

## **FNN Joins Global Campaign on Agrarian Reform (GCAR) Asia Meeting**

In response to the invitation of LA VIA CAMPESINA (LVC), from 9-11, November 2011, Mr. Mao Thath, a FNN member of Board Directors joined the Global Campaign on Agrarian Reform (GCAR) Asia Meeting as a representative of FNN. This meeting was held at Sinthana Resort Chiangmai, Chiangmai, Thailand. There were around 30 participants from other related organizations and countries, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippine, India, Timor Leste and Nepal.

The meeting aims were to identify land and natural resources conflicts and struggles in Asia, identify policies and other threats related to the expansion of agri-business over food production, and to set up a common action plan at the Asia level as part of the Global Campaign on Agrarian Reform internationally.

The topics discussed were: introduction to GCAR, its mission/goals/vision, its members, arenas of work, GCAR members, analyses and discussion about current situations regarding communities' access to land, water, natural resources, food sovereignty; current + emerging threats to access and tenure over resources, and responses to these threats (these include regional and global overviews as well as country level reports); proposals/ideas from participants and allies for different/alternative forms of governance, access/tenure; use and management of land, water and natural resources; revitalizing the GCAR Asia based on campaign issues, strategy, activities, actors to ally and work with, and space of engagement.

The meeting was finished successfully and fruitfully. All participants were friendly and they shared some experiences with threats, issues and targets with each other from their respective countries in order to find a deal regarding land reform and struggles to land.

Participants also set up the framework and action plan for the Mali land grabbing conference and LVC conference on agrarian reform in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The meeting was organized by LVC, Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN) and Land Research and Action Network (LRAN).