

The 6th National Platform Workshop on "Promoting Local Innovation in Cambodia"

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Every year, the Prolinnova Cambodia program collaborates with its members to organize a National Platform Workshop on "Promoting Local Innovation in Cambodia." This year the 6th National Platform Workshop was organized by Prolinnova Cambodia and the Kampong Cham National School of Agriculture. There were 141 participants (52 women) including representatives of the Provincial Department of Agriculture from ten provinces (Takeo, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Prey Veng, Svay Reang, Battambang, Kampong Thom, Pursat, Kandal and Kampong Cham), the General Department of Agriculture, four NGOs (AS, Srer Khmer, PSAD, and CEDAC), three Educational Institutions (Royal University of Agriculture, Kampong Cham National School of Agriculture, and Prek Leap National School of Agriculture), the Farmer and Nature Net (FNN), and one commune council from Takeo Province.

The workshop aimed to:

- Share the experiences of farmers and Prolinnova members who encouraged and used local innovations
- Review the 2009 strategy that supported farmer experimentation on local innovation
- Discuss the strategic plan for Prolinnova in 2010

At the conclusion of the meeting, all of the participants - especially the Prolinnova members - better understood the concept of Prolinnova and the meaning of Local Innovation. There were also discussions on what has been done so far (good points and weak points) and what can help improve the program over the next year. The participants learnt also from the innovation experiments that were shown during the workshop.

Beginning in 2004, CEDAC has led the Prolinnova-Cambodia Network. Prolinnova Cambodia is a national platform for the promotion of local innovations in Cambodia and aims to enhance the capacity of development practitioners and farmers in Participatory Innovation Development (PID).

