

FARM THE TRANSITION

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Bangkok,
Thailand



*The first FARM Forum: where finance, policy
and practice meet to pave the way for
sustainable agriculture*

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Introduction

Over four days, the inaugural GEF FARM Forum will bring together governments, financial institutions, agrifood companies, investors, researchers and implementation partners to turn global commitments into action across value chains and reduce agrifood systems' reliance on harmful pesticides and agricultural plastics.

The event is co-hosted by the FARM and FARM+ programmes, in partnership with Thailand's Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and the ASEAN Bioinnovation and IPM Action Plan.



Why we meet

The Forum convenes those leading the transition to low-pollution agriculture from around the world to:

- **Catalyse multi-stakeholder dialogue and action:** Convene regional and international stakeholders to accelerate coordinated responses to the urgent need to reduce harmful chemical and plastic use in agriculture.
- **Drive knowledge exchange and implementation:** Facilitate peer learning among leading practitioners, policymakers, investors, and FARM partner countries and organisations, with a focus on scalable solutions, lessons learned, and implementation pathways.
- **Unlock sustainable finance and value chain transformation:** Identify and advance governance models, investment mechanisms, and market-based solutions that enable the transition to low-risk pesticide and plastic use and resilient agrifood systems.



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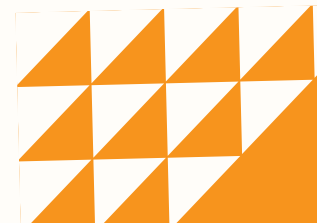
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Who is in the room

The 2026 Forum will bring together more than 100 delegates from over 20 countries, including representatives from 15 FARM and FARM+ countries, spanning governments, UN and development agencies, international and regional institutions, finance, agrifood industry, academia and civil society.



What to expect

By the close of the Forum, participants will:

- Identify practical pathways to reduce highly hazardous pesticides and agricultural plastics at scale
- Strengthen alignment of policy, finance and value-chain actors around shared goals
- Advance bankable investment opportunities for pollution reduction and circularity
- Improve regional and cross-regional collaborations
- Launch new and advance existing initiatives, tools and partnerships

Programme at a glance

13 October

FARM Programme Country Teams Workshop & ASEAN IPM Action Plan Workshop

Internal

14 October

Field Visit for FARM Programme Country Teams & ASEAN IPM Action Plan Workshop

Internal

Main programme

15 October

- Enabling Ground-Level Transformation in Agrochemicals and Agricultural Plastics
- Building Value Chain Resilience in Agrifood Systems
- Unwrapping Agricultural Plastics: Report Launch
- Financiers' Roundtable. From Impact to Risk
- Finance track: Managing Transition Risk through Insurance

Public

16 October

- Biocontrol, Pathway to Market: From Development to the Marketplace - What's Stopping Progress?
- From Innovation to Adoption: Why Alternatives to HHPs Don't Scale in Your Country
- Leaving No One Behind: Public-Private Finance for Alternative Solutions for Women and Minority Groups
- Finance track: Leverage practical tools & technology for financial institutions
- Regional Collaboration: Tackling Transboundary Pests and IPM Across Asia
- What Went Wrong? Failure Case Clinics
- The role of retailers and value chain actors in reducing the impact of harmful agrochemicals and plastics
- The Agrifood Future We Want: Cutting Pollution, Boosting Health, Restoring Biodiversity

Public



How to join

Apply [here](http://www.geffarm.org/event/farm-transition) (www.geffarm.org/event/farm-transition) for in-person registration, or follow the plenary sessions via livestream. Livestream details will be published on this page closer to the date.

Please note that due to the limited number of seats available, in-person registrations are subject to approval.



For media

The FARM Forum offers a first-hand look at how finance, policy and industry are coordinating to move agrifood systems beyond harmful pesticides and plastics. The FARM Programme will provide media materials and facilitate interviews with Forum participants.

For more information, contact Elena Chernysheva at elena.chernysheva@un.org. A press kit will be available on the FARM website ahead of the Forum.



For partners and participants

For questions about contributions to the sessions, partnership opportunities, or anything else about your participation, contact Alison Watson at alison.watson@un.org.

For registration and logistics, contact Elena Chernysheva at elena.chernysheva@un.org.

Practical information, including the venue, travel, accommodation and full agenda, will be published on the FARM website and shared with registered participants.

About FARM:

Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management (FARM) is a five-year, \$379 million multi-country programme, with over \$37 million funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and over \$341 million in co-financing. The programme is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and implemented by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). FARM aims to reduce the use of harmful pesticides and agricultural plastics in agrifood value chains. FARM is implemented through national projects in seven countries – Ecuador, India, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, Uruguay and Viet Nam – and is supported by a global coordination team hosted by the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP).

About FARM+

Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management – Second Phase (“FARM+”) is a five-year, \$623 million multi-country programme, with over \$66 million funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and over \$557 million in co-financing. The second phase is led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented by the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Food and Agriculture Organization and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). FARM+ aims to unlock finance and build capacity to support governments and agricultural stakeholders in transitioning from unsustainable agricultural practices to sustainable and climate resilient agricultural practices. FARM+ is implemented through national projects in eight countries – Benin, Costa Rica, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Mexico, Nepal and Nigeria – and is supported by a global coordination team hosted by UNDP.

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