

ATMI-II Policy Roundtable and Inception Workshop **Briefing for Presenters, Speakers & Participants**

Esteemed colleagues,

Greetings from the International Food Policy Research Institute.

As we prepare for the **ATMI-II Policy Roundtable and Inception Workshop (August 4–5, 2025 | Jakarta)**, we are pleased to share the event agenda and concept note and this briefing document which outlines the project objectives and expectations from participating speakers and presenters.

ATMI-II Project: Overall Goal and Key Objectives

The second phase of the Agricultural Transformation and Market Integration (ATMI-II) initiative builds on the achievements of Phase I and expands its reach to cover both ASEAN and BIMSTEC regions. The initiative seeks to **strengthen regional policy coherence, capacity building, and research collaboration** for more inclusive, sustainable, and climate-resilient agri-food systems.

Please keep in mind the following **core project objectives** as you prepare your contributions:

1. **Policy & Program Development:** Promote smallholder integration into regional agri-food markets through inclusive policies and strengthened institutional capacity
2. **Climate and Environmental Mainstreaming:** Embed climate and environmental considerations in agri-food policies while enhancing regional cooperation.
3. **Market Integration and Trade Policy:** Examine the implications of evolving trade arrangements (e.g., RCEP, BIMSTEC, ASEAN) for agri-food systems and smallholders.

➤ **Guidelines for Presenters**

Each presenter is requested to prepare a **3-slide presentation (5 minutes max)** reflecting on the following in their respective country (preferably based on the most recent govt. policy documents) and the regional implications:

Slide 1: Food System Transformation

- Landscaping agriculture and agricultural value chain transformation trends (for example crop diversification, technological changes, food services, retail, processing among others) in domestic and regional areas.
- Focus on the competitiveness of smallholders, gender and youth, and link the green economy with indications of the high potential products and markets.

Slides 2 & 3: Market Integration with Policy and Institutional Landscape

- Deliberate on agricultural value chains in relation to international and domestic trade.
- Focus on dynamically changing key national and regional arrangements, regulations, strategies and decision-making processes.
- Comprehensive look at all possible market and trade costs both domestic and cross border costs.
- Reflect on how the changes can be leveraged by regional partnerships like ASEAN, BIMSTEC with cross learning and application to south-south cooperation

Note: *Presenters will also receive background documents from IFAD country offices to help identify synergies, common national policies, or opportunities for alignment, and can incorporate those reflections in their presentations.*

➤ **Guidance for Discussants**

Each discussant is invited to reflect on the presentations and offer:

- Suggestions for refining the project's research focus, capacity-building priorities, and policy engagement strategy.
- Perspectives that draw from cross-country experience, institutional mandates, or regional needs.
- Flag research and policy gaps where national and regional lenses matter.

➤ **Guidance for IFAD and research representatives for reflections**

During your reflections, we kindly request you to:

- Comment on how (or to what extent) the presentations align with ongoing IFAD country programs.
- Identify any gaps or opportunities for deeper engagement under ATMI-II.
- Suggest areas and countries where synergies can be explored with ongoing IFAD-supported initiatives.

➤ **Open Discussion with Stakeholders**

An open floor session will follow each thematic block to allow all stakeholders at the event – government officials, researchers, regional bodies, development partners – to share their inputs and ideas.

IFPRI's objective is to consolidate insights from the event to finalize the ATMI-II research agenda and strengthen alignment with country and IFAD priorities. Your inputs will be instrumental in shaping this effort.

We look forward to your active participation.

Thank you.