Research Project

Trade and Investment Policies on Mechanisation of Agriculture: Case Studies of Selected Member Countries of the Regional Council for Agricultural Machinery Associations (ReCAMA)
Brief

✖ To study the trade and investment policies of agricultural machinery in selected member countries (per ReCAMA work plan 2015-16)

✖ Countries pre-selected:
  ✖ China
  ✖ India
  ✖ Sri Lanka
  ✖ + 3 to 4 more countries to be selected
Mission:

Promote sustainable agricultural mechanization in Asia and the Pacific through **strengthening the capacity** of national agricultural machinery associations, facilitating the **exchange of knowledge and information**, and **enhancing collaboration** and closer business connection among national associations and their members.

Objectives:

Quote

“**To facilitate regional collaboration** and **intra-regional trade and investment** in the region.”
Chapter 1 - Introduction
Chapter 2 - Role of Mechanization in Agriculture
Chapter 3 - Role of The Government and Private Sector
Chapter 4 - Country Studies
Chapter 5 - Findings
Chapter 6 - Conclusions and Recommendations
Country Report - Compilation

- Overview of the country’s agriculture profile (Crops grown, extents cultivated etc)
- National Agriculture policy- Present and future directions
- Mechanisation
  - Statistics (Imports/Exports/Domestic consumption) for the last 5 years
  - In countries where machineries are produced, production statistics too can be included
- Trade policies: (to include) duty and fiscal levies introduced at the point of entry (tariff and non-tariff barriers), taxation ( direct & indirect), incentives offered to encourage mechanization, export subsidies; protective legislation;
- Investment Policies: (to include) Taxation benefits for producers, R & D, Technology transfer facilitation; Investment policies and incentives offered;
Countries to be Selected

- Additional four countries to be selected from:
  - Bangladesh
  - Mongolia
  - Malaysia
  - Nepal
  - Pakistan
  - Philippines
  - Russian Federation
  - Thailand
  - Turkey
  - Vietnam
Research Methodology

- Information search via:
  - Desk Research -
    - with the assistance of the Agriculture Machinery Associations in the respective countries selected for the purpose of this research
    - With the assistance of the public sector associates, currently working with CSAM, in the respective countries selected for the purpose of this research
  - Field Research
    - Visits to the selected countries and carrying out interviews with key stakeholders (to be determined)
## Time Plan

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Discussion Time

Suggestions from Membership