

SWAT SEA Conference



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I. The objectives of CASIC

1. To perform as a platform to promote conservation agriculture practices in Cambodia through **Knowledge Management, Influencing on policy makers, Coordination and Networking, Promotion, and Research**
2. To increase interest from the private sectors and other market actors' engagement, i.e. more innovation and uptake of conservation agriculture practices and related machinery; and
3. To improve in soil fertility, accelerate in quality and quantity of yields, consequently leading to income increase for the farmers and ultimately poverty alleviation.





II. Vision and mission of CASIC

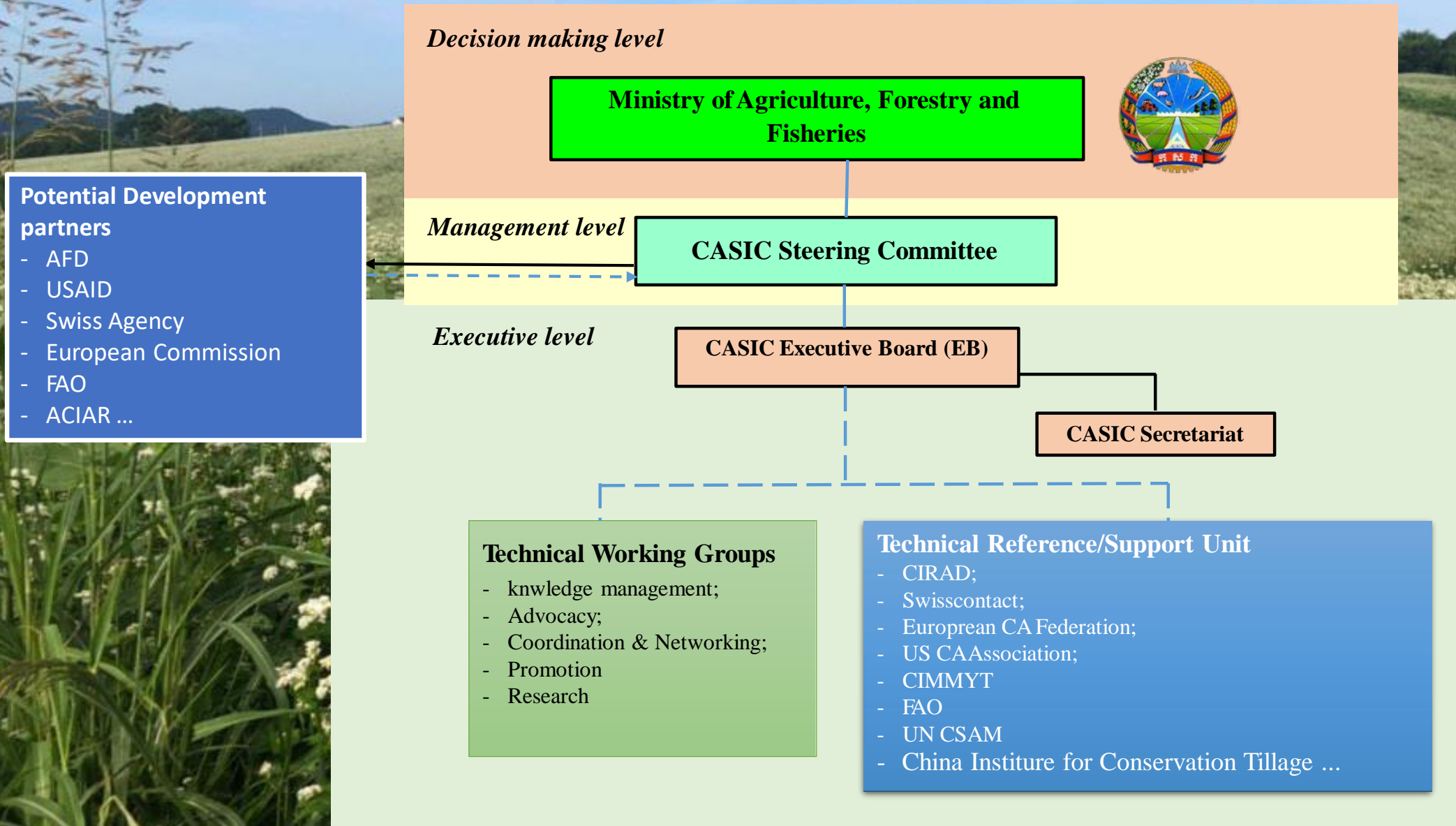
Vision

- The vision of the Cambodia Conservation Agriculture Sustainable Intensification Consortium (CASIC) is to be a **well-established platform with a vast network of organizations that are working on the CA issues in Cambodia**, e.g. public sector, private sector, research organizations etc.

Mission

The mission of the Cambodia Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Intensification Consortium (CASIC) is to **establish knowledge management** of CA related resources for easy access by smallholder farmers and semi-commercial farmers; **create an enabling environment** to boost investment in CA; promote and enhance CA practices and **enhance collaboration** between stakeholders in CA.

III. Organizational Structure of CASIC



IV. CASIC Steering Committee

The CASIC Steering Committee member consists of:

- Representative of MAFF (Secretary of State level)	Chair
- Representative of MAFF (Undersecretary of State level)	Vice Chair
- Representative of the Ministry of Interior	Member
- Representative of Ministry of Environment	Member
- Representative of Ministry of WRAM	Member
- Representative of Ministry of Women's Affairs Member	Member
- Representatives of the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce	Member

The CASIC Steering Committee has its roles and responsibilities as below:

- To manage, guide, supervise, and monitor on performance of conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in Cambodian agricultural sector;
- To review and approve action plan and budget on implementation of conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector;
- To review and approve progress report on of conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector;
- To review, evaluate and approve progress report on conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector; and



V. CASIC Executive Board

The CASIC Executive Board members consists of:

- Representative from MAFF	Chair
- Representative from Educational Institution	Vice Chair
- Representative from line Technical Departments	Member
- Representative from Research Institution	Member
- Representative from relevant International Organizations	Member
- Representative from Private Sector	Member

The CASIC Executive Board has its roles and responsibilities as below:

- To prepare action plan on conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector;
- To implement action plan on conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector;
- To serve as secretariat for CASIC steering Committee;
- To consult and coordinate activities related to conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector;
- To review, monitor and evaluate on implementation of action plan for conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector;
- To study, research and disseminate information related to conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in agricultural sector and promote supporting on conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in Cambodian agricultural sector;
- To communicate and collaborate with relevant development partners on fund raising for the development of conservation agriculture and sustainable intensification in Cambodia; and
- To perform other tasks assigned by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

VI. Roles and Responsibilities: Sub committees/Technical Working Groups

Knowledge Management

This function will support the consortium in creation of a repository of all relevant information regarding CA, therefore it will play as a one stop center for organizations looking for information on CA. Due to this easy access to CA resources, more market actors can be mobilized to work together for the promotion of CA.

Advocacy

This function will support the consortium by highlighting key policy issues and lead discussions to bring about changes at the national level. This function will lead to introduction of CA at a national level as it will advocate for policies in better uptake of CA, eventually leading to involvement of more market actors in CA.

Coordination and Networking

This function will work towards membership engagement to expand the network of the consortium and support knowledge management and advocacy functions to increase the involvement of market actors

Promotion

This function will work towards supporting research, training of farmers in CA practices and supporting grassroots activities in CA across Cambodia

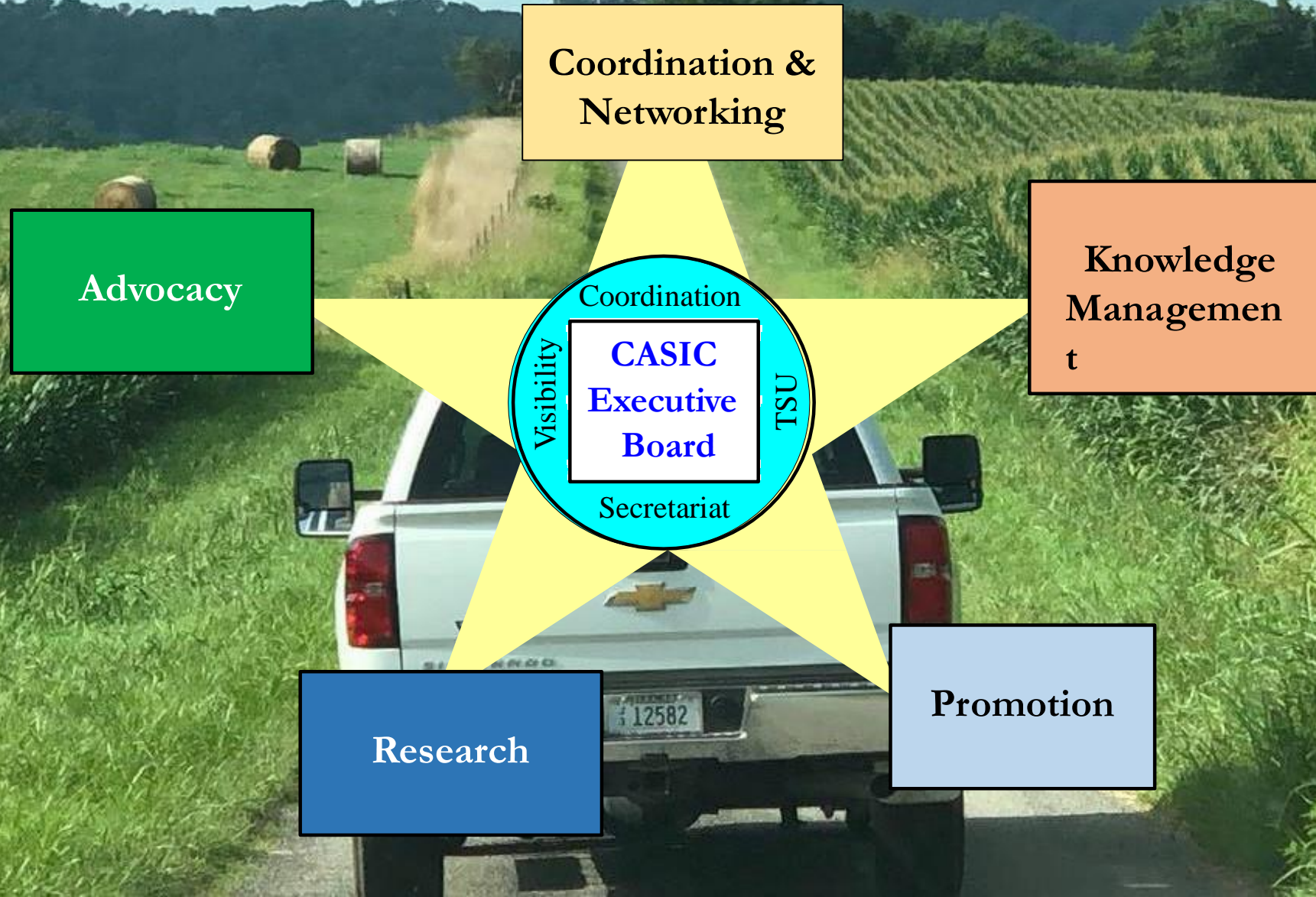
Research

This function will work towards conducting research and testing on CA mechanization and practices to bring evidence-based and scientific studies on CA production system.

The 5 sub committees are required to produce a yearly action plan.

CASIC is formed to support its members and will not carry out any activities that are the function of any of the members.

VII. CASIC implementation and its activities





CASIC Office, Administration and Accounting System

- In the first phase of CASIC, there is still a shortage of human and physical resources and budgeting, Swisscontact Cambodia assures to provide office, assistant staff and some budgets to CASIC for the first two years, "2019 and 2020". After 2020, CASIC the Steering Committee will look at ways and possibilities to have its own head office to manage and operate CASIC activities by itself.
- The temporary head office of CASIC for the first two years is located at the headquarter of Swiss Conservation Cambodia at Tower # 46, 7th Mao Tse Toung Blvd (245), Boeng Trabek, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh.
- Administration and accounting procedures of CASIC is based on the management and accounting system of Swisscontact Cambodia. The assistant secretary of CASIC Secretariat will be assigned to collaborate with the management and accounting officer of Cambodia to document all administrative and financial work related to expenses of CASIC in order to ensure that all expenses are completely complied by external auditor procedures and all procedures are acceptable by development partners that support CASIC.

VIII. Milestones

**Form CASIC
Steering and
Executive Board
Committee**

**CASIC
Steering and
Executive
Board Meeting**

**Decision letter
for CASIC**

**CASIC
Launch**

**Develop
an Action
Plan**



**Thank you for your
attention!**

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