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Presentations from Discussion of Common Policy of SEAMEO Centres SCIENCE CLUSTER

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The three (3) aims:

Aim 1: Reflect on the current research development for producing possible policy recommendations

Aim 2: Follow up on the previous agreements or discussions for possible research collaborations

Aim 3: Identify and discuss issues and challenges of achieving Aim 1 and 2



Challenges mentioned

- 1) Alignment on research priorities and policy**
- 2) Resource optimization:** Research conduct in centres might not be enough
- 3) Product:** we have not involved stakeholders from the beginning. the stakeholders understanding what we are offering
- 4) Complex, communication issues**
- 5) Political consideration**
- 6) Relevancies**

**these were also mentioned in the last CPRN*

Key suggestions on factors to consider:

1. Solutions have to be practical, feasible and sustainable.
2. Establish communication mechanisms/channels.
3. “Business” case to persuade decision makers, and have a social economic impact.
4. Pressures from community may affect policies.
5. Partnership collaboration alignment
6. Stakeholders and policymakers
7. Alignment of research priorities

Solutions for Aim No. 1:

- Establish an advisory committee/expert panel
- Dialogues and forums
- Establish panel of experts
- Enhancing the relationship with International Cooperation Unit, MOE
- Identify topics by aligning them with relevant ministry, and look at prioritizing of research
 - Research findings should answer their needs

Solutions for Aim No. 2: Inter-centre collaboration on Science Cluster

- It is important to get to know more of the SEAMEO Centres' activities and roles especially ground staff
- To establish a channel to update one another e.g. presentations and discussions
- SEAMEO RECSAM & SEAMEO SEN can initiate this
- Updates: RECSAM –SSYS 2024– THEME IS One Health
TED & SEPS submitted proposals
TROPMED – Phase 2 of Pilot Testing

Solutions for Aim No. 3: Partnership and collaboration alignment

- Collaborative initiatives
- Partners can also consider or suggest funding mechanisms

Summary

- Look at gaps between research and policy implementations/conducts and suggest possible solutions
- Challenges such as alignment, communications and collaborations were highlighted to suggest solutions
- Solutions include establishing an advisory committee, inter-centre collaboration amongst Centres and to ensure alignment of research through partnership and collaborations..
- To find possible approaches that can influence decision-makers.
- *Narrowing* the gap is more practical than to *closing* the Gap



The hardworking Science Cluster Team