

# Issues Related to APCAEM Progress<sup>1</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION

This paper is written to respond the document sent by the APCAEM HQ prior to the TC/GC meeting in New Delhi. In preparing this paper, the following issues are arranged according to the document to make more readable and easy to follow. Appreciation should be given to the Director and staffs which have already worked comprehensively in a hard time and relatively short time.

The following are the comment, respond and suggestion:

### 1. Work Progress Report for 2005.

Although APCAEM has officially opened in 2003 it did not started until November 2005, because of resource constraints. It is understandable since APCAEM is relatively new for the AP countries and unknown for some reasons, especially only ex-RNAM member countries. The most Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ) of the decision makers in the Vocal Point of the Government is what will be the benefits of the APCAEM for the member countries after getting the experiences since the long term RNAM Project (1977-1997). It is agreeable that we **should not repeat the bad experiences** that make the donor countries or international agencies reluctant to provide support, but how it should work. The work progress for 2005 has indicating the road to more prospective plan. The world wide issues related to MDG messages (poverty reduction and the role of Agricultural Engineering to CDM) was addressed. Issued on Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) has been the focus of the economic development in Indonesia (most probably in the developing countries), so the listing of agricultural machinery manufacturers should be beneficial for member countries. New version of UNAPCAEM web is also beneficial for the member countries.

### 2. Medium Term Strategy of APCAEM

The programmed structured of UNESCAP is **the umbrella that must be used** by APCAEM in developing the strategy, programme and its activities. Two of these main thematic area are (a) poverty alleviation (reduction) and (b) managing globalization, absolutely representing common problem in the region. The strategy will not stand independently without any relation or linkages to other thematic areas. Thus three thematic areas will be the fundamental entries to the capacity building of each mechanization programme development. However, we **should be more realistic** in **formulating the strategic workplan** and make it **more workable in implementing**

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**strategy.** Indicated by **(a) responsive to the clients' (country) need, (b) appropriate** ( suitable and take into account the resource endowment, social and cultural system plus technology and institutional endowment ) as the prime mover development.

If we understood clearly to the revised function of the APCAEM, there are two distinct function (a) internal system management and (b) external system management. The internal system management includes the first and fourth medium-term, and the external system management includes the second and third medium – term functions. (refer to page 4 on the medium strategy, para 7).

The following is a table correlation among the distinguishes three core competency and the themes. Suggestion may be possible to work out for this table e.g. what is/are the activities related to these themes and core competency.

No	Themes	AET	FCM	AED
1	Poverty Alleviation			
2	Public-Private Partnership			
3	Policy Analysis....			
4	Private Sector Dev			
5	Gender			
6	ICT			
7	Envy and CDM Appl			
8	Cap Building			
9	Training and Extension			
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### 3. Work plan 2006-2007

Similar to the above table, it is good if each country could fill the related and suitable activities for their own country. The following samples might be appropriate for Indonesia situation:

Country	AET	FCM	AED
Bangladesh			
China			
Fiji			
India			
Indonesia	CDM Applied to Biogas, Water Saving Technology, Bio Fuel, R&D, Policy and Strategy Formulation	International Seminar on Fresh Fruit and Veg Trade, Improvement in Green house Techn ( Tropical GH)	Trade Fair, Listing AMM on the internet, Training of Farmers and Entrepreneur.
Iran			

Korea			
Mongolia			
Nepal			
Philippines			
Sri Lanka			
Thailand			

#### 4. Resource Requirement and Mobilization

#### 5. Interaction with APCAEM member Countries

The previous interaction (during the RNAM phase) is the focal point that related to agriculture development, e.g National Institute (NI). Since the name of the APCAEM or the new name will be related to agriculture, the designated institution should be at the national level within the Ministry of Agriculture. It is better if this institution has the similar level of the Directorate or Center. **In Indonesia, the NI (National Institution) is the Indonesia Center for Agricultural Engineering Research and Development** (current abbreviation is **ICAERD**, old name is **CAMD**). Since 1979 this center plays as a Designated National Institute (DNI) for the development of agricultural mechanization.

#### 6. TOR for the Technical Committee

1. **Fully agree** with the proposal of the TC. A few questions will be as follows:
  - (a) Where will be the station of the TC member, in the NI member countries or in Beijing? Who will pay for additional responsibilities?
  - (b) Is it possible that one member countries has more than one TC member (include the Director of the NI).
2. GC meeting is organized one after the TC meeting and will be conducted in UNESCAP Secretariat in Bangkok. **Agree** with this proposal

#### 7. New Name for APCAEM

After studying the existing name and some consideration regarding the meaning and essence of the name, Indonesia come up with two suggestion names as follows:

1. **CAFE** : Centre for Agricultural and Food Engineering  
Simple and will be easy to recognize and remember. Still accommodate the words Agriculture, Food and Engineering as an integrated system.
2. **CAFET**. Centre for Agricultural and Food Engineering Technology.  
Similar to the above name, but put Technology,