National experience on VSS implementation: the government and private sector perspectives

Government Perspective
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On GAP implementation

- Government-led certification program
- Separation of responsibilities
  - Program Secretariat – BAFPS
  - Inspectors – Attached Agencies & Regional Field Units
  - Technical Working Group (TWG) – Attached Agencies, Academe & Private Stakeholders
On GAP implementation (contd.)

- **Elements**
  - **Standard**
    - Food Safety Module is fully aligned with the ASEAN GAP
    - Remaining 3 modules are closely aligned with the regional standard;
    - During revision of PhilGAP standard, GLOBALG.A.P. standard is also considered

- **Certification**
On Organic Agriculture Implementation

- National Organic Agriculture Program
  - Policy Setting – Board (NOAB)
- Program Components (Implementing Agencies)
  - Production
  - Research
  - Extension
  - Marketing
- Institutional Development/Regulations (Standards, Certification, Accreditation, Registration)
On Organic Agriculture Implementation

**Regulations**

- Standards – BAFPS
- Certification – Accredited Certification Bodies
- Accreditation – BAFPS through the National Accreditation Committee

* Development of Regulations (including standards) are done through the **bottom-up participatory approach**
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