### 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

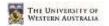












#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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**

3 days (2 days conference and 1 day field visit)

#### **VENUE**

Hotel Novo Turismo, Avenue Bidau, Lecidere, 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	Viewing of posters
SESSION 3	Elements for agricultural development in Timor-Leste
SESSION 4	Crops and their environments
SESSION 5	Reaching a food surplus
SESSION 6	Technology communication

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13-15 April, 2016

12 April, 16:00 – 18:00 Conference Reception with Official Opening of Expo plus pre-registration

Day 1 – 13 April						
08.00 - 08.30	Last-minute registration	-				
08.30 - 09.30	Opening Ceremony	Moderator				
	Welcome Remarks	Australian Ambassador to T-L				
		ACIAR CEO				
	Official Opening of the Conference	Minister of Agriculture				
09:30-10:00	Coffee break					
Session 1 Food security		Moderator				
10.00 - 10.20	Global Food Security	Speaker 1				
10.20 - 10.40	Potential for improving food security	Speaker 2				
	through agricultural development in					
	Timor-Leste					
10.40 – 11.00	Nutrition in Timor-Leste	Speaker 3				
11.00 – 11.20	Advances in food security in Timor-	Speaker 4				
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11.20 – 12:00	Panel Discussion	Moderator				
	Session 2 Viewing of posters					
12.00 – 13.00	Discussions of the posters on display					
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	Moderator				
14.00 – 14:20	gricultural development in Timor-Leste Improving seed systems in developing	Speaker 5				
14.00 – 14.20	countries. Is it the best option for the	Speaker 3				
	Timor-Leste?					
14:20 – 14.40	International germplasm exchange	Speaker 6				
14.40 – 15.00	Varietal evaluation and agronomic	Speaker 7				
11.10 15.00	research	Speaker /				
15:00 - 15:30	Panel Discussion					
15:30 – 16.00	Coffee break					
16:00 – 16.20	Options for seed multiplication in	Speaker 8				
	developing countries. What is the best	•				
	option for Timor-Leste?					
16.20 - 16.40	Germplasm collection and conservation	Speaker 9				
16.40 - 17.00	Typology of successful community	Speaker 10				
	groups. The case of successful seed					
	producers in Timor-Leste					
17.00 – 17.30	Panel Discussion	Moderator				

#### End of day 1

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Day 2 – 14 April		
Session 4 Crops and		Moderator
08.30 – 08.50	Conservation agriculture improvement in Timor-Leste	Speaker 11
08.50 – 09.10	The role of wild food in food security: The example of Timor-Leste	Speaker 12
09.10 - 09.30	Is there a place for temperate crops in Timor-Leste	Speaker 13
09.30 - 10.00	Panel Discussion	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	
Session 5 Reaching		
10.30 – 10.50	Food security and marketing of	Speaker 14
	agricultural products	
10.50-11.10	Increasing farm income in Timor-Leste	Speaker 15
11.10 – 11.30	Do Savings and Loans (S&L) programs in rural areas assist agricultural development: The case in Timor-Leste	Speaker 16
11.30- 12.00	Panel Discussion	
12.00 - 13.00	LUNCH	
13.00 – 13.20	Role of met data in developing new agricultural systems in Timor-Leste	Speaker 17
13.20 – 13.40	Synergy of storage management with varietal productivity improvement: The case of maize in Timor-Leste	Speaker 18
13.40 – 14.00	Agricultural rituals in Timor-Leste. Do they affect agricultural production?	Speaker 19
14.30 - 14.50	Panel Discussion	Moderator
14.50 - 15.20	Coffee break	
Session 6 Technolog	gy communication	
15.20 - 15.40	Agricultural extension in Timor-Leste	Speaker 20
15.40 – 16.00	Project success following critical development strategies. A case in Syria and Iraq	Speaker 21
16.00 - 16.20	Gender and agriculture	Speaker 22
16.20 – 16.40	Communicating the seed industry. A case in Timor-Leste	Speaker 23
16.40 – 17.00	Training in agriculture. Its place in improving food security	Speaker 24
17.00 – 17.20	Farmers voices: Agricultural technology adoption	Speaker 25
17.20 - 17.40	Panel Discussion	Moderator
17.40 - 18.00	Conference Summary	TBI
End of day 2		
Day 3 - 15 April		
08.00 – 16.00	Field visit	
10.20	Conformed dinner	

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18:30

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# INVITATION TO SUBMIT POSTER



This conference will gather international and local experts to discuss factors affecting crop production in Timor-Leste.

Join the discussion and showcase your work that contributes to the improvement of agriculture and knowledge in Timor-Leste by preparing a poster or display.

Substantial prize awaits the best poster or display!!!



**Important Dates** 

Poster Abstract Deadline: 15 February

Poster Deadline: 29 February

Contact Pipot at 77984941 for more information.











