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## International Training Course

on

“Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Finance: Regional Policy, Innovation and Practice”

Jointly Organized by **Bangladesh Bank Training Academy (BBTA)** and **APRACA**

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

**Dates: 28 June – 01 July 2026**

## Session Schedule

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Date	Time	Subject	Speaker(s)	
<b>Day 1</b> <b>28 June 2026</b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	09:30–10:00	Registration		
	10:00–11:00	Inaugural Ceremony		
	11:00–11:30	Group Photo Session and Tea Break		
	11:30–13:00	<b>Session 1:</b> Innovative agricultural credit risk assessment models		<b>Representative from Bangladesh Bank</b>
		<i>Coverage:</i> Covers modern techniques for assessing agricultural credit risk using data analytics and alternative data sources. Explores AI-driven scoring models and risk profiling methods tailored for agriculture financing. <i>Takeaways:</i> Participants will gain practical understanding of advanced risk assessment tools used in agricultural lending. They will be able to apply improved credit evaluation methods to reduce default risk and enhance portfolio quality.		
	13:00–14:00	Prayer and Lunch Break		
	14:00–15:15	<b>Session 2:</b> Value chain financing for smallholder farmers		<b>Representative from BAAC</b>
		<i>Coverage:</i> Focuses on financing approaches across the agricultural value chain from input supply to market access. Examines stakeholder roles, risk-sharing mechanisms, and integration of farmers into formal finance systems. <i>Takeaways:</i> Participants will learn how to design inclusive financing models supporting smallholder farmers. They will understand how to structure value chain finance to improve productivity and income stability.		
	15:15–15:45	Tea Break		
15:45–17:15	<b>Session 3 :</b> Blended finance mechanisms for rural development		<b>Representative from BAAC</b>	
	<i>Coverage:</i> Discusses the use of blended finance combining public, private, and donor funds for rural investment. Highlights risk mitigation tools and impact investment structures in rural development projects. <i>Takeaways:</i> Participants will understand how to mobilize diverse funding sources for rural financing initiatives. They will be able to structure blended finance solutions for sustainable development outcomes.			



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<b>Day 1</b> 28 June 2026 (Sunday)	17:30–18:00	<b>Session 4 :</b> Role of central banks in rural financial stability	<b>Representative from Bangladesh Bank</b>
		<b>Coverage:</b> Explores policy frameworks and regulatory tools used by central banks to support rural finance. Analyzes financial inclusion strategies and stability measures in rural financial systems. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will gain insight into central bank interventions in rural financial markets. They will understand how policy decisions influence financial stability and inclusion.	
	19:00–20:00	Welcome Dinner	
<b>Day 2</b> 29 June 2026 (Monday)	10:00–11:15	<b>Session 5 :</b> Digital financial services for rural populations	<b>International Speaker + Representative from Bangladesh Bank</b>
		<b>Coverage:</b> Examines digital banking, mobile financial services, and fintech solutions for rural areas. Discusses barriers to digital adoption and strategies to enhance financial inclusion. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will learn how digital tools can expand access to finance in rural communities. They will be able to identify solutions to overcome digital and infrastructure challenges.	
	11:15–11:45	Tea Break	
	11:45–13:00	<b>Session 6:</b> SME and Household Cashflow-Based Lending to Enhance Women’s Financial Inclusion	<b>Representative from BAAC</b>
		<b>Coverage:</b> Focuses on the complementary use of SME lending and household cashflow-based lending in rural finance. Highlights how different client types require flexible and tailored financing approaches. Emphasizes integrating both models to enhance financial inclusion, especially for women. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will understand how to apply SME and household lending as complementary tools. They will be able to design flexible financial solutions for diverse client needs. Participants will also gain insights into expanding women’s financial inclusion through multiple lending pathways.	
	13:00–14:00	Prayer and Lunch Break	
	14:00–15:15	<b>Session 7:</b> Sustainable finance policy frameworks and climate smart agriculture financing <b>Part 1</b>	<b>International Speaker + Representative from Bangladesh Bank</b>
	<b>Coverage:</b> Covers global and regional sustainable finance policies including ESG and green finance guidelines. Discusses integration of sustainability principles into financial sector regulations.		



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		<b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will gain knowledge on aligning financial systems with sustainability goals. They will understand how to implement policy frameworks supporting green finance	
	15:15–15:45	Tea Break	
<b>Day 2</b> <b>29 June 2026</b> <b>(Monday)</b>	15:45–17:15	<b>Session 7 (Contd.):</b> Sustainable finance policy frameworks and climate smart agriculture financing <b>Part - 2</b>	<b>Representative from BAAC + Representative from Bangladesh Bank</b>
		<b>Coverage:</b> Explores financing models for climate-resilient agricultural practices and technologies. Discusses climate risk assessment and adaptation financing strategies. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will learn how to support climate-smart agriculture through finance. They will be able to design funding mechanisms for climate adaptation in agriculture.	
<b>Day 3</b> <b>30 June 2026</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b>	10:00–11:15	<b>Session 8 :</b> ESG integration in rural credit portfolios	<b>Representative from BAAC</b>
		<b>Coverage:</b> Focuses on integrating environmental, social, and governance factors into credit decisions. Discusses risk assessment tools and ESG compliance in lending portfolios. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will understand ESG principles in rural credit management. They will be able to incorporate ESG criteria into financial decision-making.	
	11:15–11:45	Tea Break	
	11:45–13:00	<b>Session 9:</b> Disaster-risk financing instruments	<b>Representative from Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh</b>
		<b>Coverage:</b> Covers financial tools such as insurance, catastrophe bonds, and risk pooling mechanisms. Explores strategies for mitigating financial impact of natural disasters in rural areas. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will gain knowledge of disaster-risk financing options. They will be able to design financial safeguards against climate and disaster risks.	
	13:00–14:00	Prayer and Lunch Break	
	14:00–15:15	<b>Session 10:</b> Risk-based supervision in agricultural lending	<b>Representative from Bangladesh Bank</b>
<b>Coverage:</b> Examines supervisory frameworks focusing on risk-based monitoring of agricultural loans. Discusses compliance tools and regulatory approaches for financial institutions. <b>Takeaways:</b> Participants will understand effective supervision techniques for agricultural lending. They will be able to apply risk-based approaches in regulatory practices.			
	15:15–15:30	Tea Break	



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<b>Day 3</b> <b>30 June 2026</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b>	15:30–17:00	<b>Session 11: Country Presentation</b> <i>Coverage:</i> Provides a platform for participants to present country-specific experiences and best practices. Encourages knowledge sharing on rural finance policies and implementation challenges. <i>Takeaways:</i> Participants will benefit from cross-country learning and comparative insights. They will gain practical ideas for improving policies in their own countries.	<b>International Speaker</b>
	17:00-17:30	Certificate Awarding and Closing Ceremony	
<b>Day 4</b> <b>1 July 2026</b> <b>(Wednesday)</b>	10:00 – 15:00	Exposure Visit	
	15:00 –18:00	Cultural Programme	
	19:00 – 20:30	Farewell Dinner	