

Advancing Agricultural Transformation and Market Integration in the ASEAN and BIMSTEC Region

POLICY ROUNDTABLE AND INCEPTION WORKSHOP

4-5 August 2025 | Meeting Room 7, Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel, Indonesia

AGENDA

DAY 1 – POLICY ROUNDTABLE

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:55	INAUGURAL SESSION
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome Address Dr. Shahidur Rashid <i>Director-South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
09:05 – 09:10	Opening Remarks Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla <i>Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)</i>
09:10 – 09:30	Overview and Context Setting Dr. Devesh Roy <i>Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
09:30 – 09:35	Keynote Address Dr. Reehana Rifat Raza <i>Regional Director for the Asia and the Pacific Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</i>
09:35 – 09:45	Remarks by Guest of Honor H. E. Mr. Indra Mani Pandey <i>Secretary-General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)</i>
09:45 – 09:55	Remarks by Guest of Honor H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn (TBC) <i>Secretary-General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i>
09:55 – 10:15	Group Photo & Tea Break

10:15 – 12:30	SESSION I: AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION
10:15 – 10:25	Research Agenda for Network of Policy Advisors and Analysts (NePAA) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
10:25 – 11:25	<p>Presentations by National Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman and Chief Executive, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI) • Dr. Araypalli Sivasenareddy, Advisor-Agriculture, DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India • Dr. Uttam Sharma, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Integrated Development Studies, Nepal • Mr. Lhaksam Chedrup, Senior Economic Development and Marketing Officer, Department of Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Royal Government of Bhutan • Ms. Tisha Pia E. De La Rosa, Chief of the Macro-Economic Policy Division, Policy Research Service, Department of Agriculture, Republic of the Philippines • Ms. Bui Thi Viet Anh, Head of the Consulting, Center for Agricultural Policy, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Agriculture and Environment (ISPAE), Vietnam • Mr. Sidtan Chompookaew, Agricultural Research Officer, Senior Professional Level, Office of Agricultural Research and Development Region 1 (Chiang Mai), Department of Agriculture (DOA), Thailand <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Theingi Myint, Director, Department of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, ASEAN Member State Official-Myanmar • Representative from Cambodia • Mr. Si Thu Aung, Director, Agriculture and Food Security Division, BIMSTEC Secretariat • Dr. Ir. Asdi Agustar, Professor, Andalas University, Indonesia, and President, Regional SEARCA Alumni Association (RSAA) • Dr. Weerapon Thongma, President, Maejo University, Thailand, and Vice President, RSAA • Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla, Director, SEARCA
11:25 – 11:55	Reflections on IFAD's Thematic Priorities Across Countries
11:55 – 12:30	Open Floor Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch

13:30 – 15:40	SESSION II: MARKETS AND TRADE INTEGRATION
13:30 – 13:40	Research Agenda for NePAA International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
13:40 – 14:40	<p>Presentations by National Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman and Chief Executive, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI) • Dr. Araypalli Sivasenareddy, Advisor-Agriculture, DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India • Dr. Uttam Sharma, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), Nepal • Mr. Lhaksam Chedrup, Senior Economic Development and Marketing Officer, Department of Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Royal Government of Bhutan • Ms. Tisha Pia E. De La Rosa, Chief of the Macro-Economic Policy Division, Policy Research Service, Department of Agriculture, Republic of the Philippines • Ms. Bui Thi Viet Anh, Head of the Consulting, Center for Agricultural Policy, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Agriculture and Environment (ISPAE), Vietnam • Ms. Dikshya Singh, Programme Coordinator, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Theingi Myint, Director, Department of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, ASEAN Member State Official-Myanmar • Representative from Cambodia • Mr. Si Thu Aung, Director, Agriculture and Food Security Division, BIMSTEC Secretariat • Dr. Ir. Asdi Agustar, Professor, Andalas University, Indonesia, and President, Regional SEARCA Alumni Association (RSAA) • Dr. Weerapon Thongma, President, Maejo University, Thailand, and Vice President, RSAA • Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla, Director, SEARCA
14:40 – 15:10	Reflections on IFAD's Thematic Priorities Across Countries
15:10 – 15:40	Open Floor Discussion
15:40 – 16:00	Tea Break

16:00 – 16:20	SESSION III: REFLECTIONS & WAY FORWARD FOR ATMI PHASE II
16:00 – 16:20	<p>Dr. Shahidur Rashid <i>Director-South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i></p> <p>Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla <i>Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)</i></p> <p>H. E. Mr. Indra Mani Pandey <i>Secretary-General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)</i></p> <p>H. E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn (TBC) <i>Secretary-General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i></p>

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DAY 2 – INCEPTION WORKSHOP

09:30 – 13:20	BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR ATMI-II ENGAGEMENT
09:30 – 09:40	<p>Recap of Day 1 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</p>
09:40 – 10:00	<p>Topic: Analytical Framework for Agriculture and Food System Transformation</p>
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Discussions (30 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Research topics ➤ Research methodologies ➤ Data sourcing
11:30 – 11:45	<p>Bio Break</p>
11:45 – 12:05	<p>Topic: Analytical Framework for Markets and Trade Integration</p>
12:05 – 12:45	<p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Policy Dissemination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs and types • Partner and Network engagement • Sustaining NePAA as Community of Practice
12:45 – 13:15	<p>NePAA Policy and Network Engagement – Way Forward</p> <p>Bernice Anne C. Darvin - De Torres <i>Program Coordinator, Research and Thought Leadership Department (RTLTD), SEARCA</i></p>
13:15 – 13:20	<p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p>Bernice Anne C. Darvin - De Torres <i>Program Coordinator, Research and Thought Leadership Department (RTLTD), SEARCA</i></p>
13:20 onwards	<p>Lunch</p>

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