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Forum on Mitigating the Negative Effects of Climate Change, Bali, 30 Sep- 3 Oct, 2014

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Climate change, combined with growing global food demand, is a serious threat to food security in Asia. Rural people and small medium enterprises operating in fragile ecosystems are the most vulnerable to its negative effects. To explore the way forward for the agriculture sector to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change, the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Ministry of Manpower and

Transmigration, and Ministry of Agriculture-Government of Indonesia, in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat and ERIA, organized a Forum on "Mitigating Negative Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture" in Bali from 30 September - 3 October. About 40 senior officials from 17 Asian countries and 15 resource persons reviewed the potential impacts of climate change on agriculture's sectoral productivity and shared good practices of adaptation and mitigation. Dr. Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, ERIA Energy Economist, participated in the deliberations as a resource person and presented case studies on renewable energy uptake as climate change mitigation strategy, along with identifying pre-requests for mainstreaming climate change considerations in sectoral planning. Dr. Anbumozhi also moderated the concluding panel discussion, wherein he emphasized the need for regional cooperation to strengthen the region's agricultural adaptive capacity. Taking the recommendations forward, the participants agreed to gather again after a year to report on the progress in policy actions made.