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## INFORMATION NOTE

### International Training Course on “Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Finance: Regional Policy, Innovation and Practice”

**Dates: 28 June-1 July 2026**

**Venue: Grand Palace Hotel Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

#### HOST ORGANIZATION:

The Bangladesh Bank Training Academy (BTA) is hosting the International Training Course in collaboration with APRACA Secretariat.

#### VENUE & ACCOMMODATION:

This International Training programme is fully residential for the foreign participants. All participants will be accommodated at the following hotel (this is also the venue of the training)

<b>Name of Hotel</b>	Grand Palace Hotel Dhaka
<b>Address</b>	22 Kakrail Road, Dhaka • 1000, Bangladesh
<b>Telephone</b>	+880 01713558913
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#### PROGRAMME:

- **Day 0: 27 June 2026.** Arrival of participants and hotel check in
- **Day 1 (9.30 am to 6.00 pm) 28 June 2026:**
  - Session 1: Innovative agricultural credit risk assessment models
  - Session 2: Value chain financing for smallholder farmers
  - Session 3: Blended finance mechanisms for rural development
  - Session 4: Role of central banks in rural financial stability
- **Day 2: (9.30 am to 6.00 pm) 29 June 2026:**
  - Session 5: Digital financial services for rural populations
  - Session 6: SME and women-led enterprise financing
  - Session 7: Sustainable finance policy frameworks and climate smart agriculture financing Part 1
  - Session 7 (Contd.): Sustainable finance policy frameworks and climate smart agriculture financing Part – 2
- **Day 3: (9.30 am to 6.00 pm) 30 June 2026**
  - Session 8: ESG integration in rural credit portfolios
  - Session 9: Disaster-risk financing instruments
  - Session 10: Risk-based supervision in agricultural lending
  - Session 11: Country Presentation
  - Certificate Awarding and Closing Ceremony
- **Day 4: (Full day) 01 July 2026**
  - Exposure Visit, Cultural Programme and Farewell Dinner



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#### AIRPORT RECEPTION AND SEND-OFF:

Bangladesh Bank (BB) will organize the airport reception on **27 June 2026** and send off on **2 July 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 **05 June 2026** for smooth logistical arrangements.

#### MEALS DURING THE MEETING:

During the International Training Course, the following meals will be covered:

- **28 June 2026:** Lunch and coffee/tea break during the training; (*Welcome Dinner to be hosted by Bangladesh Bank*).
- **29 June 2026:** Lunch and coffee/tea break during the training.
- **30 June 2026:** Lunch and coffee/tea break during the training.
- **1<sup>st</sup> July 2026:** Lunch and coffee/tea break during the Training (*Farewell Dinner to be host by Bangladesh Bank*)

#### LANGUAGE:

English language will be the medium of presentation in the forum, which refers to all

#### PARTICIPANTS:

Participation for this training will be on invitation basis. There will be International participants from APRACA member countries and Bangladesh. It is expected that the participants will come from the Central Banks, development financial institutions and commercial banks.

#### VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Bangladesh Bank and BBTA will provide visa facilitation letter (invitation) to the confirmed participants. For visa application please approach the Embassy of Bangladesh in your respective countries. E-Visa application may also be available to some countries which they may please check and apply.

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The delegates are requested to complete the online registration by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/u44dkCgBMzZAeJLS9> **on or before 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Those who are resorting to paper registration (copy of registration form is attached) may please send the same through email **on or before 11 June 2026** for smooth processing of logistical arrangements and **visa facilitation letter from Bangladesh Bank (BB).** OR

**Scan the QR code for Registration**





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## MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE:

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

## WEATHER CLOTHING:

- In June, **Dhaka, Bangladesh** weather is hot, highly humid, and in the monsoon season with frequent rain.
- Daytime temperatures are around 32–34°C; nights about 26–27°C, feeling sticky and uncomfortable.
- Wear light, breathable fabrics such as cotton, linen, or quick-dry materials.
- Choose loose, modest clothing and breathable footwear.
- Carry an umbrella or raincoat, plus a hat and sunglasses daily.

## ELETRICITY

- **Voltage:** 220–240V, **Frequency:** 50 Hz
- **Plug types:** C, D, and G are commonly used
- Power cuts can occur in some areas, especially during heavy rain or peak demand
- Hotels and major venues usually have backup generators
- Bring a **universal adapter** and consider a small power bank for reliability



## PROGRAMMED DETAIL

A detailed programme schedule (draft version) is attached as information.

**Please Submit the Registration forms before 5 June 2026 for smooth Logistics and Visa Facilitation Letter**