



Collaboration for Agricultural & Rural Development (CARD) Program



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Good Agricultural Practices Workshop & Field Day Binh Thuan July 21/22

Call for Expression of Interest

Introduction

The Collaboration for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) Program is an initiative by the Government of Australia to assist the Government of Vietnam, through its implementing agency, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) to contribute to the reduction of poverty and the outputs detailed in the GoV's Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy. The program focus is delivery of high quality relevant research and development projects to ***“increase the productivity and competitiveness of Vietnamese smallholder agriculture and related rural enterprises”***.

There are 39 research projects are being undertaken under CARD program from 2004. A number of these projects have similar themes relating to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), such as those for improving food safety, on farm application of GAP, development of supply and value chains and IPM.

The CARD Project 037/04VIE *“Developing GAP systems for dragon fruit producers and exporters in Binh Thuan and Tien Giang”* implemented by Southern Fruit Research Institute (SOFRI), MARD and The Horticulture and Food Research Institute of New Zealand (HortResearch), has successfully achieved its objective of developing the basis for EUREPGAP implementation amongst groups of dragon fruit growers in Binh Thuan and Tien Giang provinces to enable Vietnamese growers to export dragon fruit to high value European markets and further provide a model GAP system for potential adoption by other Vietnamese fruit sectors.

In order to introduce and promote the result of the dragon fruit GAP project and improve the linkage/cooperation among GAP, IPM, and safe food related projects/organizations in



the Agriculture sector, CARD is collaborating with SOFRI and HortResearch to share the project experiences.

Workshop:

- Venue: Binh Thuan Province (venue to be confirmed)
- Time: 21 and 22 July 2008
- Workshop activities. The workshop includes 2 parts:
 - 1 day for formal presentation and discussion, with about 12 papers, each of 15 minutes
 - 1 field day visit to the dragon fruit packing house and EUREPGAP producers supplying the packhouse.

Expression of Interest

The CARD program is calling for expressions of interest from those who wish to participate in this workshop/field day. The participants whose work relates to GAP, IPM, and food safety in the Agriculture sector are welcome to attend the workshop, either as presenters or attendees. Participants are also welcome from different fields of management, production, certification, value adding packaging and marketing etc.

1. Paper and Poster Presentation

- **Eligibility:** Any project in GAP and related fields. CARD projects will be given preference, but other projects undertaken by the public or private sector or with other donor or international support will be welcome to express interest. The CARD Program, together with MARD will make the final selection of papers to be presented.
- **Requirements:**
 1. Preparation of a written paper, suitable for inclusion in workshop proceedings of no more than 10 pages
 2. Formal presentation of the paper – no more than 15 minutes plus 5 minutes question time
 3. Preparation of posters (maximum of 3 complying to a standard format) for display and use for informal discussions at the workshop venue.
 4. The format of presentation paper, poster as well as schedule and other information related to workshop will be sent to selected registered participants
- **CARD Support:** CARD will provide a small contribution towards the cost of preparation and presentation of selected poster papers.

2. Workshop and Field Day Attendance

- **Eligibility:** Any individual or group interested in the GAP related field. Attendance will be free, but all intending participants are required to register.

3. Registration

The registration form for those wishing to prepare a Poster Presentation for this workshop should be sent to CARD office in Hanoi by above address before **31 March 2008**.

Registration for participation in the workshop and field day will close on June 30.

4. Further Information


For further information, please contact the CARD PMU Office at the above address or

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I look forward to your response and participation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Milligan', written in a cursive style.

Keith Milligan

Technical Coordinator CARD Program

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (POSTER PAPER)

Closing Date 31 March 2008

Name of Presenter:

Position:

Organization:

Title of presentation paper:

Project/Program Title:

Funded By:

Contact address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

REGISTRATION FORM (WORKSHOP & FIELD DAY) Closing Date June 30 2008

Organisation:

Contact Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Number of Participants:

Name & Position of Participants:

Workshop

Field day