

Asia Pacific Agricultural Policy Forum

The **Asia Pacific Agricultural Policy (APAP) Forum**, launched in 2002, is a network and coalition of non-governmental organizations and individuals seeking to foster understanding of agricultural policies and build cooperation in agricultural development among countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The Forum has hosted annual meetings to have presentations and discussions on the current issues in agricultural and fisheries sector since 2002. From 2011, it started holding the APAP Roundtable mainly with board of directors of the Forum for detailed and in-depth deliberations on the topic and better preparation for annual meetings of the Forum.

Rationale

Since WTO Regime, the predominant spread of FTA/RTA and the on-going negotiation of WTO/DDA over the world affect the market in the fields of agriculture toward the globalization and openness. Under the situation of intensifying competition in securing the resources including food in the global market, the agriculture and rural community in Asia-Pacific region are facing more unfavorable condition, considering that those of the region are suffering from poor resources, food insecurity, and inefficient production due to the traditional, conventional farming environments.

Under the difficulties, the further development of agricultural and rural economy in the region needs more firm cooperative relations among member countries through exchanging respective experience and information in terms of agricultural policy and research. Though the members need the network for such cooperation throughout the region, the establishment of substantial and effective cooperative network in and out of region is still underway due to the differences in the regional, historical background, and the stages of development in agriculture.

In the context of such needs and desires, the Forum aims to contribute to the strong cooperative network among experts, policy-makers, and private stakeholders in the fields of agriculture in the region, and seek for recommendable alternatives applicable to the agricultural field in the region.

Objective

- 1) To foster and reinforce cooperation on agricultural development issues among Asia-Pacific countries;
- 2) To hold symposia on major agricultural policy issues impinging on agricultural and rural development in the region; and
- 3) To support research on agricultural and rural development issues toward improving the information base for policy decision-making

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History of Forum

| | Subject | Date & Venue |
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| | 2024 APAP Roundtable on Fostering Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems and Digital Agriculture Toward Inclusive Rural Transformation and Sustainable Development | Apr 26~27, 2024 Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 22 | Session 1: Regional Perspectives in Agrifood Supply Chain and Digital Technologies Session 2: Country Perspectives in Agricultural Production Systems and Digital Technologies | Sep 14~16, 2023 Ansan, Korea |
| | 2023 APAP Virtual Roundtable on Enabling Strategic Policies and Regional Cooperation to Mitigate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Toward Resilient Agriculture and Sustainable Rural Development | Apr 24, 2023 Virtual (Manila, Philippines) |
| 21 | Session 1: Regional Perspectives on the Dynamics of Digital Transformation Session 2: Enabling Country Policies and Programs in Digital Transformation Toward Resilient Agriculture and Sustainable Rural Development | Oct 14 & Nov 18, 2022 Virtual |
| | 2022 APAP Virtual Roundtable on Enabling Resilient Agriculture and Inclusive Rural Development Through Digital Transformation | May 27, 2022 Virtual (Hanoi, |
| 20 | Session 1: Enhancing Regional Solidarity and Cooperation on Recovery Measures Towards Food Security Session 2: Country Level Enabling COVID 19 Recovery Measures for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development | Oct 20 & Nov 20, 2021 Virtual |
| | 2021 APAP Virtual Roundtable on Enabling Recovery Measures Toward Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development: Prospects for Resilient and Inclusive Growth Amidst the COVID Pandemic | Apr 29 & May 27, 2021 Virtual |
| 19 | Seminar 1: Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Food Security, Agriculture and Rural Economy: Current Issues and Challenges Seminar 2: Enabling Policies and Emerging Good Practices in Addressing Food Security and Market Scare Amidst the COVID Pandemic | Nov 4 & Dec 2, 2020 Virtual |
| 18 | Session 1: Regional Policies and Enabling Environment for Secured Happiness through Inclusive Rural Transformation Session 2: Country Perspectives in Enabling Human Happiness and Well-being in Rural-Urban Continuum | Aug 29~30, 2019 Seoul, Korea |
| 17 | Session 1: Regional Policies and Development Measures on Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Transformation Towards Secured Happiness Session 2: Country Perspectives in Enabling Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Transformation and Secured Happiness in Rural Communities | Aug 30~31, 2018 Ansan, Korea |
| | 2018 APAP Roundtable on Enhancing Regional Food Security Through Inclusive Rural Transformation | Mar 24~25, 2018 Chiang Mai, Thailand |
| 16 | Session 1: Inclusive Rural Development focusing on Poverty Eradication Session 2: Enabling the Environment Towards the Enhancement of Agricultural Competitiveness Session 3: Regional Integration in the Context of Food Safety | Aug 31~Sep 1, 2017 Seoul, Korea |
| | 2017 APAP Roundtable on Sustainable Public Private Partnerships and Agricultural Trade Policies Towards Regional Food Security | Apr 6~7, 2017 Kitakyushu, Japan |

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| 15 | <p>Session 1: Alternative Future Production Systems with Sustainable Management of Land and Water Resources for Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>Session 2: Public Private Partnership and Appropriate Trade Policies for Sustainable Use and Management of Land and Water Resources for Agriculture and Food Security</p> | Sep 8~9, 2016 Seoul, Korea |
| 2016 APAP Roundtable on Sustainable Management of Water Resources for Agriculture and Food Security | | Apr 20-22, 2016, Beijing, China |
| 14 | <p>Session 1: Trade Agreement and Agricultural Investment</p> <p>Session 2: Rice Industry Development and Regional Rice Cluster Focusing on Supply Chain and its Integration</p> <p>Session 3: Climate Change and Food-Energy-Water Nexus with Sustainable Agricultural Development in PPP</p> <p>Session 4: Agricultural and Rural Infrastructure Development with Human Resource Development and Governance Issues</p> | Aug 31~Sep 1, 2015 Seoul, Korea |
| 2015 APAP Roundtable on Agricultural Investment and Competitiveness Facing the Era of ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN+3 | | Mar 26~27, 2015 Bali, Indonesia |
| 13 | <p>Session 1: Regional Integration for Rice Trade, Food Security and Inclusive Development</p> <p>Session 2: Promotion of Green Growth and PPP in Rural Development in the Changing Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Session 3: Negotiation for Greater Regional Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific</p> | Sep 1~2, 2014 Seoul, Korea |
| 2014 APAP Roundtable on A Way Forward to Regional Integration Focusing on Rice Industry and Rural Development through Strengthening Public Private Partnership | | Mar 17~18, 2014 Manila, Philippines |
| 12 | <p>Session 1: PPP for Strengthening Food Security and Farmers' Welfare: the Case of Rice</p> <p>Session 2: PPP in Cash Crops for Sustainable Agriculture Development Toward Food Security and Green Growth</p> <p>Session 3: PPP in Fruits and Vegetables Sector for Inclusive Sustainable Development, Food Security and Green Growth</p> <p>Session 4: PPP in the Livestock Sector Towards Food Security and Green Growth</p> <p>Session 5: PPP in the Fisheries Sector Towards Food Security and Green Growth</p> | Aug 30~31, 2013 Seoul, Korea |
| 2013 APAP Roundtable on Green Growth through Public Private Partnership and Food Security | | Apr 1~2, 2013 Miyazaki, Japan |
| 11 | <p>Session 1: PPP in Rice Sector: Lessons Learned and Ways to Move Forward</p> <p>Session 2: Cash Crop-Public Private Partnership for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Session 3: Importance of PPP for Fruits and Vegetables Production and Trade</p> <p>Session 4: Patterns and Directions of PPP Towards Sustainable Livestock Development</p> <p>Session 5: Fisheries Forward-Opportunities, Challenges and Practices for PPP</p> <p>Session 6: PPP Modalities</p> | Sep 3~4, 2012 Seoul, Korea |
| 2012 APAP Roundtable on Rethinking New Vision for Agriculture in the Asia Pacific Region: Towards Sustainable Food Security through Harmonized Public Private Partnership | | Apr 5~6, 2012 Danang, Vietnam |
| 10 | <p>Session 1: The Impact of Regional Economic Integration Expansion on Regional Rice Production and Trade</p> <p>Session 2: Strengthening the PPP in Agriculture on Cash Crops in the Asia Pacific Region</p> <p>Session 3: Regional Fruits and Vegetables Production, Consumption, and Developing Supply Chain & Trading Networks</p> <p>Session 4: Strengthening the PPP in Livestock Production in the Asia-Pacific Region</p> <p>Session 5: The Role of PPP in Enhancing Aquaculture Development in the Asia-Pacific Region</p> | Aug 29-30, 2011 Seoul, Korea |

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| 2011 APAP Roundtable on Market Integration and Regional Trade Expansion | | Apr 1~2, 2011 Gyeongju, Korea |
| 9 | Session 1: Rethinking Strategies for Global and National Food Security Session 2: New Agricultural Policy Era after Food and Financial Crisis Session 3: Biofuel Development Food Price and Food Security Session 4: Climate Changes, Water Security and Agricultural Development | Jun 21-22, 2010 Seoul, Korea |
| 8 | Session 1: Negotiations Beyond WTO/DDA, FTAs, RTAs and EPAs Session 2: Food System Development Session 3: Aqua-Industry Development & Resource Management Improvement Session 4: Climate Change, Renewable Energy Resources & Bio-Security Session 5: Sustainable Rural Development Preventing Marginalization Session 6: Citrus & Blueberry Industry Development | Sep 1-2, 2009 Jeju Island, Korea |
| 7 | Session 1: Agricultural Negotiations & Regional Cooperation Session 2: Agri-Business & Agro-Food Industries - Changing Trends & Environmental Concerns Session 3: Ag-Flation & Agriculture Resource Management Session 4: Bio-Diversity, Bio-Security, Agriculture R&D and Environmental Sustainability Session 5: Off-Farm Income & Rural Development Session 6: Capacity Building Human Resource Development & Institutional Reform | Sep 9-10, 2008 Seoul, Korea |
| 6 | Session 1: Agricultural Negotiations & Regional Cooperation Session 2: Bio-Energy Development & Asia Pacific Agriculture Session 3: Information System Development for R&D and Extension in Agri-Rural Sector Session 4: Rural Credit System Development & Rural Investment Expansion | Sep 10-11, 2007 Jeju Island, Korea |
| 5 | Session 1: Food System Development and Agro-Food Industries Session 2: Agricultural Trade Negotiations and Asia-Pacific Agriculture Session 3: Fruits Industry, It's Development & Prospect Session 4: Sustainable Rural Development Session 5: Information Technology in Agriculture and Rural Sector Session 6: Fisheries Development & Resource Management | Sep 14-16, 2006 Jeju Island, Korea |
| 4 | Session 1: WTO/DDA Negotiations and Asia-Pacific Agriculture Session 2: Agricultural Mechanization and Post-Harvest Modernization Session 3: Management Strategy of Fisheries Resources for the Sustainable Fishery Development in the Northeast Asia Session 4: Forestry & Sustainable Mountain Village Development | Sep 5-6, 2005 Jeju Island, Korea |
| 3 | Session 1: The WTO/DDA negotiations and the Asia-Pacific agriculture Session 2: Livestock products market in the Asia-Pacific region Session 3: Strengthening the agricultural infrastructure and vitalizing the cooperative movements | Sep 22-23, 2004 Seoul, Korea |
| 2 | Session 1: Agricultural Policy Reforms Adjusting to WTO Session 2: Cooperative Development and Rural Institutions in AP Countries Session 3: Agricultural Policy Simulation Modeling | Oct 22-26, 2003 Jeju Island, Korea |
| 1 | Session 1: WTO/DDA, Food Security and SARD in Asia-Pacific Session 2: Technology transferability for FS & SARD in Asia-Pacific Session 3: Resource mobilization for FS & SARD in Asia-Pacific | Nov 13-16, 2002 Jeju Island, Korea |