

PROPOSAL

Regional Workshop on Inclusive Biofuel Innovation in Asian Countries

A. Background

In the last decades, biofuel has stimulated the raise of political mandates, economic incentives, and investments with regards to support its development. The situation faced turmoil when biofuel activities were being accused as the cause for a global food shortage, land grabbing and a new environmental problem. In response to the situation, the UN secretary-general, Ban Ki Moon, arranged a multi-agency investigation involving the UN Energy Programme, the UN Development Programme, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the World Food Programme in 2008. At that time, rather than make a definitive judgment on biofuel, Ki-Moon requested a comprehensive assessment.

In line with the UN multi-agency investigation, the workshop aims to elaborate the possibility for having an inclusive innovation where it promotes a harmony between science, society, and the environment. Translation of this triangle relationship is being elaborated through the issue of governance, participation, and learning through experimenting.

B. Objectives and Themes

This forum would be a chance for sharing ideas and learning on inclusive biofuel innovation in regional countries.

The workshop has two objectives:

1. To discuss and reflect biofuel practices in regional countries
2. To understand the relationship between the concept of inclusive innovation and biofuel practices

Main theme: Inclusive Biofuel innovation in Asian Countries

Based on the objectives and the main theme above, we divide the workshop into five sub-themes below:

1. Governance-in-action I: energy policies in Asian countries
Aim: to compare energy policies among Asian countries
2. Governance-in-action II: The Future of Biofuel in Asian countries
Aim: to reflect biofuel practices in Asian countries and define the possible future
3. Biofuel practices in rural areas
Aim: to understand the issues emerge in rural areas due to biofuel activities
4. Grammar in biofuel practices
Aim: to understand how and why biofuel circulates among various actors i.e. what rhetoric do the actors use to promote biofuel.
5. Inclusive Innovation and Bio-fuel Practices: Mutually Constitutive?
Aim: to understand the relationship between bio-fuel and other issues such as land ownership, food versus fuel contestation, environmental issues etc.

6. Plenary discussion: towards inclusive innovation

C. Venue and Date

The workshop will be held in Bandung, West Java, Indonesia from 7th to 8th November 2012. (tentative)

D. Tentative Program

Wednesday, 7 November 2012

08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.15	Welcoming speech by the Principal Investigator of the project
09.15 – 10.45	Session I: Governance in action: Biofuel policies in Asian countries
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Session II: Governance-in-action II: The Future of Biofuel in Asian countries
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Session III: Biofuel practices in rural areas
15.0 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 17.00	Session IV: Grammar in biofuel practices

Thursday, 8 November 2012

09.00 – 10.30	Session V: Inclusive Innovation and Bio-fuel Practices: Mutually Constitutive?
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Group discussion
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Group presentation
15.00 – 15.15	Closing speech