

### **Invitation & Registration**

# Joint Conference SNRD Asia & TUEWAS

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 | Royal Orchid Sheraton | Bangkok, Thailand

## **#SNRDTUEWAS #SNConference #GoingDigital**

1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Dear TUEWAS colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Joint Conference of the GIZ Sector Networks Natural Resources and Rural Development (SNRD) Asia and Transport, Environment, Energy and Water in Asia (TUEWAS). From 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, we look forward to welcoming you under the theme:

## "Going Digital – Unleashing the potential for SNRD Asia and TUEWAS"

#### Background

Sector Network Conference is held biannually to provide a face-to-face platform for members from all over Asia to learn from one another, build professional capacity, and promote regional and technical knowhow. This year we will connect our technical topics from SNRD Asia and TUEWAS to the potential that lies in digitalisation.

Across the globe, digital transformation is picking up pace and brings with it sweeping changes at all fronts, as is the case in our field of international cooperation. In its path, we development workers are required to come up with new, adapted approaches. In order to remain adept and be able to deliver innovative solutions, sectoral wide discussion is deemed crucial.

#### **Target Group**

The target group of the conference are those members that are already actively contributing to our work or plan to do so in the future. Further we would like to ensure that we have a balanced mix of AMAs, national personnel, development workers, integrated experts, and other colleagues. We ask project directors to consider this in their decision which team members to register. As participation is strictly limited to 120 participants from each Sector Network, priority will be given according to the aforementioned criteria and members from the region as well as participants who have contributed on ideas and expressed interested in organising a session (please see attached format for more information).

#### Programme

The conference's main aim is to give room for technical exchange among colleagues while the agenda is packed with a line-up of thematic workshops and open spaces connected to the topic of digitalisation. Highlights include external guests who will be sharing some inspiring ideas and digital solutions outside GIZ. Stay tuned for a more detailed programme, where you will have a chance to register for the sessions of your interest.

As we aim to design the sessions to match the interest of the participants, we would like to ask your ideas on topics that you think worth discussing. To do so, please fill in the attached template.

The official conference language is English while programme will run as follows:

Date	Programme
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SNRD Asia Working Group Meetings
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SNRD Asia Meeting and Thematic Workshops
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Joint SNRD Asia and TUEWAS Conference Day
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	TUEWAS Meeting and Thematic Workshops
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	TUEWAS Working Group Meetings

\*A detailed agenda will be circulated at a later stage.

#### Registration

Please register online until **28**<sup>th</sup> **February 2018** at <u>SNRD Asia – TUEWAS Conference Registration Portal</u> \*account registration and log-in required

#### Cost Implication

No participation fees. All travel costs shall be borne by individual projects.

\*\*\*Should registrations exceed the limit of 120 participants per Sector Network, we will decide on participation based on the level of previous engagement in Sector Network activities, possible contributions to the thematic sessions, as well a balanced representation of different groups of staff. Priority will be given to members from the region and those who have expressed intention to contribute. \*\*\*

#### Confirmation

A confirmation email will be sent in March while logistical information and the detailed agenda will be released in April. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: <a href="mailto:tuewas@giz.de">tuewas@giz.de</a>

Thank you very much for your interest in our event! We look forward to welcoming you to our conference!

Yours sincerely,

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# **Topics of Interest and Possible Contribution**

We believe that to tailor to the demand of participants is the best way to organise a conference. **Therefore, SNRD Asia and TUEWAS Conference 2018 needs your inputs.** 

We are looking for contributors/ session organisers for:

- Hot/interesting topics related to particular WG/TF or sector;
- Hot/interesting topics on application of digital technologies in project work;
- Hot/interesting topics which might be in the interest of both Sector Networks;
- Best practices from your projects/programmes or from others that would be interesting to learn more about;
- Best practices related to digital technologies that you would like to showcase or see showcased;
- External speakers who could share digital insights that might be interesting for the plenary session

If you are interested to contribute, please fill in the form below and send back to <a href="mailto:nalina.hiranprueck@giz.de">nalina.hiranprueck@giz.de</a>

Name: Project: Position: E-mail: Sector Network: Working Group (if applicable):	
* We will get back to you at a later stage for	more specific information.
Discussion Session	
*Topic does not necessary have to be related	to the theme of digitalisation.
Topics/ Issues/ Initiatives that you/your project are interested to share about	
Key elements of the session in bullets	
Remarks	
Initiative to Showcase	
Name of the initiative to be showcased	
Short description of the initiative	
Remarks	

Any other topics you think should be included in the Conference 2018\* (depending on the demand – so no promises)