

**Conference Program – ‘Future Directions for Food in Timor-Leste’: Improving Nutrition, Cuisine, Food Markets and Rural Livelihoods’  
Joint Conference with Universidade Nacional Timor-Loro Sa’e (UNTL) and Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia**

<b>Thursday 11th July 2013 - Day 1 of Conference – Venue: Centro Convenções Mercado Lama</b>					
8.30 – 10.30am	<p><b>First Plenary Session: Understanding the Current situation of food production, distribution and seasonal availability in Timor-Leste’.</b>  <b>Chaired by Professor Ligia Tomas Correia Pro Rector UNTL and Professor Diane Mayer, Pro Vice Chancellot Victoria University</b>  <b>Welcome to Delegates – Professor Aurelio Guterres – Rector UNTL, Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University,</b>  <b>Official opening of the conference – Sr Mariano Sabino – Minister for Agriculture, representing the Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão</b>  <b>Brief Introduction to the Conference themes – Dr Helen Hill and Abel dos Santos</b>  <b>Dr Clinton Fernandes, University of New South Wales, ADFA, Canberra ‘A Historian’s view’</b>  <b>Sister Maria Lourdes (Mana Lu) – ISMAIK ‘Civil society view on current situation of food production, distribution and seasonal availability’</b>  <b>Denis Tolkach, Victoria University – International Trade in Food Commodities and Local Food Markets in Timor-Leste.</b></p>				
<b>10.30 – 11.00am</b>	<b>Clearing House and Morning Tea</b>				
11am- 12.30pm	<b>First Session of concurrent streams chaired mainly by Deans</b>				
	<b>1 .Infrastructure for the creation of food markets</b>	<b>2 Fisheries and Aquaculture</b>	<b>3. Historical approaches to Timorese food identity</b>	<b>4. Application of Technology in Agriculture and farming</b>	
	<p>The relationship between water, energy and food policy - Paulo da Silva (UNTL Engineering)</p> <p>Credit unions and access to banking and finance for farmers – Elizario Ferreira Credit Union Federation of Timor-Leste.</p> <p>Sustainable Housing as infrastructure for the family farm. – Sam Kashuk, Graham Thorpe and VU Engineering students.</p>	<p>Timorese fisheries and their contribution to food supply - Rafael Pereira Gonçalves, Sec of State for Fisheries.</p> <p>Principles for Fishing Sustainably in Timor-Leste – Rui Pinto - Coral Triangle Initiative</p> <p>Timor-Leste Aquaculture Strategy, Implementation Plan and Its Potential Impact on Nutrition, Dr. Jarendhu Pant, WorldFish.</p>	<p>History of food crops in Timor-Leste – Nuno Oliveira</p> <p>History of Agriculture Policy in Timor-Leste - Augusto da Silva, University of Queensland</p> <p>Civil Society approaches to History of agricultural policy - Dr Louise Cook Tonkin, Police Academy.</p>	<p>The Government’s policy in agricultural mechanization – MAF representative.</p> <p>Costs and benefits of tractors in Agriculture – João Zito, Luta Hamutuk</p> <p>Alternative technology in Agriculture - Manuel Monteiro Associação HAK</p>	
<b>12.30 – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch in Conference Centre participants may meet begin to meet informally in interest groups</b>				

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1.30 – 3.00pm	<b>Plenary Session Two: Knowledge and skills for developing food markets in Timor-Leste</b> Professor Peter Dawkins – introduction to video interview with Stephanie Alexander of the Kitchen Garden movement, in Australia Ildio Ximenes Secretary of State for Professional Training and Employment – Improving local food markets and the skills and infrastructure needed. Dulce de Jesus Soares Vice Minister of Education – using the school feeding program to create better food markets in Timor-Leste					
3.00 – 3.30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>					
3.30 – 5.00pm	<b>Concurrent Streams</b>					
	<b>5. Building Food Markets</b>	<b>6. Human Resource aspects of access to good food</b>	<b>7. Forests and Environmental issues</b>	<b>8. Health and Rural Livelihoods</b>	<b>9. Seed issues and policies</b>	
	Co-operative approaches to creating agricultural markets through Timor’s History. - Joao Noronha PhD candidate VU  Programs of the Timorese government for creating markets – Nino Pereira - Secretary of State for Co-ops and small industry  Economic Sovereignty for rice - Gawain Sharp Movimento Co-operative Economica Agricola .	Some reflections on the Relationship between Agriculture and Education – Helen Hill, Victoria University.  Education for farmers – Simão Baretto CNEFP Tibar  Skills training for farmers in OeCusse – Mario Munisalu, SEPFOPE.	Forestry policy and its implementation – João Cardoso – Secretary of State for Forestry.  Food, forests and environmental issues - Marcal Gusmao, UNTL Agriculture Faculty.  Using traditional wisdom of Tara Bandu to protect forests – Zacarias da Costa Community Development UNTL.	Nutrition from womb to tomb - Professor Lily Stojanovska (VU)  Promoting breastfeeding with the National Breastfeeding Association - Angelina Fernandes, Fundação Alola.  Community Led Total Sanitation as a way of combatting child mortality through food contamination – Januário Mok ETDA	The new Seeds Policy of the Government - Gil Rangel Ministry of Agriculture..  Saving and distribution of local seeds and other planting material Elsa Pinto KSI-Oxfam  Seeds as a National Resource - Mariano Ferreira, Lao Hamutuk.	

5.15 meeting of Interest Groups to begin to prepare recommendations for the final plenary

6.30 Cocktail party with music from Ego Lemos, Dulce Soares and Izoé Pereira, Timorese cuisine in the 1970s Jorge Araujo’s film from ‘Kitchen Talks’

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 - Day 2 of Conference – Policy making - This dau will focus on improvements and recommendations that can be made to improve access of all Timorese to nutritious food.</b>						
8.30 – 10.30am	<b>Adao Barbosa Soares – Global Warming and its impact on Food Production in Timor-Leste</b> <b>Abel ‘Larasina’ Ximenes, Vice-Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment, - The Co-operative Movement and food markets in TL.</b> <b>Aderito de Jesus Soares – Commissioner CAC, Preventing corruption in food markets, interaction with Global markets</b> <b>Sra Norberta Belo, Primary Health Care Advisor for Minister of Health– Establishing SISCa and its tole in Nutrition Promotion</b>					
10.30 – 11.00am	<i>Morning Tea</i>					
11am- 12.30pm	<b>Concurrent Streams</b>					
	<b>10. Cuisine, Cooking Technology and Nutrition</b>	<b>11. Media and Communications</b>	<b>12. Soil and water issues for improving Agriculture</b>	<b>13. How can improved food supply contribute to improved rural livelihoods?</b>	<b>14. Promoting fruit and vegetable growing and consumption</b>	
	<p>Improving cooking stoves to protect the environment and women’s health – Dr Tony Marjoram (ex UNESCO and USP)</p> <p>Testing of Solar Cookers – UNTL Physics Dept Lecturers</p> <p>Improved Cooking stoves and better kitchens – SEPFOPE, Manatuto.</p>	<p>Using Popular Theatre in agricultural extension work - Chris McGillion, Charles Sturt Uni.</p> <p>PERMATIL film on agricultural techniques. Ego Lemos</p> <p>Using video on mobile phones for farmer training – Marthina S. Antunes, Mercy Corps.</p>	<p>Timor island’s soil and water endowments – Euan Nichol VU.</p> <p>Improving soil quality, fertilizers or composting and recycling? - Rob Williams, Seeds of Life</p> <p>Soil and water preparation for agriculture – Estansislau Ximenes, PERMATIL.</p>	<p>Food production in the coffee growing area of Ermera – Katy Cornwall &amp; Brett Inder,, Monash University.</p> <p>The contribution of farmers to Timor-Lestes’s wellbeing - Oscar Xavier, Viqueque farmer who studied in Portugal</p> <p>Work of Na Terra, Baucau, - Fernando Madeira</p>	<p>Tomato growing and water supply - Marcal Gusmão, UNTL Agriculture.</p> <p>The Greenhouse in Aileu and its impact on small farmers – Mira Fonseca &amp; Jessie Lopez (VU CD).</p> <p>Innovation in vegetable production – Adelino de Rego, UNTL Agriculture</p>	
12.30 – 1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>					

1.30 – 3.00pm	<b>Concurrent Streams</b>										
	<b>15. Adding Value and Local Food Marketing in Timor-Leste</b>			<b>16. New Businesses that food could provide</b>			<b>17. Farmers' movements and food policy</b>		<b>18. Land Tenure to promote agriculture</b>		
	<p>Linking farmers produce to markets; current models ad lessons learned Vicente do Paulo Ximenes UNTL Faculty of Agriculture.</p> <p>Food processing, food storage and packaging - Graham Thorpe, VU Engineering - KOR Timor, etc.</p> <p>Local foods and the Tourism Industry – Inacia Santos, VU Honours Graduate, Business..</p>			<p>Small pig and poultry keeping – Eduardo Serao (UNTL Agriculture Faculty)</p> <p>Supporting microenterprises to reach scale: Mercy Corps experiences in Agriculture and Energy programs – Hernani Godinho and Goretti G. Oliveira, Mercy Corps</p> <p>Government program of small businesses and co-operatives – Fernando</p>			<p>União Agricultures, MOKATIL, and their links with international peasant movements, MOKATIL Rep, Jenito Santana, KSI; Mateus Tilman, UNTL CD,,</p> <p>Food Sovereignty - Gil Boavida, HASATIL</p> <p>Strengthening Food Sovereignty in Timor Leste and Beyond - Professor Thomas A. Reuter and Dr. Balthasar Kehi, Uni of Melbourne.</p>		<p>New Legislation on Land tenure – Romão Guterres, National Director, Land and Property</p> <p>Land tenure and Agriculture - Ines Martins Lao Hamutuk.</p> <p>Farmers' views on Land tenure –Santina A Fernandes, Rede ba Rai (the Land Network)</p>		
<b>3.00 – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>										
3.30 – 4.00pm	<b>Final meeting of Interest groups. Finalize recommendations for projects, policies, recommendations to come out of the conference</b>										
Media and communications	<b>Health Workers</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Young People</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>School Teachers</b>	<b>Municipal Action</b>	<b>Church members</b>	<b>District Groups</b>	<b>University Lecturers</b>	<b>Farmers &amp; Rural groups</b>	
4.00 – 5.30pm	<p><b>Final Plenary Session</b></p> <p>Conference votes on recommendations to the Timorese Government, to UNTL, Victoria University, the Timorese Parliament, Civil Society and Donors.</p> <p><b>Conclusion and delivery of recommendations to the Minister for Social Solidarity and Minister for Education who will deliver closing addresses on Future Directions for Food in Timor-Leste from the perspective of their own portfolios.</b></p>										