

Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Security in the Philippines: An Academic-Government Dialogue

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National HESA-SIANI "Write-Shop"

Academic-Government Dialogue (Public Event): 22 July 8:30 am to 12:30 PM

National "Write-Shop" (By Invitation): 22 July 13:30 to 18:00 to 23 July 8:30 am to 12:30 PM

Venue: Hall of Wisdom, GT-Toyota Asian Cultural Center, University of the Philippines Magsaysay St. cor. Katipunan Avenue Diliman, Quezon City, PHILIPPINES

Nationally Organized/Locally Hosted by

- Asian Center, University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman
- Third World Studies Center (TWSC), UP Diliman
- University of the Philippines, Los Banos, (UPLB). Graduate School

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This event will discuss overlapping environmental-agricultural and education concerns in the Philippines. It aims to better understand related government policies, programs and institutions while examining implications for universities and research institutions nation-wide. The meeting will explore challenges, capacities, best practices and policy options for HESA in the Philippines while exchanging knowledge, and exploring interdisciplinary curriculum reform, teaching and research-extension needs as a contribution to strengthening regional poverty reduction, food/nutritional security and environmental protection. The public event July 22nd morning will be a dialogue with Philippine government officials and academics on HESA issues. The "Write-Shop" will be a HESA Expert Group meeting for a Southeast Asian regional project currently focused on three countries - Philippines, Thailand and Lao, PDR. One planned output of the write-shop will be a Draft National HESA *Policy Brief* presented to a regional learning and dialogue workshop in Bangkok August 18th then later revised and published.

General information: See: <u>http://www.siani.se/topic/hesa</u> and follow the links to learn more about SIANI, the HESA Southeast Asia project, and how to become a member of the global SIANI network.

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