

3rd RubberPLANT SUMMIT

13-15 March 2013
PARKROYAL
YANGON



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Day 1 - 13 March 2013, Wednesday

Optional Workshop:

A-Z of SITE Assessment for Plantations Myanmar

“Soil Assessment & Agronomic Specificities to Raise Yield”

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

09:00 How to assess and evaluate site conditions in Myanmar?

Dr . Tin Maung Aye
Cassava Agronomist / Soil Scientist
CIAT (Int Center for Tropical Agriculture)

10:00 How to choose the suitable crops (rubber, oil palm, cassava, etc.) in term of soils and climates?

- How to establish the plantation appropriately?
 - Training & Development - localization of staffing
 - Sourcing of right planting materials - both quality and availability.
 - Challenges of costing
 - Infrastructure development within plantation including irrigation
 - Introduction of mechanization from land development to planting to harvesting
- Dr . Tin Maung Aye
Cassava Agronomist / Soil Scientist
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12:00 Discussion followed by Lunch

14:00 How to use the best agronomic practices

- Evaluate the soils & climate assessment for crops suitability in specific agro-ecological zones in Myanmar and other parts of region
 - landscape consideration (flat or slope),
 - irrigation, infrastructure
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16:00 How many agro-ecological zones in Myanmar?

- What are the challenging and opportunities in large scale plantations?
 - Lessons learn from other regions? How can farm productivity be improved? technical issues on planting crops rather than economic or political issues.
 - crop production, protection and natural resource conservation approaches
 - minimum / zero tillage
 - crop protection and natural resource conservation approaches
 - developments in farming implements
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17:00 Final Discussion. End of Workshop

Expert Leader:

Dr . Tin Maung Aye
Cassava Agronomist / Soil Scientist

Non-conference attendee: USD995
Conference attendee: USD795

Day 2 - 14 Mar 2013, Thursday

08:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 Chairman's Welcome & Introduction
*Ly Thanh Binh, Chairman & CEO
Green Asia Global Corporation*

09:05 Opening Remark
*U. Zaw Win, Director Planning
Dept of Industrial Crops Development
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation*

09:15 **New Myanmar Land Laws & Opportunities for Rubber Plantations**
*Kyaw Htay, Assistant Manager
Settlement & Land Record Dept
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation*

09:35 **Current Situation of Rubber Plantation and Production in Myanmar**

- Agronomic practices
- Costs of establishment
- Yield production and quality: Mon, Kachin, Kayin & Shan state

*Dr. Myat Thu, Sr. Staff Officer
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation*

10:10 **Foreign Investment Law & Privatization Process for Agri-Investment in Myanmar**
*Sebastian Pawlita, Partner
Polastri Wint & Partners*

10:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

11:10 Designated Forest Land and Forest Plantation Development

- Growing rubber in marginal/ forest land
 - Rubber wood industry
- Min Zaw Oo, Staff Officer - Planning & Statistics Division, Forest Dept
Ministry of Forestry*

11:40 Developing Rubber on a Commercial Scale in Dawei: Opportunities & Challenges for Investors

- Plans to develop Dawei as an agri-investment corridor
 - Choosing the right clone
 - Processing and logistics challenges
- Dr. Yu Sein, Chairman
Dawei Rubber Planters & Producers Association*

12:10 Structuring a Rubber Project: Government Lease Fees, Joint Venture, and Tax Considerations

- When obtaining land from the Government for a rubber project, what are the economic terms?
- Is a local partner legally required? Can a rubber investment be 100% foreign owned?
- If you use a local party to supply the land, how would the joint venture be structured?
- What happens when the foreign shareholder wants to transfer the project to a third party?
- Which taxes apply to a rubber project, and how can profit be extracted in a tax efficient manner?

*Edwin Vanderbruggen, Partner
VDB Loi Myanmar*

12:40 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch

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14:00 Chairman's Remarks
*David Allan, Director
Spectrum*

14:10 **Global Outlook for Rubber as a Commodity Crop & Price Movement for 2013**
*John McClure
Business Development Manager
LMC International Ltd*

14:40 **Economic Feasibility of Intercropping Rubber with Cassava**

- Biofuel production plan for Cambodia
- Market for cassava as biofuel crop in Cambodia
- Domestic demand and export capacity of rubber in Cambodia
- Issues and challenges of intercropping rubber with cassava

*Ly Thanh Binh, Chairman & CEO
Green Asia Global Corporation*

15:10 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

15:40 **Assessing Ecosystem Services in Rubber Plantations: From Flux Measurements to Life-Cycle Assessment Approach**

- Carbon sequestration in rubber plantation
- Indicator of soil biodiversity in rubber plantations
- Impact of climate change on the functioning of rubber plantations
- Development of LCA approach to assess the environmental impact of rubber plantations

*Dr. Frederic Gay, Researcher
CIRAD (Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement)*

16:10 **Genetic Modification of Plant Traits using Novel Gene Silencing Technology named "CRES-T"**

- Genetic modification of tropical plants
- Isolation of useful factors that confer tolerance to environmental stresses
- Strategies of molecular breeding for tropical plants

*Dr. Masaru Takagi, Professor & Director of Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (IEST)
Saitama University*

16:40 Discussion followed by end of Day 1

17:00 - 18:00 *Networking Reception*
for Speakers & Delegates

Day 3 - 15 Mar 2013, Friday

09:00 Chairman's Remark
*John McClure
Business Development Manager
LMC International Ltd*

09:10 **Systems to Overcome Tapper Shortage and Reduce Production Costs**
*Dr. Sivakumaran A/L Seenivasagam,
Executive Director (Research & Development)
Greenyield Berhad*

09:40 **Investment Opportunities for Rubber in the Philippines**

- Status of Philippine Rubber Industry
- Socio-economic value
- Impact of rubber in the Philippine Agriculture
- Targets based on the National Rubber Road Map

- Synergy of Philippine Government and Myanmar and other countries for Rubber

*Aleli D. Manguilin, General Manager
National Agribusiness Corporation (NABCOR)*

10:10 **Young Bud Root Trainer System - An Advanced Propagation Technique in Rubber**

- Materials & methodology
- Savings & advantages over conventional method

*Jose Cheerakuzhy, Managing Director
Cheerakuzhy Young Bud Root Trainer Rubber Nursery*

10:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

11:10 **Status & Quality of Myanmar's Natural Rubber**
*Win Than, R&D Manager
E.F.R Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
(Ever Flow River)*

11:40 **Social License to Operate, Environmental and Corporate Due Diligence Issues in the Myanmar Plantation Sector**

- Update of trends on land, transparency, human rights frameworks & community considerations
- Overview of agri-business guidance from the National Sustainable Development Strategy
- Land use change issues for rubber and palm oil plantations
- Factors for consideration in improving social license for plantations

*David Allan, Director
Spectrum*

12:10 Final Discussion followed by Closing Lunch

13:30 End of Conference

Day 4 - 16 Mar 2013, Saturday

NEW Separately Bookable
Site Visit to Private Plantation & Nursery in: Hmaw Bi & Hlegu

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

7:30am: Depart from ParkRoyal Yangon
 9:00am: Arrive in Hmaw Bi (Aung Kyaw Moe Rubber Factory)
 10:00am: Depart Hmaw Bi for Old Defence Military Service Association Rubber Estate
 10:45am: Arrive at Old Defence Military Service Association Rubber Estate
 11:45am: Depart Military Service Association to Sein Lae Mying Rubber Nursery
 1:15pm: Arrive in Yangon
 Lunch at Padonmar Restaurant

Per Person Fee for Conference:	(USD)
Regular Fee for 1: 14 - 15 Mar	1295.00
Group Fee for 3 or more: : 14 - 15 Mar	1095.00
Pre Conference Workshop	(USD)
Fee for Conference Attendee to A-Z of SITE Assessment: 13 Mar	795.00
Site Visit	(USD)
Site Visit to Hmaw Bi Plantation & Hlegu Nursery (per person): 16 Mar	100.00

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