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**Sub Sector Working Group on**

**Farmers and Agribusiness (SSWG-FAB)**

*Agenda: Thursday, 03 October 2018*

**Venue:** Meeting Room, Dept of Technical Extension and Agro-Processing (DTEAP)

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Coffee and Registration**  |
| 09.00 – 09.10*10 min* | **Opening remarks and Introductions**Chair – Mr. Somxay Sisanonh, Director General, DOPLA/MAFCo-Chair – Mr. Christian Engler, Deputy Director of Cooperation, SDC |
| 09:10 – 10:00*30 min P* *20 min D* | **Presentation of Draft Report on Rural Labour and Employment**This meta-study, carried out by the MAF Department of Policy and Legal Affairs, provides a synthesis of reports and data from 65 sources which has important implications for planning by both Government and donors. The report is titled *“Towards ‘People Centered Agriculture’: Rethinking rural labour, youth employment and the agrarian transition in Laos”.* |
| 10:00 – 10:15*10 min P**5 min D* | **Update on the activities of the Lao Farmer Network**The Lao Farmer Network now has over 30 member organisations representing more than 4,000 farmers across the country. A summary of recent activities and plans will be presented by an LFN representative. |
| *10:15 – 10:45* | ***Coffee break*** |
| 10.45 – 11.35*30 min P**20 min D* | **Agribusiness and Climate Change**The current cropping season has included a drought, exceptional pest attacks and severe flooding. Climate change is playing a part in these developments, which makes us ask how Laos can promote climate-friendly agribusiness? This presentation is given by Dr Phanhpakit Onphanhdala, Deputy DG, Center for Enterprise Development and International Integration Policy, National Institute for Economic Research (NIER),  |
| 11:35 – 11:45*10 min* | **Update on development of new extension materials**A new video on management of Fall Army Worm will be shown, and progress of new print materials will be summarised |
| 11:45 – 12.00*20 min* | **Closing remarks** Co-Chairs |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Lunch provided** |

*Approximate timing: P = presentation, D = discussion*