



# Yezin Agricultural University International Strategy Outline



# Overview of the institution



- The only center of higher learning in agriculture in the Union of Myanmar
- Founded: 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1924, Mandalay
- A public higher education institution located in the medium-sized city of Nay Pyi Taw (population range of 500,000-1,000,000 inhabitants),
- Officially accredited and/or recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MoALI)
- Offers courses and programs leading to officially recognized higher education degrees such as bachelor degrees in several areas of study.



# Vision, Mission and strategic objectives



## *Vision*

-To be a prime mover of agricultural and rural development in Myanmar through human resource development, and a globally engaged Agricultural University

## *Mission*

1. To provide high-class agricultural education and develop human resources for increasing agricultural production through green growth
2. To provide career as well as business option and produce well equipped and professionally qualified agriculturists, both internally and internationally
3. To upgrade internationally agricultural research and extension constantly

## *Strategic objectives*

**Objective 1-** To enhance internationalization of curriculum and mobility

**Objective 2-** To promote and act on global concern regarding agricultural innovation and environmental conservation

**Objective 3-** To acquire diverse yet adaptable international practices and adopt it for regional improvement

**Objective 4-** To Promote Good University Governance



# Vilnius Training: experience learned



## **Chances** we have learned:

- To explore different internationalization strategies of Vilnius university, Uppsala university and Bologna university
- To learn some difficulties of these universities in planning their internationalization and some solutions to overcome these
- To share knowledge concerning internationalization strategies with the some Asian universities

## **Knowledge** what we got and how we are able to:

- To plan the internationalization strategies for Myanmar universities based on experience learned from this workshop
- To know the importance of internationalization to improve the learning and teaching quality.
- To upgrade international relation office



# SWOT ANALYSIS: Internationalization Strategy



## STRENGTHS

- Good location with green environment of administrative capital
- Young & energetic human resources
- Adaptable and adoptable academics
- All of the text books are in English
- International fully and partially funded scholarships
- Government increasing efforts to assist universities for the enhancement of higher education

## WEAKNESSES

- Inadequate teaching aids, research capacity program and ICT facilities
- Lack of incentive program for skilled personnel
- Weakness of inter-linkages among the institutions
- Weakness in improved organizational set up and less experience for international relationship
- A memorization technique based on repetition both in basic and higher education
- No scholarship program to receive international students at YAU



# SWOT ANALYSIS: Internationalization Strategy



## OPPORTUNITIES

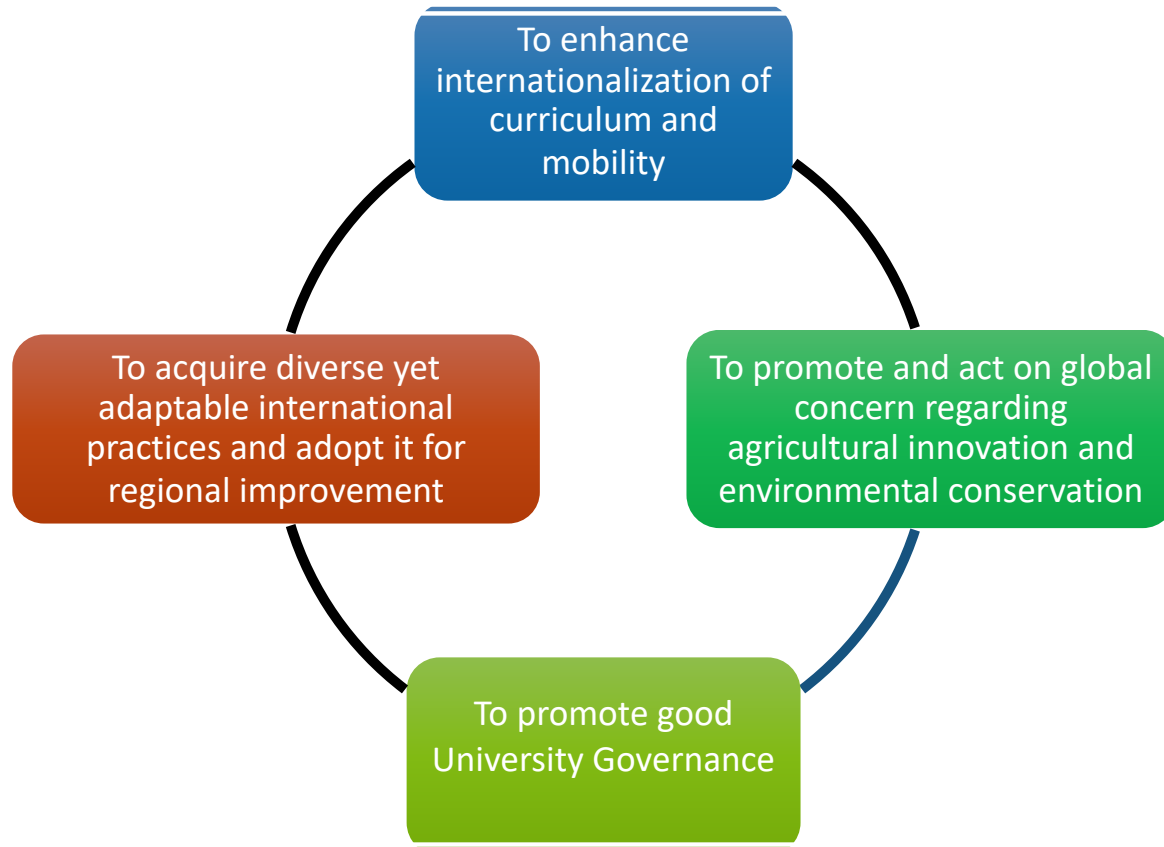
- Encouragement of government to be a comprehensive university with autonomous power
- Encouragement of government to more progressive education sector performance
- Increasing international collaboration and partnership with university
- Job opportunity of graduates since university is located in capital city
- ISO certificate

## THREATS

- Ministry regulates on agreement with international institutions especially financial matter & responsible department allocation
- Brain draining
- Increased student expectation



# Strategy action lines derived from SWOT



# ACTION PLAN



## GOAL- To enhance internationalization of curriculum and mobility

Activity	Responsible department	Success Indicator	Due Date	Required Resources
Instituting Task Force for connection, management and implementation	Respective department & IRO	5 exchange program each faculty		University budget and development partners
Standardization/ Revision of curriculum and mobility action	Student affair, both home and host institutes			Register's office, credit system
Internationally accredited study program	Respective department & QA department			AUN QA frame and NAQAC frame
Acquiring subject matter specialist (SMS) for benchmarking of curriculum and academic system	Respective faculty, center for research and innovation, IRO	2 international project every year		Researchers, research partners and funds, post-graduate students
To enhance English language proficiency	Self-study, responsible department, English native speakers	2 courses per year		Volunteered native speakers, university budget, funded organization



# ACTION PLAN



## GOAL- To promote and act on global concern regarding agricultural innovation and environmental conservation

Activity	Responsible department	Success Indicator	Due Date	Required Resources
Network establishment among the related institutions (private, public and policy makers etc.)	All faculties	3 network/program	every year	Faculty coordinator, IRO, University budget, funded organizations
Collaboration on Innovative agricultural research	Centres for research & innovation, respective faculty	At least 2 research projects 10 peer review publication in each faculty	every year	Faculty coordinator, IRO, University budget, updated reference books
Training/capacity building programs to develop talented academics with meritocracy	All faculties, Administrative board	- 2 international, - 3 local in each faculty - 40 persons per each faculty	every year	Researcher, university budget, funded organization, selection committee & experts, university Budget



# ACTION PLAN



## GOAL- To acquire diverse yet adaptable international practices and adopt it for regional improvement

Activity	Responsible department	Success Indicator	Due Date	Required Resources
Monitoring and evaluation (M & E) team establishment	Administrative board	Team Establishment		M&E resource persons, university budget
Development of academic/research Publication unit	Faculty coordinator, IRO, Finance department, University Library	At least once for a week		Researcher, University budget, Donor, updated reference books
Modernize the ICT infrastructure	IT department Administration board	- Modernized & efficient equipment, - High speed internet access		IT professionals Univ. Budget Development partners, Donor



# ACTION PLAN



## GOAL- To Promote Good University Governance

Activity	Responsible department	Success Indicator	Due Date	Required Resources
Develop and promote the institutional autonomy in academic affairs, organization, staffing and financial administration	University council Respective faculty	University Autonomy		Academic board (senate) Administrative board University budget



# Recommendations for the development of internationalization strategy



- Mainstreaming and streamlining
- Prioritization
- Skill building
- Good institutional practices and culture
- Improved interconnectivity
- Well formulated investment strategies
- Sustained political will and supports
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Mindset changes
- Emerging national comprehensive educational development plan
- Professional career planning



# Urgent needs



- Full organizational strength of education institutions
- Curriculum review and reform for end users
- Development of campus as well as teaching and learning environment
- Equity and Diversity in access to education
- Prioritization and Participatory university comprehensive development plan and bottom up exercise
- University management reform
- Staff development; leadership and management
- Strengthening and effective use of IT in degree and non-degree training programs
- Linking to industry
- Investment strategies



**Thank You**