities Group (a national NGO) and the Department of Rural Development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Myanmar (DRD-MALI) organized a **'Workshop on Advocacy to Promote Participatory Decision-Making for Climate-Resilient Agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone'** in Magway, Myanmar from 29-30 September 2016. The workshop was part of the capacity building component of the project titled *'An Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar'* which is funded by the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT - <http://www.lift-fund.org>) and aims to support livelihoods improvement and food security in the country's Dry Zone that suffers from a high incidence of poverty.

II. Workshop Objectives and Programme

Consultations held with government and civil society stakeholders under the project (including the *'Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on 'Strengthening Local Capacities for Climate-resilient Agriculture in*

¹<http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/ena/wfp234780.pdf?iframe>

Myanmar's Dry Zone, held on 30-31 May 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw) had reiterated the need to enable effective advocacy and promote participatory decision-making, and these have been identified as important areas for capacity building.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- i. Highlight the importance of participatory decision-making and advocacy for climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone.
- ii. Strengthen the capacities of local and provincial governments as well as development partners such as civil society organizations, private sector and farmer groups, to undertake advocacy and use participatory decision-making methods.
- iii. Support the on-going process of reforms in Myanmar and the transition towards democratic governance.

The programme comprised of presentations, case reviews, discussions, and group work (the detailed programme is enclosed as **Annex I**). As part of the analytical work of the project, CAPSA has led a study involving identification and mapping of key stakeholders working in the area of climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone. The results of the study were presented during the workshop to complement the learning. Another draft policy paper on participatory decision-making being developed under the project was presented for feedback.

The workshop was conducted primarily in Myanmar language, with some presentations in English. Simultaneous translation services between English and Myanmar language were arranged as needed. Participants took part in a workshop evaluation at the end of the workshop and are expected to take a part in a follow-up evaluation 6-8 months after the workshop.

III. Participants and resource persons

Twenty eight participants from Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions of the Dry Zone attended the event representing mid-level technical, professional and managerial staff from union and regional governments including the Department of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Research, farmer associations, NGOs, and community-based organizations working on sustainable agriculture in the Dry Zone. Twenty eight percent of the participants (8) were women.

The workshop was led by qualified International and national experts and resource persons as follows:

1. Mr. Thijs Wissink, expert on participatory processes.
2. Mr. Yin Nyein, Program Manager, Delta and Coastal Program, NAG.
3. Mr. Wai Lin Cho, Program Manager, Dry Zone Program, NAG.
4. Mr. Thant Zin Phyo, Program Quality and Learning Officer, NAG.
5. Mr. Zay Yar Lin, Program Associate, NAG.
6. Dr. Zaw Win Min, Consultant and Director- EMPOWER Consultancy Limited, Myanmar.

The list of participants is enclosed as **Annex II**.

IV. Discussions and key learning outcomes

Introduction and workshop background: The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Kyaw Swe, Director, of DRD-MOALI Magway Region, followed by opening remarks from Mr. Anshuman Varma, Knowledge Management Coordinator, CAPSA-ESCAP, while NAG representative provided an overview of the objectives of the workshop on the importance of participatory decision-making and advocacy for climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone.

Importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making for agriculture in the Dry Zone:

Mr. Thijs Wissink provided an overview and highlighted the concept of advocacy and participatory decision-making, the advantages and disadvantages as well as the importance of its implementation in the context of climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone.

Review and prioritization of issues identified during 'Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Strengthening Local Capacities for Climate-resilient Agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone' held on 30-31 May 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw:

Dr. Myo Ma Ma Than led an exercise whereby the participants prioritized the various issues for climate resilient and sustainable agriculture in the Dry Zone identified at a Multi-stakeholder Dialogue under the project in Nay Pyi Taw from 30-31 May 2016.

Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision-making: Comprehensive discussion amongst participants from the 3 Dry Zone regions (Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing regions) was conducted and facilitated by Mr. Yin Nyein, NAG with a focus on current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision-making. Each geographical group explored its stakeholders, current decision-making processes and practices in context of climate-resilient agriculture. The practices covered four topics;

- Policy decision making processes in agricultural governance
- Operational decision making processes in agricultural governance
- Budget decision making processes
- Human Resource Management practices within the government

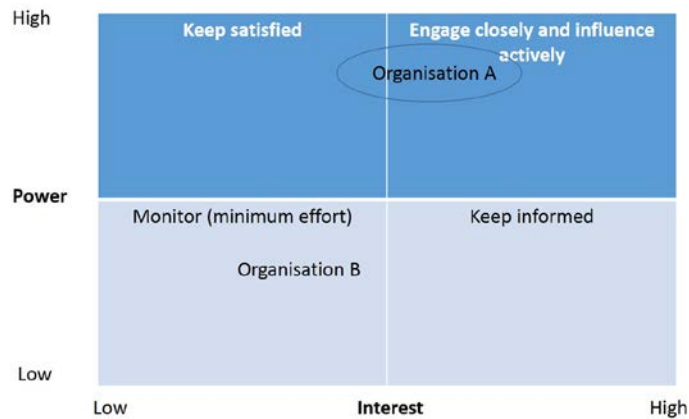
This session assessed the decision-making that takes place at various levels of hierarchy (national, regional, township/local levels) and solicited feedback from participants on the draft findings of a policy paper on 'Promoting Participatory Decision-making for Better Policy Design and Implementation for Sustainable Agriculture in the Dry Zone' which is being developed under the current project.



Picture 1. Participant presented group discussion result

Key stakeholders for sustainable agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone: The outcomes of a study conducted under the current project for identification of key stakeholders for sustainable agriculture in the Dry Zone were presented by Dr. Zaw Win Min, sustainable agriculture expert and Director, EMPOWER Consultancy Limited. This was followed by presentation of a stakeholder analysis methodology by Mr. Thijs Wissink in. Within this session the participants from 3 geographical region groups (Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing regions) conducted stakeholder analysis for each mix of stakeholders. They also reviewed and extended the findings of the stakeholder analysis.

The exercise exposed participants to practical methodologies to identify key stakeholders, and their strengths, interests and expectations while examining the prioritized issues. It enabled participants to get a better overview of the various stakeholders.



Picture 2. Map of stakeholders based on power vs interest grid as one of the processes within stakeholder analysis.

Develop strategies and action plans for participatory decision making and advocacy:

The participants discussed within 3 region-type groups and developed action plans for advocacy based on the key issues for climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture in the Dry Zone prioritized in previous sessions.

Development of a personal action plan for participatory decision making and advocacy:

Following the exercise for development of region-type action plans, participants discussed further within stakeholder-type groups and developed personal actions plans to guide their work upon return to their organizations.

V. Conclusion

Overall, the workshop emphasized the importance of participatory decision-making and advocacy for climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone. It highlighted and strengthened the capacities of local and provincial governments as well as development partners such as civil society organizations, private sector and farmer groups, to undertake advocacy and use participatory decision-making methods, thus supporting the on-going process of reforms in Myanmar and the transition towards democratic governance.

The workshop was conducted in interactive mode with a significant amount of group exercises which involved active engagement of the participants. Feedback received from participants in the wrap up session was quite positive. They indicated they had found the workshop useful and received many good ideas (detailed results of the workshop evaluation are enclosed in Annex III). Overall, the workshop made a key contribution towards strengthening the capacities of participants to promote participatory decision-making for climate-resilient agriculture in Myanmar’s Dry Zone.

Annex I: Workshop Programme

Day 1 (Thursday, 29 September 2016)

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration	Registration of participants
9:00 – 10:00am	Session 1: Opening session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening address, Mr. Kyaw Swe, Director, DRD, Magway region - Opening remarks, Mr. Anshuman Varma, Knowledge Management Coordinator, CAPSA-ESCAP - Workshop objectives, Dr. Myo Ma Ma Than, Programme Manager, NAG - Introductions and ice-breaking exercise - Group photo
10:00– 10:30am	Coffee break	
10:30 – 11:00am	Session 2: Theme overview	<p>Presentation: Importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making for agriculture in the Dry Zone, Mr. Thijs Wissink, Agricultural policies expert</p> <p>Discussion/Q&A</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is to highlight the importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making in the context of agriculture in the Dry Zone.</i></p>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Session 3: Identification of prioritized issues for climate-resilient agriculture in Dry Zone	<p>Facilitated discussion: Review and prioritization of issues identified during 'Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Strengthening Local Capacities for Climate-resilient Agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone' held on 30-31 May 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw, Dr. Myo Ma Ma Than, NAG</p> <p>Group work exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion in 3 geographical groups (Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing regions), each having a mix of stakeholders to identify key issues important for climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone, undertake ranking of the issues, and arrive at common priorities - Presentation on prioritized issues by Focus Groups <p>Discussion / Q&A</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is to expose participants to practical methodologies to identify and prioritize key issues for climate-resilient agriculture in the Dry Zone based on a consultative process, and undertake a practical exercise. These issues will also be taken up for further discussion in subsequent sessions.</i></p>
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Session 4: Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision making practices	<p>Presentation and facilitated discussion: Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision-making, Presenter: Mr. Yin Nyein, NAG, Moderators: Workshop Facilitation Team</p> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion in 3 geographical groups (Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing regions), each having a mix of stakeholders, on current decision-making

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION
		<p>processes and practices in context of climate-resilient agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by groups <p>Discussion/Q&A</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is to assess and understand how decision-making currently takes place at various levels of hierarchy (national, regional, township/local levels) and at the same time to solicit feedback from participants on the draft findings of a policy paper on 'Promoting Participatory Decision-making for Better Policy Design and Implementation for Sustainable Agriculture in the Dry Zone' which is being developed under the current project.</i></p>
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Coffee break	
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Session 4 (continued): Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision making practices	<p>Presentation and facilitated discussion</p> <p>Group work</p> <p>Discussion/Q&A</p>
5:00- 5:30 pm	Wrap up of the Day	Wrap up of Day 1

Day 2 (Friday, 30 September 2016)

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION
8:30 – 8.45am	Registration	Registration of participants
8.45 - 8:50am	Review of Day 1	Recap of Day 1
8:50- 10:15 am	Session 5: Stakeholder Analysis	<p>Presentation and facilitated discussion: Key stakeholders for sustainable agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone, Presenter: Dr. Zaw Win Min, sustainable agriculture expert and Director, EMPOWER Consultancy Limited</p> <p>Presentation: Stakeholder analysis methodology, Presenter: Thijs Wissink Moderators: Workshop Facilitation Team</p> <p>Group work exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion in 3 geographical groups (Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing regions), each having a mix of stakeholders, for reviewing and extending the findings of the stakeholder analysis conducted by Dr. Zaw Win Min. - Presentations by groups <p>Discussion/Q&A</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is to expose participants to practical methodologies to identify key stakeholders, and their strengths, interests and expectations while examining the prioritized issues. This will enable participants to get a better overview of the various stakeholders. At the same time, the results of a study conducted under the current project for identification of key stakeholders for sustainable agriculture in the Dry Zone will be shared.</i></p>

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION
10:15 - 10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am - 12:30 pm	Session 6: Strategy and action plan development for participatory decision-making and advocacy	<p>Presentation and facilitated discussion: How to develop strategies and action plans for participatory decision making and advocacy, Presenter: Mr Wai Lin Cho, NAG, Moderators: Workshop Facilitation Team</p> <p>Group work exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion in 3 stakeholder groups (government, civil society, and private sector) and development of strategies and action plans for participatory decision-making (government) and advocacy (civil society and private sector) to address the key issues identified in session 3. - Presentation by groups <p>Discussion/Q&A</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is for participants to gain experience in developing strategies and action plans for participatory decision making and advocacy, while integrating the findings of sessions 3, 4, and 5. The group work exercise will develop realistic strategies and action plans, which can be shared with key stakeholders including Regional Government leaders and Parliamentarians.</i></p>
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Session 7: Personal action plans and challenges for implementation	<p>Presentation and facilitated discussion: Development of a personal action plan for participatory decision making and advocacy, based on the group strategies and action plans of session 6, Presenter: Mr Wai Lin Cho, NAG, Moderators: Workshop Facilitation Team</p> <p>Personal/group work exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on the group strategies and action plans each participant will formulate a personal action plan that identifies the personal actions to be taken to implement the group strategies and action plans. Besides, each person will identify the key challenges he/she is likely to face when implementing his/her personal action plan. - Short presentations and discussion in 3 stakeholder groups (government, civil society, and private sector) - Presentation by groups <p>Discussion/Q&A</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is for participants to gain experience in developing personal action plans for participatory decision making and advocacy, and to identify the challenges they are likely to face when implementing these action plans, and possible solutions to these challenges.</i></p>
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Coffee break	

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Session 7(continued): Personal action plans and challenges for implementation	Presentation and facilitated discussion Personal/Group work exercise Discussion/Q&A
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Session 8: Closing session	Wrap up of Day 2 (Key Learning Points) and evaluation of the workshop , Moderators: Dr. Myo Ma Ma Than and Khin Lapyae Win, NAG Word of thanks - Mr. Anshuman Varma, CAPSA-ESCAP Closing remarks - Mr. Kyaw Swe, Director, DRD, Magway region -

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Annex III: Workshop Evaluation Summary

Workshop on Advocacy to Promote Participatory Decision-Making for Climate-Resilient Agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone 26-28 September 2016, Magway, Myanmar Workshop Evaluation

Introduction

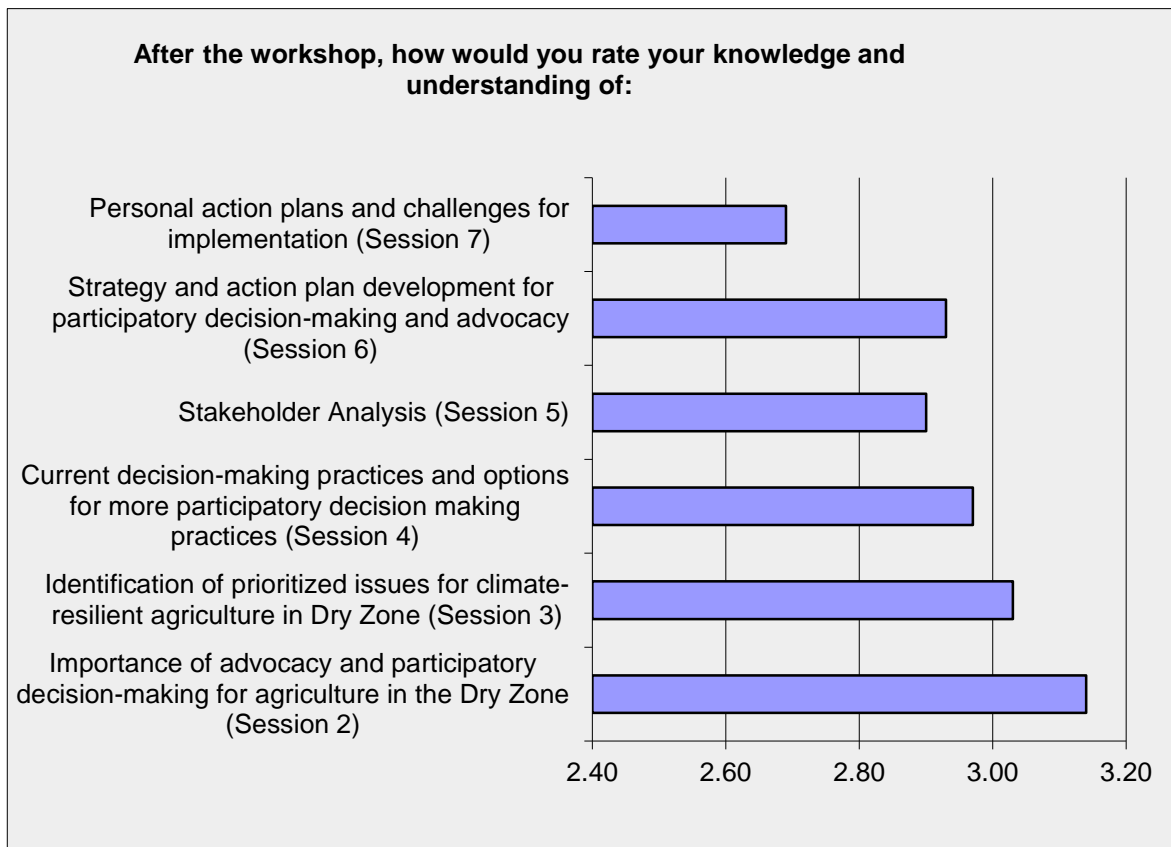
CAPSA and NAG organized the above-titled two-day workshop from 29-30 September 2016 in Magway, Myanmar. The objectives of the workshop were to highlight the importance of participatory decision-making and advocacy for climate-resilient agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone; strengthen capacities of local and regional governments and development partners to undertake advocacy and to use participatory decision-making methods; review the key issues facing agriculture in the Dry Zone; and Review a draft paper on participatory decision-making.

After the workshop the participants were asked to fill out the workshop evaluation. There were twenty nine participants completed the evaluation from various background, 41% came from Government ministry or department, 48% from non-governmental organization/civil society (local), 7% from non-governmental organization (international) and 3% from private sector. More than half participants were male (72%) and 28% were female.

Knowledge and understanding

Most of the participants stated that they fully understand all the workshop content, only one participant didn't answer the question. The knowledge and understanding of participants on Importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making for agriculture in the Dry Zone (Session 2) got the highest rating score of 3.14 ('Excellent' – 4 and 'Poor' – 1). There were 78.57% participants stated it as 'Good', 17.86% stated it as 'Excellent' and 3.57% stated it as 'Average'. The second highest rating score of the workshop session was on Identification of prioritized issues for climate-resilient agriculture in Dry Zone (Session 3) of 3.03. There were 72.41% participants stated it as 'Good', 17.24% stated it as 'Excellent', 6.0% stated it as 'Average' and '3.45' stated it as 'Poor'. Session 4 on Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision making practices got the third highest score with 82.76% participants stated it as 'Good', 10.34% stated it as 'Average' and 6.9% stated it as 'Excellent'.

	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Rating Score
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	
Importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making for agriculture in the Dry Zone (Session 2)	5	17.86%	22	78.57%	1	3.57%	0	0.00%	3.14
Identification of prioritized issues for climate-resilient agriculture in Dry Zone (Session 3)	5	17.24%	21	72.41%	2	6.90%	1	3.45%	3.03
Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision making practices (Session 4)	2	6.90%	24	82.76%	3	10.34%	0	0.00%	2.97
Stakeholder Analysis (Session 5)	2	6.90%	22	75.86%	5	17.24%	0	0.00%	2.90
Strategy and action plan development for participatory decision-making and advocacy (Session 6)	4	13.79%	19	65.52%	6	20.69%	0	0.00%	2.93
Personal action plans and challenges for implementation (Session 7)	2	6.90%	16	55.17%	11	37.93%	0	0.00%	2.69

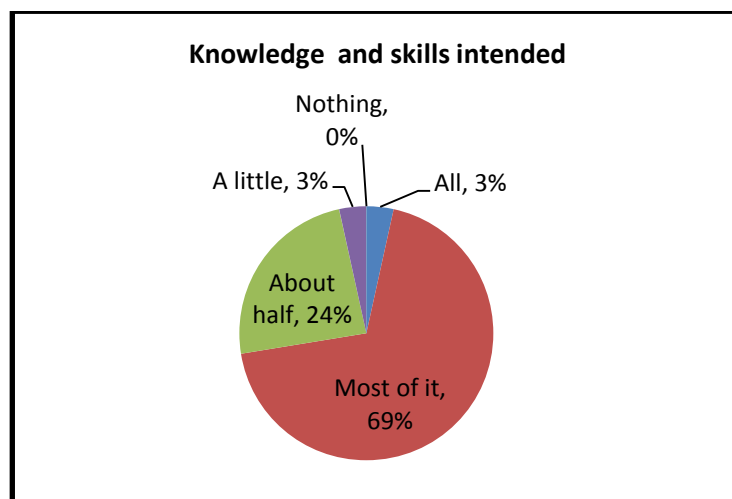


Areas about which they expected to learn

Most of participants indicated that the workshop has equipped them with the right knowledge to improve the way they work, only one participant skipped to answer the question. There were 88.9% indicated that all area they expected to learn has been covered by the workshop while 11% stated that there is an area they expected to learn hasn't been covered by the workshop. The additional topics that participants expected to learn from this workshop were better markets for products and how to collaborate with government administrator.

Knowledge and skills they will be able to use

There were twenty participants indicated that they will use most of the knowledge and skills they learned from the workshop in their work (68%), while 24% of participants indicated that they will use 'About half'. One participant indicated that he/she will use 'All' and one participant indicated will use 'A little' of the knowledge and skill acquired from the workshop. The reason given that only a little of the knowledge and skills could be used was because the farmers are not familiar with participatory decision making process.



Skills learned

Most of the participants indicated that at least half of the knowledge and skills they acquired from the workshop will be adopted in their work (97%). The participants were then asked to list maximum of three learning that they acquired from the workshop. There were twenty six of participants answer the question and 65% of them stated that participatory decision making topic were on of the key learning they acquired from the workshop. The second highest key learning that participants acquired were the topic on developing strategies and plans (35%), the third highest key learning were identification of prioritize issues topic (30%) and the fourth highest key learning was stakeholder analysis topic (22%).

What will be adopted or changed in daily work

There were twenty six participants indicated that they will adopted or change their daily work and long term work plan as a result of this workshop. There were 38% participants stated that they will adopted the participatory decision making in their daily work. There were 19% participants indicated that they will adopted the identification of main constraints and issues method in their daily work. Other knowledge and skills that will be adopted by participants as the result of the workshop were development of strategy and action plan. Two of participants stated that they will adopt most of the knowledge and skills in their daily work and long term work plan.

The participants that indicated they will not adopted or change anything stated that it is not possible to apply the learning in daily life.

Planning to train others

There were 96.4% participants stated that they will train others in using any of the new knowledge and skills they acquired from the workshop. There were 41% participants indicated that they will train the farmers they work with on the new knowledge and skills they acquired from the workshop, 26% stated that they will train their staff and 15% stated that they will share the new knowledge and skills to their colleagues.

In terms of content, there were eight participants indicated that the will teach their target group on participatory decision making approach. Other knowledge and skills that they will share were stake holder analysis and prioritization of issues.

Usefulness and quality of the process and logistics

In terms of workshop process, the agenda and flow got higher score than the facilitation and feedback. The rating score for the agenda and flow was 3.28 (4 – Excellent, 1 – Poor). There were 72.41% participants stated that the agenda and flow was ‘Good’, and the other 27.59% stated it as ‘Excellent’. The facilitation and feedback got rating score of 3.03 with 82.76% stated it as ‘Good’, 10.34% stated it as ‘Excellent’ and 6.9% indicated it as ‘Average’.

In term of workshop logistics, the accommodation got the highest rating score of 3.29 with 71.43% participants stated it as ‘Good’ and 28.57% stated it as ‘Excellent’. The administrative assistance during the meeting got the second highest score of 3.28. There were 72.41% stated that the food is ‘Good’ and 27.59% participants stated it as ‘Excellent’.

		Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Rating Score
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	
Process	Agenda and flow	8	27.59%	21	72.41%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3.28
	Facilitation and feedback	3	10.34%	24	82.76%	2	6.90%	0	0.00%	3.03
Logistics	Pre-meeting communication	5	18.52%	20	74.07%	2	7.41%	0	0.00%	3.11
	Meeting facilities	5	17.86%	21	75.00%	2	7.14%	0	0.00%	3.11
	Accommodation	6	28.57%	15	71.43%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3.29
	Food	5	17.24%	24	82.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3.17

	Administrative assistance during the meeting	8	27.59%	21	72.41%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3.28
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Expectations and overall rating

In terms of participants' expectations of the workshop, 3% stated it as 'Excellent', 76% participants indicated it as 'Good' while 21% said it was 'Fair', the rating score was 2.83. The workshop overall rating score was 3.14 with 86% indicated it as 'Good' and 14% said it as 'Excellent'.

Aspects that could be improved

There are some aspects of the meeting could be improved in the future as indicated by participants below:

- "Little time for evaluation." Daw Maw Maw Thi
- "More time." Daw Khaing Thant Htike
- "More workshop days." Khin Swe Myint
- "Invite more governmental organisations and parliamentarians." U Myint Lin
- "More training days." U Kyaw Mg Mg
- "No. nothing." U Thein Lwin
- "More workshop days." U Myo Kyi
- "Everything was good." U Swe
- "Please invite regional decision makers." Mr. Soe Lwin Aye
- "Please invite regional administrators for decisions of CRA." U Han Nyunt
- "For more facts and better, more time is required." U Zaw Moe
- "More workshop days." U Aung Win
- "Time is so limited." U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin
- "Invite also administrative staff." U Kyi Sein
- "It is better if decision makers participate in the workshop." U Nyunt Maung
- "Invite more decision makers from departments."
- "No practical exercise." Daw Khin Myint Myint
- "More time for each session." Dr Myo Win
- "It requires inviting more decision makers." U Myint Shwe
- "If we take more workshop days, better." U Than Htun
- "Please invite more farmers, governmental so that we could get desired outcomes." Ma Win Win Mar
- "No Field study." U Sein Maung
- "More workshop days." U San Yin
- "Decision makers and workshop days." U San Yin
- "More workshop days are required." Htay Htay Aung
- "More workshop days and provide per-diem and accommodation." Daw Khin Mar Oo

Additional comments

- "Like, but tiring because we had to rush to finish sessions." Daw Khaing Thant Htike
- "More workshops for each region's capacity of making decisions." U Han Nyunt
- "More time is required." U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin
- "This is a great workshop that few organizations could organize. Like." U Kyi Sein
- "Good because it is for the goodness of farmers." U Myint Shwe
- "Workshop is very good. I got a lot of knowledge and issues that farmers are facing." Ma Win Win Mar
- "I prefer workshop which trains and asks participants to practice." Mr. Myat Naing Tun
- "I like this workshop because it is helpful for my organization." Htay Htay Aung
- "This workshop is perfect. I got diversity of knowledge and skill and then new networks for future plan." Daw Khin Mar Oo

Annex IV: Workshop Evaluation Form

Workshop on Advocacy to Promote Participatory Decision-making for Climate-resilient Agriculture in Myanmar's Dry Zone

29 - 30 September 2016, Magway, Myanmar

Evaluation Form

1. **Name (optional):** _____

2. **Gender:** Male Female

3. **Organization Type (tick one):**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government ministry or Department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organization (international)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental organization/civil society (local)
<input type="checkbox"/>	University/research institute
<input type="checkbox"/>	International or bilateral organization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private sector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify) _____

4. **Is your organization a LIFT Implementing Partner?** Yes No

5. **In which region of Myanmar do you work?** _____

6. **Did you fully understand all workshop content?** Yes No

If not, please specify what elements you did not understand:

7. **After the workshop, how would you rate your knowledge and understanding of:**

	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Weak (1)
Importance of advocacy and participatory decision-making for agriculture in the Dry Zone (Session 2)				
Identification of prioritized issues for climate-resilient agriculture in Dry Zone (Session 3)				
Current decision-making practices and options for more participatory decision making practices (Session 4)				
Stakeholder Analysis (Session 5)				
Strategy and action plan development for participatory decision-making and advocacy (Session 6)				
Personal action plans and challenges for implementation (Session 7)				

8. **Has the workshop equipped you with the right knowledge to improve the way you work?**
Yes No

If 'not', why not?

9. **Is there an area that you expected to learn about but the workshop did not cover?**
Yes No

If 'yes', please specify what area:

10. How much of what you learned (knowledge and skills) will you be able to use in your work?

All (5)	Most of it (4)	About half (3)	A little (2)	Nothing (1)

If you answer “A little” or “Nothing”, please give the reasons why:

11. If you answered ‘All’ or ‘Most of it’ or ‘About Half’, please list maximum of THREE learnings.

12. a. What are you going to adopt or change in your daily work and long term work plan as a result of this workshop? If nothing, please respond to question 12b.

12. b. If you are not going to adopt or change anything in your daily work and long term work plan as a result of this workshop, please provide a brief reason:

13. Are you planning to act as a trainer to train others in using any of the new knowledge and skills?

Yes No

If ‘yes’, please specify who (what target group) you are likely to train and what content (knowledge, skills and practices) you will probably include in the training.

If ‘not’, why not?

14. How would you rate the usefulness and quality of the meeting in terms of processes and logistics?

		Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
Process	Agenda and flow				
	Facilitation and feedback				
Logistics	Pre-meeting communication				
	Meeting facilities				
	Accommodation				
	Food				
	Administrative assistance during the meeting				

15. To what extent did the workshop meet your expectations? (*tick box*)

<i>Very large (4)</i>	<i>Large (3)</i>	<i>Moderate (2)</i>	<i>Small (1)</i>

16. How do you rate the workshop overall? (*tick box*)

<i>Excellent (4)</i>	<i>Good (3)</i>	<i>Fair (2)</i>	<i>Poor (1)</i>

17. What aspects of the workshop could be improved in the future?

18. Do you have additional comments on the overall workshop, on what you liked or disliked?

Thank you for your inputs!