

Joint Call on Good Practices for Strengthening Agriculture Innovation Systems (AIS) in Asia-Pacific



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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
15 January 2022

Context

The **Asia-Pacific Islands and Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS)**, the **Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)** in close collaboration with the Research and Extension Unit of the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations** are committed to strengthen agriculture innovation systems in Asia-Pacific for transforming agri-food systems. In 2020, APIRAS and APAARI carried out Joint Rapid Appraisal (JRA) to scope the innovation environment to identify and document initiatives aimed at strengthening Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS), in a context of [TAP-AIS](https://www.fao.org/3/cb5995en/cb5995en.pdf) project funded by **European Union**. The JRA (<https://www.fao.org/3/cb5995en/cb5995en.pdf>) revealed the increasing interest in promoting an effective AIS and a few interesting initiatives that tried to enhance investment, adapt policies, promote partnerships and develop functional capacities to strengthening innovation capacity in the agricultural sector. The JRA revealed three main barriers that constrain development of an effective AIS in the Asia-Pacific. These include:

- a. lack of sufficient partnerships among actors in the AIS,
- b. inadequate investments and lack of policies that could steer the research and extension agencies to engage with other AIS actors, and
- c. lack of sufficient capacity development initiatives aimed at enhancing functional capacities of AIS actors.

Call for Good Practices

As part of the Joint Action Plan by APIRAS and APAARI, supported by FAO, we are keen to document good practices that have contributed to successful strengthening of capacities for innovation drawing on experiences on the following three topics:

- 1 Forging successful partnerships for Innovation
- 2 Enabling environment (investments and policies) for innovation
- 3 Capacity Development initiatives that focus on developing functional capacities to enable innovation



What should be there in a Good Practice Note? (maximum 2000 words)

Context Country, sector, problems and summary of the key interventions and objective

Approach Rationale, Broad Principles and concept

The Programme Key components, the different actors involved and their roles

Progress Key outputs, outcomes, measuring impact focusing on partnerships, enhanced investments, favourable policies and innovative capacity development

Challenges faced and how these were addressed

Scaling Up experience and implications for scaling up

Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms put in place, the frequency of these

Lessons

Contact information Name, affiliation, email, a stamp size picture of the author(s)



4-steps process



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Submit Abstract

15 January 2022

If you are interested to write a good practice note on any of the 3 topics mentioned above, kindly submit an abstract to describe the good practice in not more than 175 -200 words by the 25

December 2021 to:

networkapiras@gmail.com

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Review and Selection

APAARI and APIRAS technical team will review abstracts submitted and make final selection, by 15 Jan 2022.

Selected abstracts will be notified, together with a guidance on how to develop a full Good Practice Note, by 31 Jan 2022.

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Submit the Selected Good Practice Note

31 January 2022

Based on the guidance on how to develop a full Good Practice Note, final Good Practice Notes (max 2000words) should be submitted to APAARI and APIRAS on 15 March 2022 at networkapiras@gmail.com

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Good Practice Note Published

May 2022

The final version of the Good Practice Note after incorporating comments and suggestions would be technically edited and published and disseminated through our platforms with full recognition of your authorship.

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