MALICA’s overall objective is to foster the sustainability of food systems in South-East Asia.

A regional platform

Malica’s 9 research partners

- The Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS), including direct participation by the Fruit and Vegetable research Institute (FAVRI) and by the Center of Agrarian systems Research and Development center (CASRAD).
- The Institute for Policies and Strategies for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPSARD) in Vietnam, including direct participation for its Rural development Centre (RUDEC).
- The University of Laos (Faculty of Agriculture).
- The National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI).
- The French agricultural research and international cooperation centre for tropical regions (CIRAD).
- The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT).
- The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).
- The French Research Institute for Development (IRD).

Research for development

- Market-driven agriculture and linkages with agrarian transition.
- Information systems, management, and sustainability assessments in value chains for some target commodities (vegetables, meat, milk, rice, fruits and other food products).
- Economics of quality and certification; food marketing, insurance systems and intellectual property issues for quality safe, organic or local food products.
- Institutions and market regulations: Poor-friendliness of different food distribution value chains; impact of public policies on value chains restructuring.
- Market restructuring, quality standard and trade integration.