

## Agricultural Innovation in Asia Pacific:

Responding to the Future of Agricultural Innovation Systems in Asia-Pacific

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## Outlook of Agricultural Innovations in Asia-Pacific

#### **Key Facts**

- 2.8 Billion People live in South, South-east Asia and Pacific in 31 Countries
- South Asia has a risk of 50% reduction in staple crop yields by 2050 due to <u>climate change</u> and have the highest number of <u>undernourished</u> people globally
- Southeast Asia has top <u>exporters of rice and aquaculture</u>, rapid urbanization is leading to increasing demand for animal-sourced foods
- Pacific has <u>indigenous agroecological practices</u> that can integrate with modern techniques, vulnerable to <u>raising see</u> <u>levels and soil erosion</u>, and emphasizes community-based approaches

#### **Emerging Trends**

- <u>Digital agriculture</u> is transforming the sector with the increasing use of technologies like drones, AI, and IoT for precision farming, data-driven decision-making, and improved resource management.
- <u>Climate-smart technologies</u> are crucial for building resilience to climate change impacts, with a focus on <u>sustainable</u> <u>practices and resource-efficient</u> solutions
- <u>Traceability and transparency</u> in agricultural supply chains are becoming increasingly important
- Homegrown agritech startups are emerging, offering innovative solutions tailored to local needs, such as automated weather stations, fish-feeding technology,





# Demand from Asia-Pacific Regional and National Innovation Actors:

## **Strengthening Innovation Systems**

Investing in research and development organizational capabilities (funding, frameworks, mechanisms), promoting collaboration between public and private sectors

## Scaling Up Successful Innovations

Bridging the gap between research and impact by scaling and impact management infrastructure and supporting the use of proven technologies and practices among farmers.

#### **Promoting Sustainable Agriculture**

Addressing environmental challenges like soil degradation and resource inefficiency and food safety through sustainable practices and technologies.









#### **Underinvested Niches**

## Internationalization of Capabilities

Asian countries have significant capabilities in skills, expertise, and workflows that can support intra-regional and inter-regional agricultural efforts.

#### **Use of Human-Elevating AI**

AI is transforming agricultural innovation globally. Asia and the Pacific need to develop plans for leveraging human-elevating AI strategically.

## Deployment of **European Experts**

Europe has a large pool of highly educated senior and junior experts who can make significant contributions to Asia-Pacific agricultural innovation systems.

#### Building Network Intelligence

Measuring the (individual, organization, system) capabilities of innovation networks and learning on what works and what does not

### Thank You

We appreciate your time. We look forward to working together to advance agricultural innovation in the Asia Pacific region.







