

Information Note



Regional Policy Forum
on

Transforming Agriculture through Value Chain Development,
Brand Building, and Cross-Border Trade

79th Executive Committee Meeting (EXCOM)

and

24th General Assembly (GA)

8-12 February 2026

Bangkok, Thailand

Hosted by: Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)

Co-host: Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)



INFORMATION NOTE

Regional Policy Forum, 79th APRACA Executive Committee Meeting, and 24th General Assembly

Dates: 8-12 February 2026

Venue: Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, Bangkok, Thailand

HOST ORGANIZATION:

The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) is hosting the APRACA Regional Policy Forum (RPF), 79th Executive Committee Meeting (EXCOM) of APRACA, 24th General Assembly (GA) and a field visit programme in collaboration with APRACA Secretariat.

DATES AND VENUE:

- **Day 1 (Full day) 9th Feb 2026:** Regional Policy Forum on “*Transforming Agriculture through Value Chain Development, Brand Building, and Cross-Border Trade*” to be held in Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, at **08.00 –16:00 hrs.** (Thailand Time: GMT+7.00 hrs.)
- **Day 2: (Morning Session) 10th February 2026:** 79th EXCOM Meeting of APRACA to be held in Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, **at 09.00-12.00 hrs.**
- **Day 2: (Afternoon Session) 10th February 2026:** 24th APRACA General Assembly (GA) of APRACA to be held in Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, **at 13:30-16:30 hrs.**
- **Day 3: (Full day) Field Visit Programme** for the registered participants is being organized by The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) (A detailed programme will be circulated closer to the date of the event).

ACCOMMODATION:

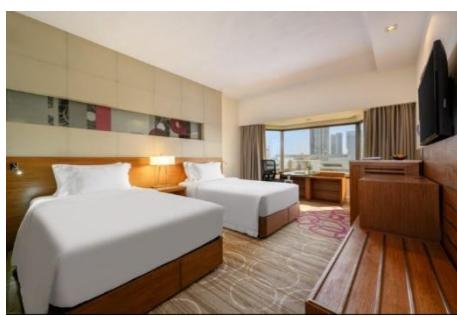
The host, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) will block the rooms as per the choices made by the registered delegates (<https://www.apraca.org/79th-excom-meeting-and-99th-regional-policy-forum/>). The payment for accommodation will be made by the delegates directly to the hotels (in advance or at the time of check-in as per the arrangements).

** During the leisure period, participants are entitled to select one of the two designated accommodation locations, based on your preference.



Details of Accommodation	Room Type and Tariff (nightly rate)
<p>Hotel: Best Western Chatuchak, Bangkok</p> <p>Address: 18 Kamphaeng Phet Road Chatuchak, Chatuchak, Bangkok, Thailand 10900</p> <p>Mobile: +66 (0)2-666-4695</p> <p>E-mail: info@bestwesternchatuchak.com</p> <p>Website: https://www.bestwesternchatuchak.com/</p> <p>Contact Person Name: <i>Staff (To be informed later)</i></p>	<p>Type 1: Superior Double Bedroom (23 Sq.m.) 1,600 THB , inclusive of taxes</p>  <p>Type 2: Superior Twin Bedroom (23 Sq.m.) 1,800 THB , inclusive of taxes</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The room rent includes breakfast

**This hotel is not the venue for meetings and other activities

Details of Accommodation	Room Type and Tariff (nightly rate)
<p>Hotel: Centara Grand** at Central Plaza Ladprao Bangkok</p> <p>Address: 1695 Phaholyothin Road, Ladprao Chatuchak, Bangkok, 10900, Thailand</p> <p>Mobile: +66 (0)-2-541-1234 wan. 4421</p> <p>E-mail: phanuwatla@chr.co.th</p> <p>Website: https://www.centarahotelsresorts.com/</p> <p>Contact Person Name: <i>Staff (To be informed later)</i></p>	<p>Type 1: Deluxe King Size Bedroom (35 Sq.m.) 3,000 THB , inclusive of taxes</p>  <p>Type 2: Deluxe Twin Bedroom (35 Sq.m.) 3,000 THB , inclusive of taxes</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">* The room rent includes breakfast

**This hotel is also the venue for the meetings and other activities.



- Normal Check in time: 15:00 hrs.
- Normal Check out time: 12:00 hrs. day time
- The hotel is able to accept payments via credit cards, such as Visa, Master Card, American Express, at all exchange rates, through a payment link.
- The hotel reserves the right to base all exchange rate calculations exclusively on Thai Baht (THB)

REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION FEE:

The registration fee for participants (from countries other than Thailand) has been fixed at USD 250 to support the costs of organizing the event and the field visits arranged by the host agency. The registration fee can be paid in **two methods:**

1. *Bank Transfer*

Please remit to:

Account Name: Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association

Account No.: 0032000417840

Bank: The Siam Commercial Bank PLC, Bang Lampu Branch (Branch Code: 0003)

Address: 135 Phra Sumain Road, Chana Songkram, Phra Nakorn, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

SWIFT Code: SICOTHBK

2. *Cash Payment*

Cash can be paid directly to the staff members of the APRACA Secretariat. The registration desk will be open at Centara Grand at Central Ladprao on the following date and time:

Dates	Time
8 February 2026	18:00-21:00 hr.
9 February 2026	09:00-16:30 hr.



AIRPORT RECEPTION AND SEND-OFF:

Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) will organize the airport reception on **8 February 2026** and send off on **12 February 2026** for the confirmed participants. The arrangements will be made upon receiving the flight schedule from the delegates in advance. The delegates need to provide the flight details to the host in the registration form on or before 20 January 2026 for smooth logistical arrangements.

MEALS DURING THE MEETING:

During the Regional Policy Forum and the EXCOM meeting the following meals will be covered by the Organizers:

- **8 February 2026:** Participants receive **buffet dinner vouchers** (at the hotel check in desk) upon arrival at the **Centara Grand at Central Ladprao**. The delegates checking in to other hotels may collect the dinner vouchers during the registration at the **Centara Grand at Central Ladprao** as per the schedule mentioned above. (To be hosted by BAAC)
- **9 February 2026:** **Lunch and coffee/tea breaks during the meeting; Gala Dinner** to be hosted at the Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, (To be host by BAAC)
- **10 February 2026:** **Lunch and coffee/tea breaks** during the meeting at the Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao (To be host by BAAC)
- **11 February 2026:** **Lunch** will be provided during the field visit at the **Nakhon Pathom**
(Accompanying spouses are invited to join the Gala Dinner on 9 February 2026 and the field trip on 11 February 2026)

LANGUAGE:

English language will be the medium of presentation in the forum, which refers to all presentations, reading materials and discussions.

DELEGATES:

The Regional Policy Forum is open to all APRACA member institutions, APRACA partner agencies, UN organizations, Bilateral Donor agencies, local financial institutions, government and non-government agencies and finance – related institutions. The Executive Committee (EXCOM) members will attend the 79th EXCOM meeting and the other members joining the event may join the EXCOM meeting as meeting observers.

FIELD VISIT:

The first place for field visit will be in Lemon Me Farm, Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand

Lemon Me Farm is an integrated agricultural enterprise that focuses on the cultivation of lemons and limes, as well as the development of value-added agricultural products. Lemon Me Farm serves as a model of integrated farming that combines agricultural production, product processing, experiential tourism, and community learning.



Second place for field visit will be in Air Orchid Farm Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand

Air Orchid Farm represents a World-Class model of integrated agribusiness, combining innovation, sustainability, and global market expertise. This Farm offers participants a unique opportunity to explore the full orchid value chain, from advanced cultivation to international distribution.



Last place for field visit will be in Suan Sam Phran, Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand

Participants can enjoy a variety of cultural and educational performances, including an elephant show accompanied by narration that presents the traditional way of life of elephant handlers.

In addition, Participants can witness a barehanded crocodile performance and learn about the natural behavior and life cycle of crocodiles.





VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants must obtain an entry visa to Thailand, if necessary, from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General located in their respective countries before departing for Thailand. Details on obtaining a Thailand visa can be found at <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/home>.

Thailand sDigital Arrival Card (TDAC):

All participants must complete the **Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) registration at least 3 days before arrival** in Thailand. This can be done online through the official TDAC portal or as instructed by the Royal Thai Government. The official website for the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) is: <https://tdac.immigration.go.th>

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE:

All delegates are advised to arrange for their own medical and travel insurance coverage, prior to their trip to Bangkok, Thailand.

WEATHER CLOTHING:

Bangkok in February is generally hot throughout the day. The average daytime temperature is around 32–34°C, while nighttime temperatures are around 24–26°C. The humidity is moderate to high, which can make it feel warmer. The dress code is as follows:

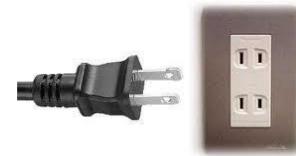
- Formal wear for meeting and Forum.
- International dress for Gala Dinner.
- Casual wear for outdoor and field trips.

ELETRICITY

In Bangkok, the standard voltage is **220 volts** with a frequency of **50 Hz**. The most commonly used plug types are **Type A, B, C, and O**, with Type C (two round pins) being the most prevalent.



If your devices use a different voltage or plug type, it is recommended to bring a **universal travel adapter**. Most hotels provide standard electrical outlets, and some may offer **USB charging ports** as well.



For safety, avoid overloading sockets or using damaged plugs, and always unplug devices when not in use. Carrying a small **portable power bank** can be useful for charging phones or tablets while exploring the city.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The delegates are requested to complete the online registration by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/DNAq8yQ5hzfN8ekW6> **on or before 15 January 2026**. Those who are resorting to paper registration (copy of registration form is attached) may please send the same through email **on or before 15 January 2026** for smooth processing of logistical arrangements and **visa facilitation** letter from Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC).

OR

Scan the QR code for Registration



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PROGRAMME DETAILS:

A draft of detailed programme is attached herewith and available at the APRACA website (www.apraca.org).

Please Submit the Registration forms on or before 15 January 2026 for smooth Logistics