Workshop on Vulnerability, Impact and Adaptation Assessment (VIAA) for Climate Change: Approaches, Methods and Tools (10-12 July 2013; Hanoi, Vietnam)

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), the Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) thematic node on Agriculture, organized for the Southeast Asian Network of Climate Change Offices (SEAN-CC) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the workshop on “Vulnerability, Impact and Adaptation Assessment (VIAA) for Climate Change: Approaches, Methods and Tools” from July 10-12, 2013 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The workshop provided an overview of the approaches, methods and tools in vulnerability, impact and adaptation assessment as inputs to planning of adaptations to climate change.

Twelve technical officers and two executives from focal Climate Change offices in seven Southeast Asian countries participated in the workshop. The officials and technical staff came from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam and belong to SEAN-CC. In addition five observers including four from Vietnam’s focal agency and one from the ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change (GAP-CC) also joined the workshop.

Various experts presented on VIAA tools in the sectors of agriculture, forestry and biodiversity, marine and coastal resources, and water resources; on the economics of climate change adaptation; experiences in working with local governments in three Southeast Asian countries on vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning and on assessment, monitoring and evaluation for results-based adaptation planning.

The workshop participants identified the methods and tools most applicable and practical in their respective contexts; and asserted their additional needs and requirements to be able apply them in mainstreaming CCA in their development plans and investments.