



NEDAC Workshop on Sustainable Financing and Achieving SDGs for Agricultural Cooperatives

in collaboration with APRACA, Thailand and ICBA, India

22 - 24 August 2023

Bangkok, Thailand

Registration fees: US\$ 1,000 per person



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Join us for an engaging workshop on sustainable financing strategies and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for agricultural cooperatives. This Workshop aims to empower cooperative farmers and industry leaders with the knowledge and tools to build resilient and environmentally conscious agricultural practices.

This Workshop is an ideal opportunity to listen to leading experts and gain insights into sustainable financing practices, learn strategies for achieving SDGs in agricultural cooperatives, network with industry experts and fellow cooperative farmers in Thailand, acquire practical skills to enhance financial management, and access resources and tools for sustainable agricultural practices.

Key topics covered in this Workshop include:

- Exploring sustainable financing options for agricultural cooperatives
- Integrating SDGs into cooperative business models
- Enhancing financial literacy and management skills
- Strengthening cooperative networks and collaborations
- Case Studies of successful sustainable agricultural cooperatives

The Workshop activities include interactive sessions and group discussions, expert-led presentations and case studies, Q&A sessions with industry professionals, and field visits to leading cooperative organizations in Thailand.



RESOURCE PERSON



Dr. Prasun Kumar Das
Secretary General
APRACA, Thailand

Prasun Kumar Das is currently leading the Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) as its Secretary General, based in Bangkok. It supports 91-member financial institutions in 24 countries of the region to build their capacities in provisioning sustainable financing solutions. His prior assignments include the position of IFAD funded regional project manager, FAO rural finance specialist, research director of DFID funded programme on farming system for nutrition. Worked as a senior manager in an agri-focused commercial bank. Dr. Das holds a PhD in Agricultural Sciences, MBA specialized in financial management and is a certified professional in banking and finance.



Sundeep K. Nayak
Former Director General
National Productivity Council, India

Sundeep NAYAK is a former member of Indian civil service (IAS). He has three full-time Master's degrees, one each, from IIT Kharagpur, London School of Economics, and MIIS California. He has over 39 years of professional experience, in the private sector (Tata Steel), public sector (ONGC) and, Provincial and Federal Governments in India. He was elected as Chair of NEDAC-Bangkok and Vice Chair of APO-Tokyo. His core expertise includes infrastructure development & finance in the areas of Energy, Healthinfra, and Agro-processing. He also has expertise in ESG, sustainability, green finance, green credit, carbon mechanisms. Green productivity verification, assurances, and certification and accreditation processes. Trained in GRI Sweden sustainability reporting.



Piriya Uraiwong
Chief Technical Advisor,
UNDP, Thailand

Piriya has recently joined UNDP Thailand as the Chief Technical Advisor for the "Enhancing Climate Resilience in Thailand through Effective Water Management and Sustainable Agriculture Project," which is funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF). In this role, Piriya will contribute as a technical project specialist, focusing on adaptation solutions in the water sector. Specifically, Piriya will be involved in the implementation of climate-resilient small-scale infrastructure, addressing capacity needs, and facilitating policy changes.

Prior to assuming this position, Piriya held the role of Climate Action Portfolio Manager at UNDP Thailand. Before joining UNDP, Piriya gained valuable experience working with GIZ Thailand and the Mekong River Commission Secretariat. He has over 15 years of expertise in water resources management, climate change adaptation, climate-resilient river basin planning, project management, and stakeholder engagement, particularly in the Mekong region.

Piriya holds Ph.D. from the School of Engineering from Kochi University of Technology in Japan.



Wichai Paksa
Assistant Senior Vice President,
BAAC, Thailand

Wichai Paksa is an Assistant Senior Vice President with twenty years of experience working for Agriculture finance and rural development of the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC). At BAAC, he was responsible for various tasks and projects, pioneering agricultural value chain financing for small farmers, Small and Medium Agri-Enterprise financing, and rural development. With a background in Agricultural and Resource Economics and experience in fieldwork with rural farmers in Thailand, He contributed and collaborated with various organizations led to multi-level advice and planning for rural farmer financing and development.



SPEAKERS

Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)

- Green Bond



Dusit Domthong
Assistant Senior Vice President
Treasury Department,
BAAC, Thailand

Mr. Dusit Domthong is an Assistant Senior Vice President of Treasury Department at the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC). His current responsibilities cover Bond Investment, Bond Issuance, and Financing including Special Deposit Rates Determination. He has experience on BAAC green bond issuance and let BAAC was the first Special Financial Institutions (SFIs) in Thailand, who issued the green bonds in 2019. In addition, he plays the dominant roles on source of fund to support the eligible credit projects regarding afforestation and reforestation, including environmental conservation in green bond projects. Prior to joining BAAC in 2016, he had been working with various private organizations in financial markets such as The Thai Bond Market Association(ThaiBMA), KiatnakinPhatra (KKP) Financial Groups and etc.



Weerachote Paengrit
Financial Analyst,
BAAC, Thailand

Weerachote Paengrit is a Financial Analyst at BAAC's Treasury Department. He is responsible for analyzing and issuing bonds and PSA soft loans to the Bank as needed. Prior to assuming this role, he worked as a credit analyst at the Branch Field Unit. He also served at the Office of Life Insurance Deposit as a business development officer, where he promoted and developed a life insurance system for BAAC's farmer customers. With a background in Applied Finance and over a decade of experience in agricultural credit, insurance evaluation, and fundraising analysis using various debt instruments, Weerachote is committed and dedicated to sustainable financial work, aimed at developing farmers' prospects for a better life.

The Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives of Thailand Limited (FSCT)

The Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives of Thailand Limited (FSCT) was registered under the Cooperatives Societies Act on September 1, 1972. It is a financial institute according to the Notification of the Ministry of Finance, dated November 21, 1983. FSCT is the national institute of the savings and credit cooperatives all over Thailand.

FINANCIAL POLICY

- to increase operating capital from share capital, deposits and promissory notes.
- to service more credit provision by expanding its market widely to members.
- to offer more channels of savings deposit service and investment.
- to develop financial services to be equal to financial institutes.

COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT POLICY

- to cooperate with other organizations both government and private sectors to support the establishment of savings & credit cooperative in business enterprises throughout country.
- to encourage the rest savings & credit cooperative apply for membership and deal more business with FSCT.
- to support savings & credit cooperative in business enterprises be participating in promotion and establishment of SCC near its workplace.

Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU)

A Credit Union is a co-operative financial institution, that is owned and controlled by its members and operated for the purpose of promoting thrift, providing credit at reasonable rates, and providing other financial services to its members.

In many countries, the financial industry is dominated by commercial or government-controlled banks that help implement monetary policies set by a government agency. Credit Unions are different in that they serve the needs of individuals. Most private sector financial institutions are controlled by investors in making a profit on the services offered to users/customers. In Credit Unions, the user/customer is also the owner. All profits made on services offered belong to the membership. Member ownership contributes to the ability to operate soundly while charging affordable rates and serving people other organizations consider unprofitable.

A Savings and Credit Cooperative (SCC) is a group of people who join together to pool their savings and make loans to each other at reasonable rates of interest that cover all costs and provide for adequate-sized reserves. The group also aims to educate its members on the wise use of money so they can improve their lives.

To make the process easier, the group maintains a business structure "a cooperative" which functions as an intermediary between savers and borrowers. The members of the group own and control the organization.



The Fig Nature Garden, Chonburi

The FIGnature was established in 2019 on an area of 10.5 rai (4.15 acre). The garden is planted Juicy fig (White Israeli round fruit) and BNR (Bordissot Negra Rimada) which is located at That Thong Subdistrict, Bo Thong District, Chonburi Province. Their target markets with high purchasing power of figs are Bangkok, Pattaya, Rayong and Sriracha.

The FIGnature is a healthy fruit orchard that focuses on the quality and safe fruits under the slogan "Delicious and Healthy". There is an organic fruit that were grown in modern greenhouse systems controlling the irrigation and fertilization system by mobile phone. The reason why it is planted in greenhouses because it can control almost 80% of the ambient temperature and is planted in sand pits to allow the roots to find for food well. At the same time, microorganisms are used to control various insect and diseases.





PROGRAM

Monday, August 21, 2023: Arrival and Check-in (at Centara Watergate Pavillion Hotel Bangkok)		
Day 1 (Tuesday) - August 22, 2023		Bangkok, Thailand
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Ceremony • Group Photo 	
09:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break	
10:00 - 11:00	Technical Session 1 Green financing for agricultural cooperatives	Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, NPC, India
11:00 - 12:00	Technical Session 2 Climate resilience implementation for agricultural cooperatives	Dr. Piriya Uraiwong, UNDP, Thailand
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Technical session 3 Enhancing financial literacy and management skills	Dr. Prasun Kumar Das, APRACA, Thailand
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 - 16:30	Technical Session 4 Case studies of successful sustainable agricultural cooperatives	Mr. Wichai Paksa, BAAC, Thailand
16:30 - 17:30	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants 	
18:30 - 21:00	Welcome Dinner	

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Day 2 (Wednesday) - August 23, 2023		Bangkok, Thailand
08:30	Assemble at hotel lobby	
09:00 - 10:30	Institution visit 1 Association of Asia Confederation Credit Union (ACCU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit unions providing access to financial services to the marginalized sector 	
10:30 - 11:15	Institution visit 2 Federation of Savings and credit Cooperatives in Thailand Limited (FSCT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand cooperative model of microcredit delivery mechanism 	
11:15 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the museum of evolution of financial cooperative in Thailand 	
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Institution visit 3 Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Bond 	Mr. Dusit Domthong and Mr. Weerachote Paengrit
15.30 - 16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the BAAC's Museum (Evolution of the cooperative to bank) 	
Day 3 (Thursday) - August 24, 2023		Chonburi, Thailand
08:00	Assembly at the hotel lobby and check out from hotel	
08:30 - 10:30	Travel to Chonburi Province	
10:30 - 12:00	Field visit to The FIGnature Garden, Chonburi (Sustainable Agriculture)	
14:00-16:00	Interactive session & Wrap-up	
17:00 - 18:30	Cultural Show	
Day 4 (Friday) - August 25, 2023: Check-out and Departure		
09:00	Assembly at the hotel lobby & check out	
	Travel back to Bangkok Dropping point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suvarnabhumi International Airport Bangkok city 	