

ASEAN FOOD SECURITY CONFERENCE

June 16-18, 2010

CEDAC staff member Mr. Hour Sreng participated in the ASEAN FOOD SECURITY CONFERENCE on “The Role of the Private Sector” at the Holiday Inn Atrium Hotel, Singapore. Attending the conference were 103 people representing the public and private sectors and civil society of ASEAN country members. The goal of the conference was to provide an opportunity for government officials and private sector representatives to explore how they can collaborate and cooperate on food security. Specifically, the conference aimed to reach the following outcomes:

1. A stronger partnership between the public and private sectors to promote food security;
2. A greater understanding of vital public-private sector links that are needed to improve regional food security; and
3. Identify the challenges, risks, and possible drivers of future food crises, and the role the private sector can play in reducing their likelihood.

The conference was jointly organized by the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN-US Technical Assistance and Training Facility, and the Agri-food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore. The conference was also supported by the US-ASEAN Business Council and the TCBoost Project of the U.S Agency for International Development.

During the conference, Mr. Hour Sreng, as a speaker on the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), made a presentation about SRI Adaptation in Cambodia. While providing an overview of the general situation of Cambodian agriculture, he also included background about SRI, progress of SRI, key methods used, how to mainstream and incorporate SRI into the National Strategic Development Plan of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and SRI’s success in Cambodia.

Mr. Sreng’s presentation about CEDAC’s concrete experience with SRI attracted the attention of staff from the Asian Development Bank and FAO, as well as representatives from the public sector, private sector, and civil society. They appreciated CEDAC’s participatory approach in agriculture and rural development.

