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## **Food security in Timor-Leste through crop production**

**A conference to discuss factors affecting crop production in Timor-Leste and the success technical advances have made to improving productivity since independence**

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Timor-Leste is largely an agrarian society and agriculture, accounting for one-third of the gross domestic product, is the primary contributor to non-oil GDP. Approximately 64 % of the population is engaged in agricultural activities with a majority relying exclusively on low input/output subsistence farming.

Broad-based economic growth – inclusive of agriculture - is essential to ensure sustainable reductions to the current high rates of poverty, particularly in the rural areas. The Government of T-L has recognized the need for this in its national Strategic Development Plan and, in a number of cases, has enlisted collaboration with bilateral, and multilateral development projects, NGOs and other parts of civil society to reach its goal of self sustainability of food products by 2030. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) enters its 14th year of operation in 2016 and has been engaged in an increasing number of research, seed production and extension activities over that period. This conference will discuss factors affecting crop production in Timor-Leste and the success technical advances have made to improving productivity since independence. Recommendations for further development approaches will be included.

## **DATES**

April 13-15, 2016 (2 days conference and 1 day field visit)

## **VENUE**

TBD, Dili Timor Leste

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Government, development programs, NGOs, academics

## **LANGUAGE**

English and Tetum with translation

## **SPEAKERS**

Invited international and local speakers

## **POSTER PAPERS**

Invited international and local presentations

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

SESSION 1	Food security
SESSION 2	Elements for agricultural development in Timor-Leste
SESSION 3	Crops and their environments
SESSION 4	Poster session
SESSION 5	Reaching a food surplus
SESSION 6	Technology communication

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