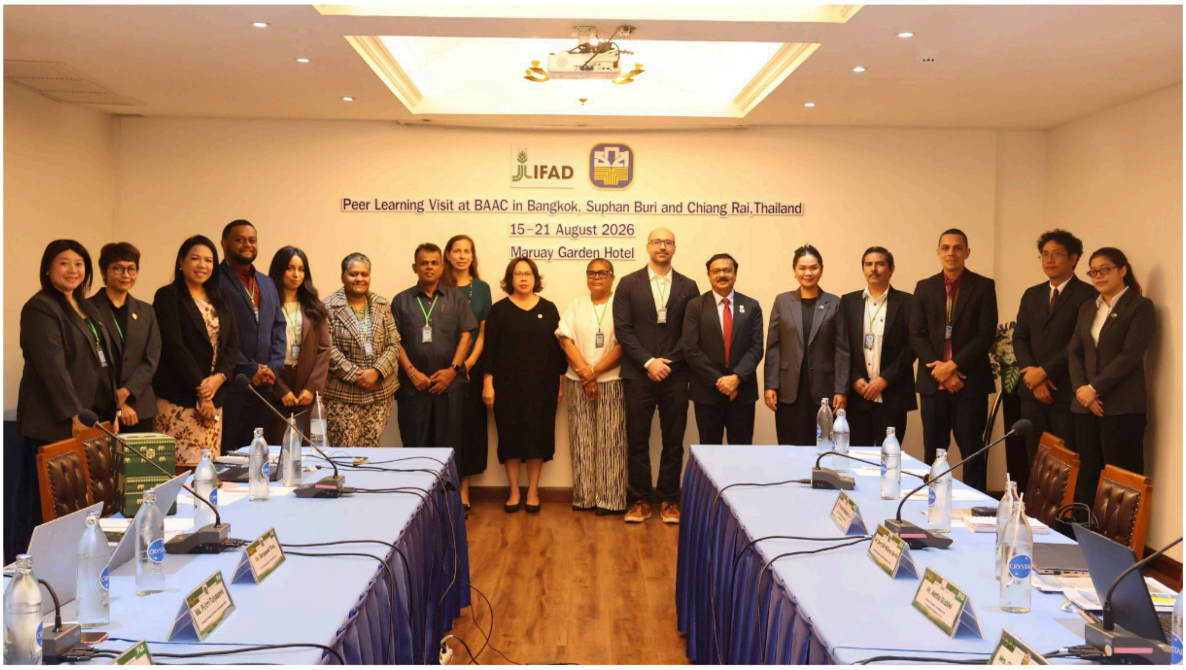
Monthly Newsletter | August 2026

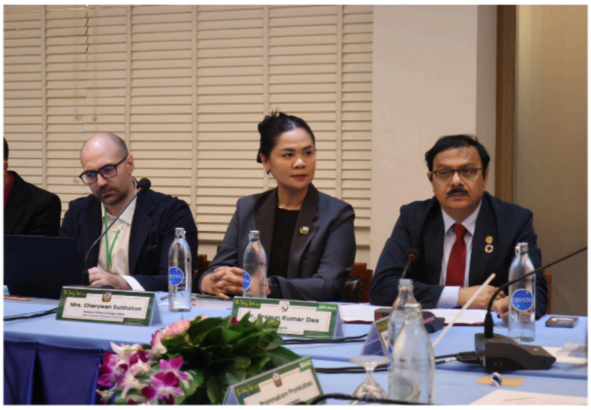
Peer-to-Peer exchange between the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) and the Fiji Development Bank (FDB)

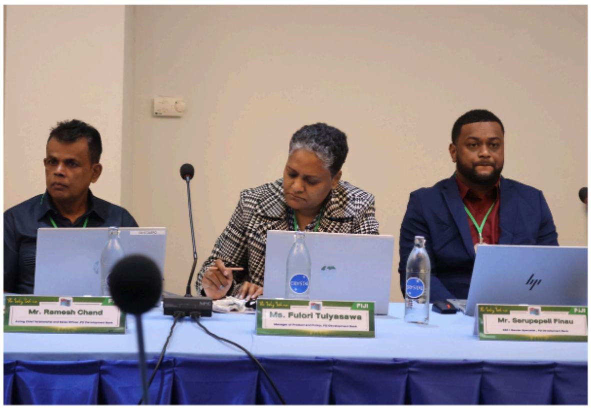
17-21 August | *Bangkok, Thailand*

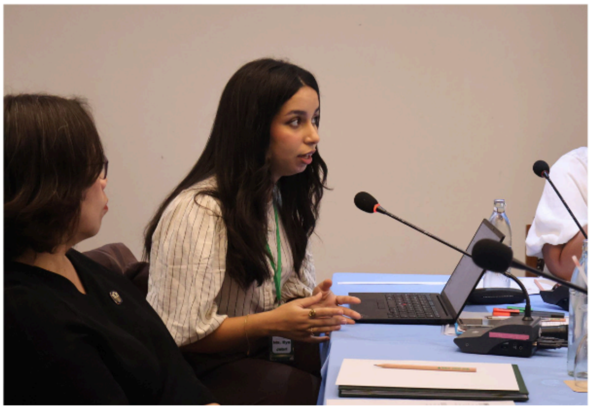
From 17 to 21 June, the **Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)** welcomed the **Fiji Development Bank (FDB)** in Bangkok, Thailand, for a peer-to-peer learning exchange facilitated by the Agri-PDB Platform, supported through the **EU**-funded Investing in Livelihood Resilience and Soil Health (ILSA) Programme, and in partnership with **APRACA Secretariat**.

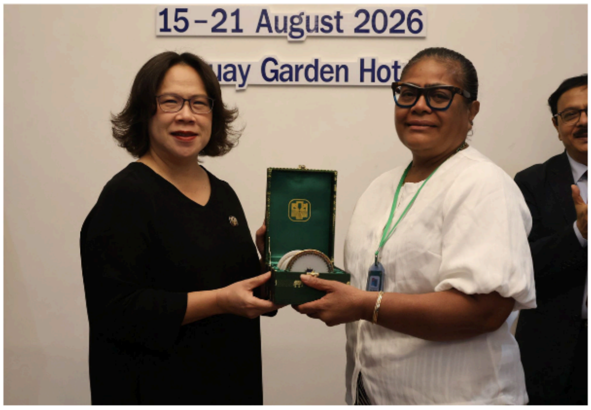
The first day of exchanges focused on BAAC's extensive experience in financing sustainable agricultural transformation. Discussions explored practical approaches to green finance, climate-smart agriculture, carbon credit mechanisms, and Monitoring, Reporting and Verification systems, alongside the financial instruments needed to support farmers in adopting more sustainable and resilient practices. An interactive discussion enabled FDB to share its perspectives and experiences contributing with valuable insights that enriched collective thinking on how Public Development Banks can better support agricultural transformation in diverse contexts.



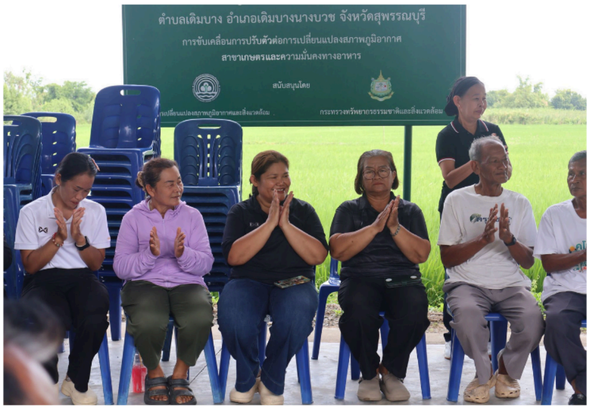


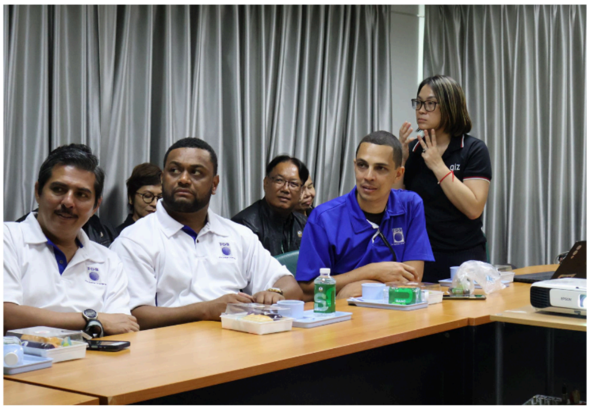


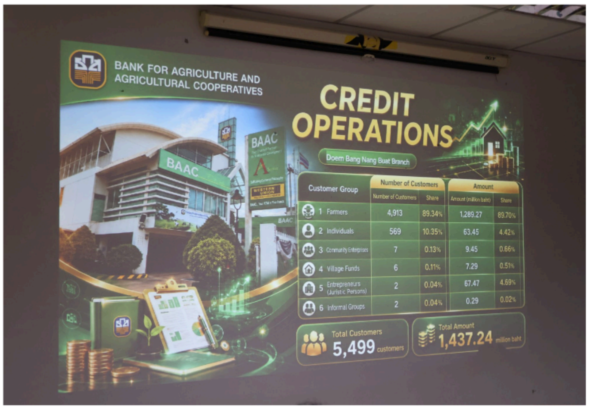




The second day brought participants closer to the realities of climate-smart agriculture. At Doem Bang Mega-Farm Community Enterprise, they explored the Thai Rice GCF Project, supported by GIZ Thailand, and engaged with farmers, BAAC field teams and technical experts to learn how climate-smart practices, carbon reduction and tailored finance can support more resilient farming systems. In the afternoon, the visit continued in two BAAC branches in Suphan Buri to see how these approaches translate into practice: how financial products are designed, how branches engage with farmers and customers, and how solutions are adapted to their needs.







Across the last two days of the peer-to-peer, participants discovered Namwa Community Enterprise, working on banana production and value addition, followed by Kasalong, highlighting the importance of connecting finance with knowledge, technology, markets and partnerships, and Kurk Rice Mill, a family-owned small-medium enterprises with an integrated model linking farmers to markets, while creating value from rice and its by-products, including rice-bran oil and upcycled products.

From this week of exchange one message stood out: resilient and sustainable agricultural value chains are built through collaboration, connecting farmers, financial institutions, businesses, markets, technical partners and other stakeholders around shared solutions.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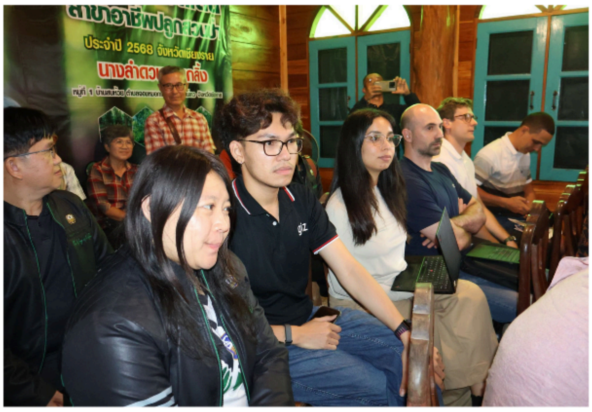
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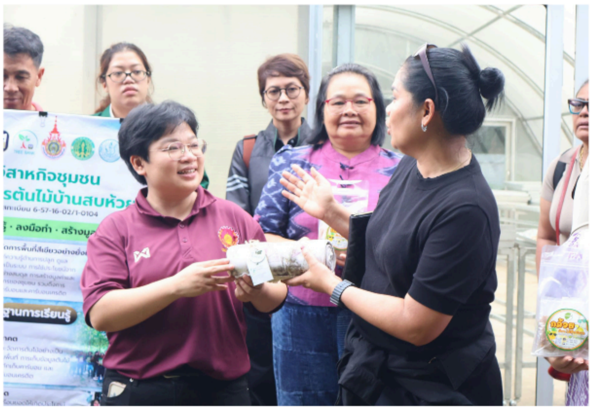

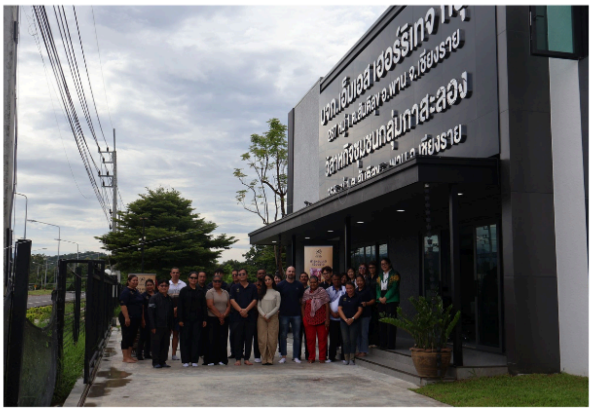
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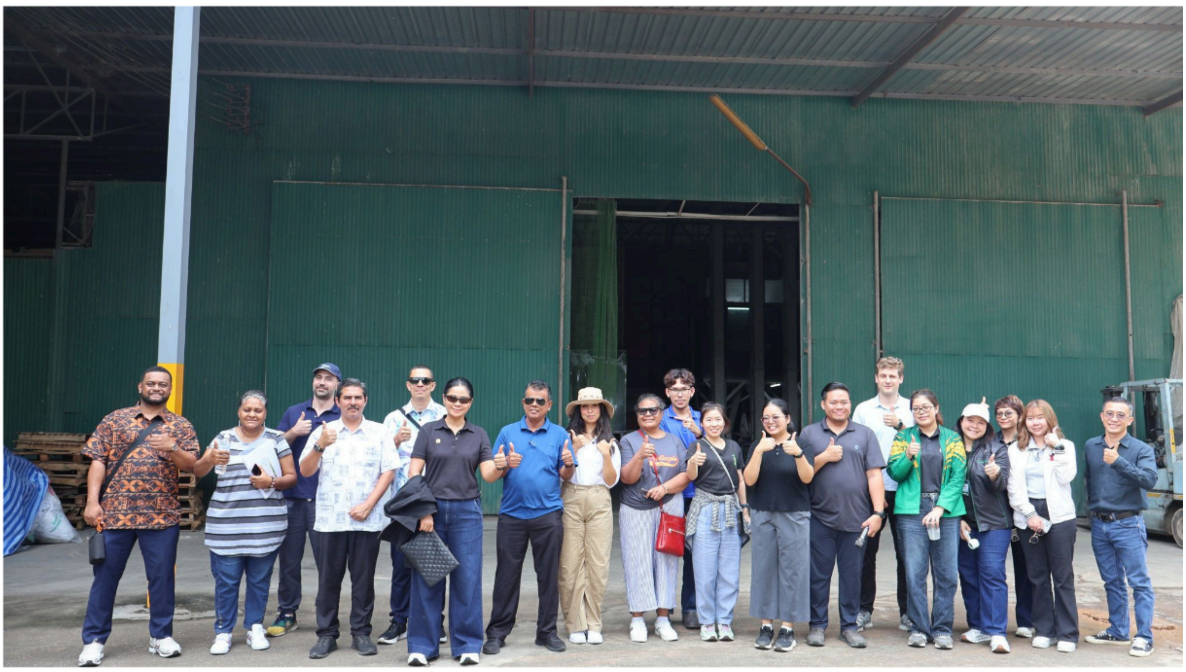

Agri-PDB Platform at COP17: The Role of National Public Development Banks in Land Restoration and Irrigation

17-28 August | *Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*

As the 197 Parties to the Convention, governments representatives, international organizations, scientists, and civil society, the Platform was present at the COP17 in August and used its voice to advance the positioning of national Public Development Banks (PDBs) as key implementors of National Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the land restoration and climate finance agenda. Overall engagement and outreach activities offered a great opportunity for the Platform to present its milestones and discuss potential collaboration initiatives with regional and international partners including **IUCN**, **AFRACA**, **UNCCD**, **the OPEC Fund**, **La Banque Agricole Senegal (LBA)**, **Brazilian National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES)**, **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation**, **BIOSPHERES GROUP**, and **Ipar Think Tank**.

A key highlight was our side event, "Restoring Agricultural Lands and Preventing Degradation: Financing Solutions through PDBs". Bringing together representatives from BNDES, the **Development Bank of Mongolia (DBM)**, the **APRACA** and AFRACA regional networks, LBA Senegal, the **French Development Agency (AFD)**, and the Platform.

The discussion brought valuable perspectives from across regions and made one thing clear: restoration is not only an environmental challenge — it is a financing and investment challenge. Farmer organizations highlighted the barriers created by insecure land tenure, limited technical capacity and collateral-based lending. PDBs shared concrete examples of blended finance, guarantees, concessional funding and innovative approaches reaching family farmers, herders and rural SMEs. The role of PDBs is particularly important because they can connect public policy, long-term finance and local implementation, helping to de-risk investment and mobilize additional capital where commercial finance alone may not reach.

The objective now for the Platform is to push forward its role of complementary vehicles for moving from ambition to implementation.

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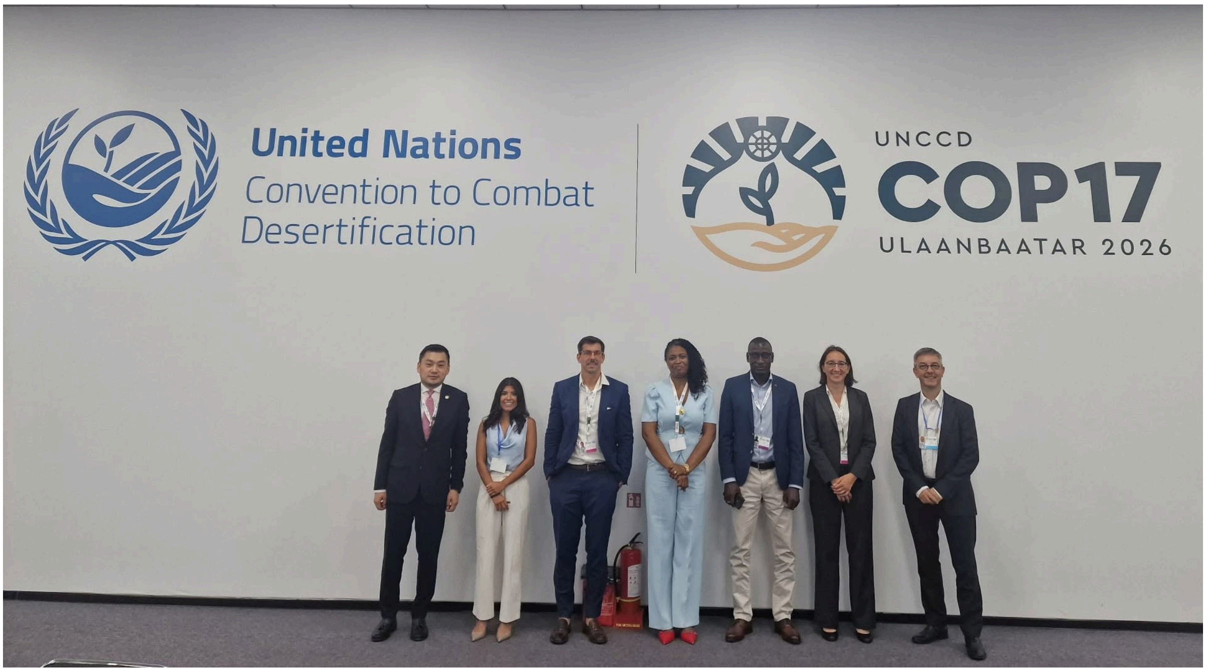
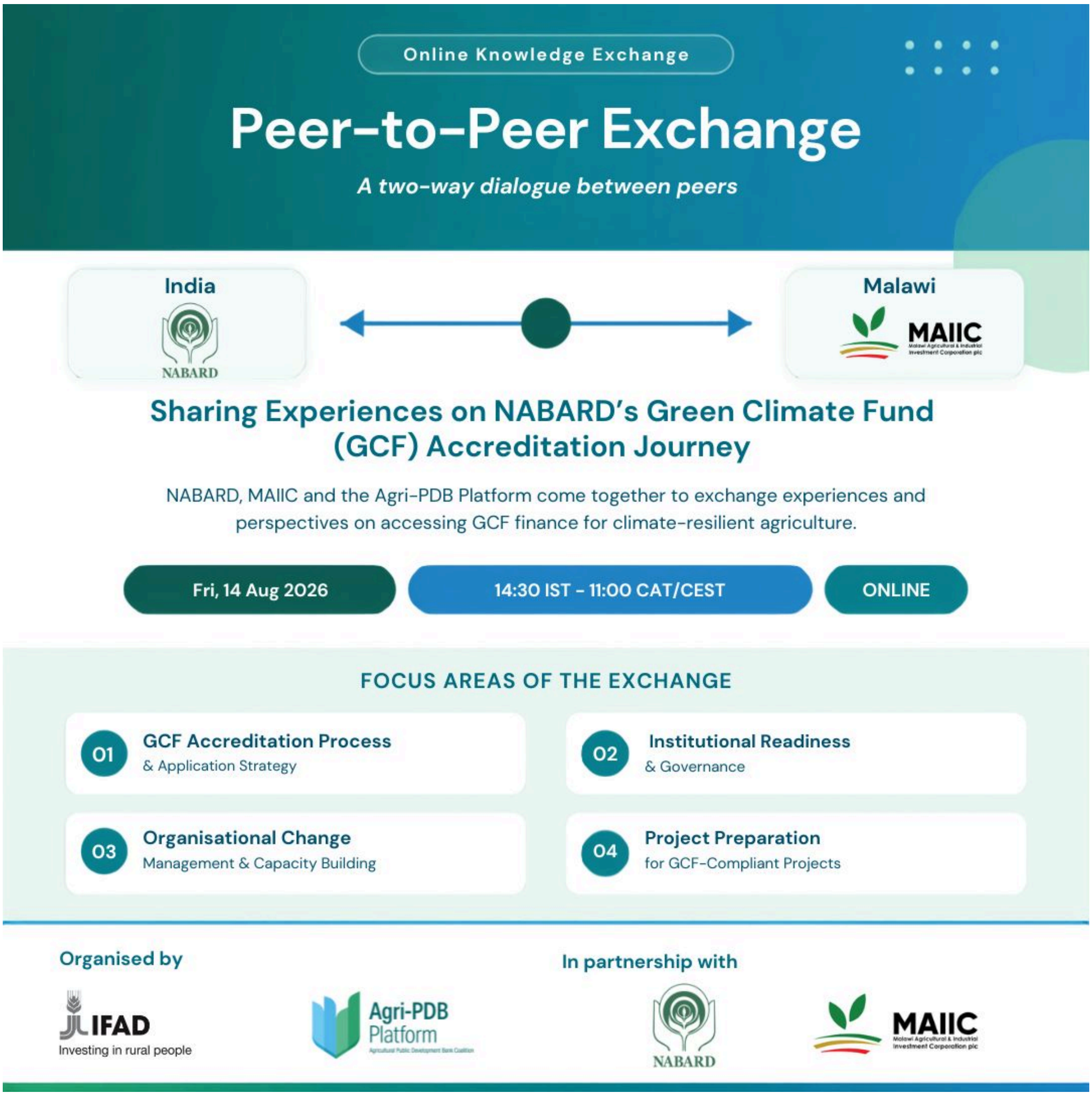


Peer-to-Peer Exchange between the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development India (NABARD) and Malawi Agricultural and Industrial Investment Corporation (MAIIC)

14 August | Online

The collaboration between **NABARD** and **MAIIC** began in 2025 following an in-person meeting in India and continued in August 2026 through an online knowledge exchange on **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** accreditation. Drawing on NABARD's experience, the session explored the accreditation journey, institutional readiness and governance, organisational capacity building, and the preparation of Green Climate Fund-compliant projects. Facilitated by the Agri-PDB Platform and hosted by the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**, this peer-to-peer exchange helped disseminate practical knowledge and lessons learned on GCF accreditation, enabling Public Development Banks across the region to strengthen their capacity to mobilise climate finance for sustainable agriculture and resilient rural development. The collaboration will continue next month with an in-person exchange in Lilongwe, Malawi, focusing on agroecology and the role of Public Development Banks in supporting sustainable and resilient food systems.



Webinar on Advancing Quality Jobs Through Agricultural Public Development Finance

18 August | Online

How can agricultural public development banks create more employment while making sure that work is safe, stable and fairly rewarded? This question framed a learning event organised by the Agri-PDB Platform and the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, with contributions from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)**. The speakers examined how public development banks (PDBs) can make job quality part of their strategies and operations outlining five practical steps: (i) Assess who benefits. Look at who gains access to employment as well as how many jobs are supported; (ii) Set focused objectives. Select a manageable set of job quality goals that fits the bank's mandate and portfolio; (iii) Connect objectives to operations. Include them in appraisal, due diligence, financing agreements and monitoring; (iv) Start with existing systems. Use environmental and social processes as an entry point for workforce data and action plans; and (v) Support clients and partners. Combine finance with policy engagement, technical assistance and partnerships with local financial institutions. The discussion also covered public policy, sovereign operations, private investment, technical assistance and impact measurement, with examples drawn from agricultural finance in Africa and Asia.

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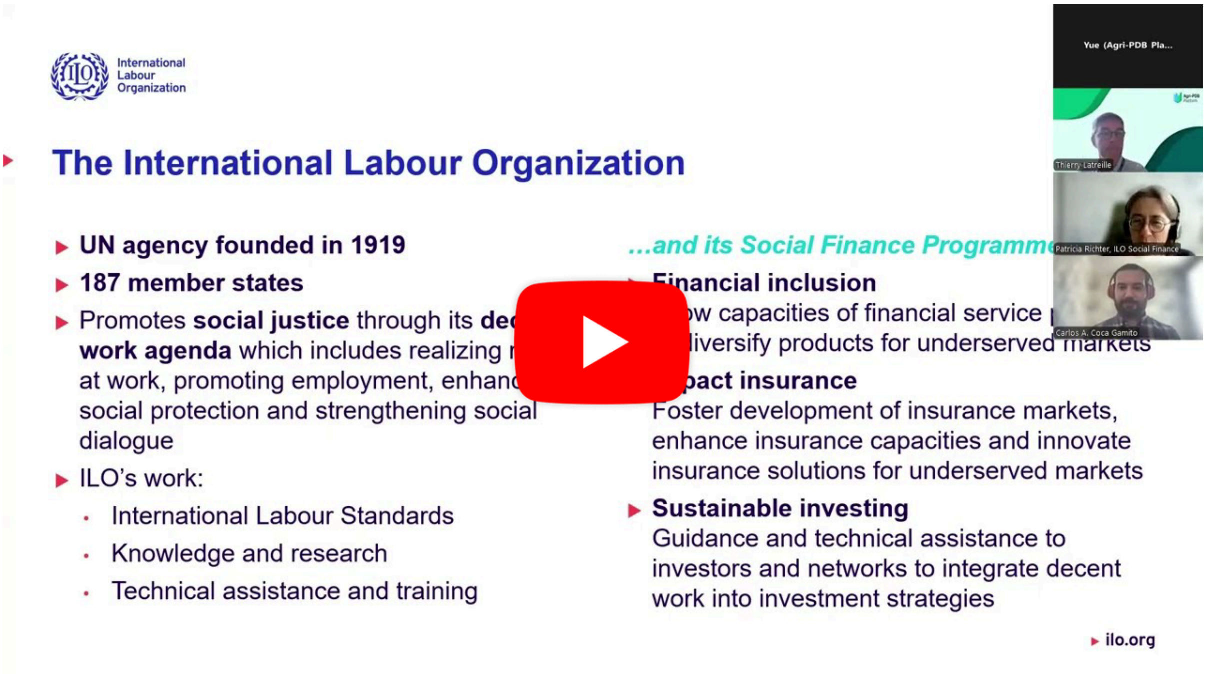

Agroecology Training Highlights Report: Morocco 2026

The Platform is pleased to share the Highlights Report of the Agroecology Training held in April 2026 in Morocco. Co-organized by the Platform, IFAD, the French Development Agency, **Biovision Foundation**, and **RIAM Maroc**, and implemented under the Investing in Livelihood Resilience and Soil Health (ILSA) Programme financed by the **European Commission**, the initiative brought together representatives from the **National Agricultural Development Bank of Mali (BNDA)**, the **National Bank for Economic Development of Burundi (BNDE)**, **Crédit Agricole du Maroc (CAM)**, the **Deposits and Consignments Fund of Benin (CDCB)**, the **Banque Agricole du Senegal (LBA)**, and the **Agricultural Financing Incentive Mechanism of Togo (MIFA-SA)**.

Over four days of technical sessions, peer-to-peer exchanges, and field visits, participants explored how agroecology can be embedded into financing strategies and tested practical tools to support the transition towards more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive food systems. Key outcomes included the field testing of the Business Agroecology Criteria tool (B-ACT), strengthened peer collaboration, and the signing of a Letter of Intent between IFAD and CAM Morocco to deepen cooperation on sustainable agricultural finance.

Beyond the training itself, the experience helped build a community of practitioners committed to supporting smallholder farmers, promoting sustainable agriculture, and scaling innovative financing solutions across Africa.

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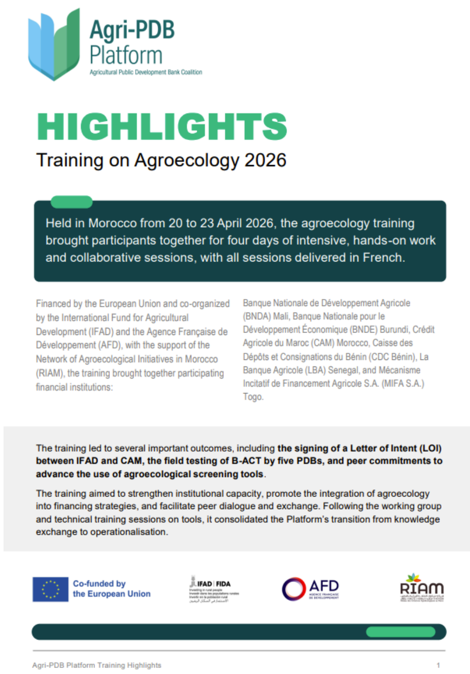

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HIGHLIGHTS

Training on Agroecology 2026

Held in Morocco from 20 to 23 April 2026, the agroecology training brought participants together for four days of intensive, hands-on work and collaborative sessions, with all sessions delivered in French.

Financed by the European Union and co-organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), with the support of the Network of Agroecological Initiatives in Morocco (RIAM), the training brought together participating financial institutions: Banque Nationale de Développement Agricole (BNDA) Mali, Banque Nationale pour le Développement Économique (BNDE) Burundi, Crédit Agricole du Maroc (CAM) Morocco, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations du Bénin (CDC Bénin), La Banque Agricole (LBA) Senegal, and Mécanisme Incitatif de Financement Agricole S.A. (MIFA S.A.) Togo.

The training led to several important outcomes, including **the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) between IFAD and CAM, the field testing of B-ACT by five PDBs, and peer commitments to advance the use of agroecological screening tools**.

The training aimed to strengthen institutional capacity, promote the integration of agroecology into financing strategies, and facilitate peer dialogue and exchange. Following the working group and technical training sessions on tools, it consolidated the Platform's transition from knowledge exchange to operationalisation.

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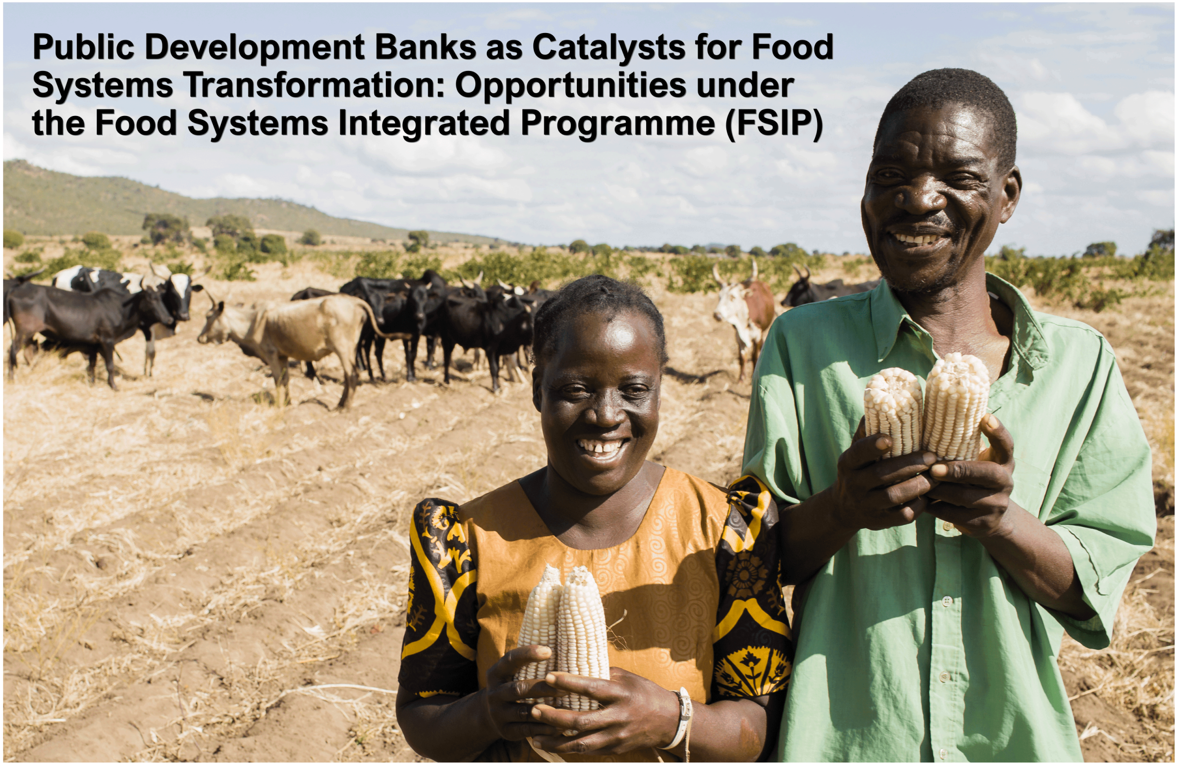
What's Next

In September the Platform will engage in multiple events. Starting on 16 September, and as part of the [United Nations Food Systems (UNFS) Coordination Hub](), the Platform will moderate two sessions at the Food Systems Solutions Dialogues 2026. The same week the Platform Secretariat will be present at the [FAST Partnership]() All Members Meeting, held in FAO Headquarters in Rome. On 23 September, Thierry Latreille, Coordinator of the Platform will also have a speaking role during the FAO Global Conference for Actions on One Health and Agrifood Systems. In parallel, the Platform will conclude its working groups on the **fundamentals of corporate governance**, organise an online presentation of the **Food Systems Integrated Programme**, and propose a webinar on **nutrition**.

View upcoming events



Thursday, 10 September | Morning session: 10:00-11:00 CEST (UTC + 2) | Afternoon session: 16:00-17:00 CEST (UTC + 2)

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