

# Higher Education Science Panel Discussion Questions

## Science and Research

- What are the existing knowledge gaps about key agriculture research for development (AR4D) challenges concerning the Lao Uplands?
- What evidence still needs to be gathered and what new studies are essential to address those gaps?

## Higher Education

- Do Laos colleges and universities currently have adequate quality or quantity of policies, courses, programs or human resource capacities for doing Laos Uplands agriculture research, education and extension? YES or NO. And Why?
- What academic reforms, research projects or new capacity building initiatives are needed to address gaps?

## Policy and Impacts

- Have past or current national, provincial or local sustainable agriculture research and education policies already had significant negative or positive impacts on poverty reduction, food security or environmental protection in the Lao Uplands? How? Why?
- What are the main scientific, practical (or political) problems for research, education or extension that must be addressed to achieve lasting positive impacts and achieve SDGs?