

Programme Schedule

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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)



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

A. Regional Policy Forum

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

Venue: Ballroom 'C', Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 9 February 2026; Time: 08.30 hrs.–16:00 hrs.

08:00 – 09.00	Travel to BAAC Headquarter
09:00 – 10:00	Chinese New Year Celebration and visit BAAC Museum
10:30 – 11.00	Travel back to Centrara Grand Hotel
11:00 – 12:30	Lunch Break
12:00 – 12:30	Registration and conference kit distribution
12.30 – 13.30	Opening Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Observe a minute of silence in remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit the King's Mother ⌚ Welcome address: Mr. QIAN Wenhui, Chairman of APRACA Executive Committee, Agricultural Development Bank of China (ADBC). ⌚ <i>Opening Address: Mr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas</i>, Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of BAAC Board of Directors. (TBC) ⌚ <i>Keynote address: Mr. Chatchai Sirilai</i>, President, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) ⌚ <i>Special Address: Ms. Bernadette Romulo Puyat</i>, Deputy Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). (TBC) ⌚ Vote of Thanks: Dr. Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General, APRACA, Bangkok, Thailand ⌚ <i>BAAC Show "The Way We Are"</i> ⌚ <i>Photo Session and visit to the booths of BAAC's customers</i>
13.30 – 14.15	Technical Session #1: Value Creation in Agricultural Products and Brand Building
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Session Moderator: Dr. Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General, APRACA. Opening of the session by Moderator and brief summary on expected output of the session and introduction to the panel members. ⌚ Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Speaker 1: (Speaker from Department of Agricultural Extension – DOAE, Thailand), Geographic Indications (GI) as a strategic tool for rural development (TBC).</i> • <i>Speaker 2: (Representative from Department of Foreign Trade (DFT)-Thailand) Leveraging Trade Policy and Export Standards to Position Thai Agricultural Products in Global Premium Markets (TBC)</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 3: Ms. Prommakorn Promkutkeo, Executive Vice President, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC), <i>Building Strong Regional Agricultural Brands.</i> <p>⌚ Summary of the session by Moderator and Q & A session.</p>
14:15 – 15:15	<p>Technical Session #2: Financing Value Chain Development to Facilitate Cross Border Trade (CBT) of Agricultural Produces.</p> <p>⌚ Session Moderator: Representative from NABARD, India. Opening of the session by Moderator and brief summary on expected output of the session. (TBC)</p> <p>⌚ Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1: (Representative from Agri PDB Platform, IFAD): Innovative Financing Instruments to support developing agricultural value chains: Global experience (TBC) • Speaker 2: (Representative from Land Bank of the Philippines): Risk Mitigation Strategies to support agriculture value chain finance: Experiences in the Philippines (TBC) • Speaker 3: (Representative from Agriculture and Rural Development Bank, Cambodia): Value Chain Mapping as a tool to understand movement of the product and the corresponding flow of finance (Online-TBC) • Speaker 4: Ms. Orn-uma Polpanich, Director, Agricultural Development & Commercialization (ADC), Mekong Institute: Policies of national governments in GMS to support cross border trade and promote sub-regional agricultural value chains. <p>⌚ Summary of the session by Moderator and Q & A session</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee/Networking break
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Technical Session #3: Regulatory Convergence to Facilitate Cross Border Trade (CBT) of Agricultural Produces</p> <p>⌚ Session Moderator: Representative from Reserve Bank of India (TBC): Opening of the session by Moderator and brief summary on expected output of the session. (TBC)</p> <p>⌚ Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1: Mr. Bam Bahadur Mishra, Deputy Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank: Regulatory alignment on the risk management related to lending for cross-border trade practices: Experiences of Nepal. • Speaker 2: Mr. Mamunur Rahman, Executive Director, Bangladesh Bank: Regulatory approvals on Local Currency Settlement (LCS) Frameworks to reduce exchange rate volatility: Experiences of Bangladesh • Speaker 3: (Representative from State Bank of Pakistan): Legal Frameworks for Digital Trade of agricultural produces. (TBC). • Speaker 4: Mr. Aziz Arya, Policy Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO): Regional level Policy framework to support enhanced cross border trade in agriculture. (TBC). <p>⌚ Summary of the session by Moderator and Q & A session</p>
16:30 – 16:40	Closing Session
	<p>⌚ Closing Remarks: Mr. Chatchai Sirilai, President, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)</p>
16:40 – 18:30	Relaxation
18:30 – 20:30	Gala Dinner Hosted by Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)



B. 79th Executive Committee Meeting of APRACA

Venue: Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 10 February 2026; Time: 09.00 hrs.–12:00 hrs. (Morning session)

09:00-09:30	Opening Session
09:00-09:10	⦿ <i>Welcome address: Mr. Chatchai Sirilai, President, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)</i>
09:10-09:20	⦿ <i>Inaugural Address: Mr. QIAN Wenhui, Chairman, APRACA Executive Committee and EX-Chairman, Agricultural Development Bank of China (ADB)</i>
09:20-09:25	⦿ <i>Introduction to the Meeting: Dr Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General of APRACA</i>
09:25-09:30	⦿ <i>Photo Session</i>
09:30-12:00	Agenda Discussion for 79th EXCOM of APRACA
09:30-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Presentation of Agenda items # 1 to 5</i> by APRACA Secretary General and discussion by the EXCOM members
10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Presentation of Agenda items # 6-10</i> by APRACA Secretary General and discussion by the EXCOM members.
12:00-12:15	Closing Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Closing remarks and handover-takeover ceremony</i>1. Mr. QIAN Wenhui APRACA EXCOM Chair and EX-Chairman ADBC2. Mr. Chatchai Sirilai, APRACA President, BAAC & APRACA Chair-Elect
12:15-13:30	Lunch Break



C. 24th General Assembly (GA) of APRACA

Venue: Ballroom C, Centara Grand at Central Ladprao, Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 10 February 2026; **Time:** 14.00 hrs.–17:00 hrs.

13:30-14:00	Opening Session
13:30 – 13:40	● <i>Welcome address: Mr. Chatchai Sirilai, President, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)</i>
13:40 – 13:50	● <i>Inaugural Address: Mr. QIAN Wenhui, Chairman, APRACA Executive Committee and EX-Chairman, Agricultural Development Bank of China (ADB)</i>
13:50 – 13:55	● <i>Introduction to the Meeting: Dr Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General of APRACA</i>
13:55 – 14:00	● <i>Photo Session</i>
14:00 – 16:30	Agenda Discussion for 24th General Assembly (GA)
14:00 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Presentation of Agenda items # 1 to 5</i> by APRACA Secretary General and discussion by the EXCOM members
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Presentation of Agenda items # 6-10</i> by APRACA Secretary General and discussion by the EXCOM members.
16:30 – 16:45	Closing Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Remarks on handing over the Chairmanship to BAAC</i> Mr. QIAN Wenhui APRACA EXCOM Chair and EX-Chairman ADBC● <i>Remarks on acceptance of APRACA Chairmanship</i> Mr. Chatchai Sirilai, President, BAAC and APRACA Chairman-Elect



D. Field Visit Programme (Organized by BAAC and APRACA)

Venue: Nakhon Pathom and Ratchaburi Province, Thailand

(for registered participants only)

Date: 11 February 2026 (08.30 to 22.00 hrs.)

Time	Activities
Morning	<p>⌚ Visit Lemon Me Farm, Nakhon Pathom</p> <p>A sustainable lemon farm producing fresh, premium-quality lemons straight from the orchard. Grown with care, harvested with pride.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<p>⌚ Lunch</p>
Afternoon	<p>⌚ Visit Ong Khao Ong Nam (Pottery Legend), Ratchaburi</p>  <p>Ong Khao Ong Nam represents the connection between rice, water, and the Thai way of life. It serves as a community-based learning space that shares knowledge on self-reliance, sustainable living, and the preservation of local wisdom through practical experiences and cultural activities.</p>
20:00 – 22:00	<p>⌚ Cultural Learning Experience: NaSattah Park, Ratchaburi</p> <p>The Cultural Learning Experience at NaSattah Park provides participants with an opportunity to explore Thai traditions, arts, and community life through hands-on activities and storytelling. Set within a scenic park environment, the experience connects culture, nature, and learning in a meaningful and memorable way.</p>  <p>⌚ Travel back to Bangkok</p>

(Detailed information will be shared closer to the date of the events)