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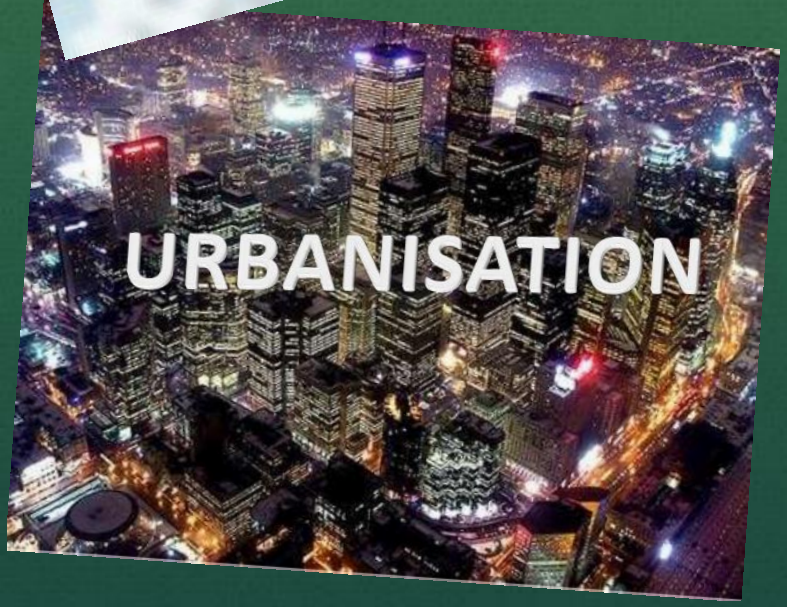

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Research Project

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

ReCAMA

- 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"*

Research Report Structure

- 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

Activity	Timing – completion by:
Submission of annotated outline	10th July 2016 Done
Agreement on final content of proposed research project & country selection	18th July 2016
Completion of Questionnaire, type of information and sources	29th July 2016
Information gathering on selected countries	22nd August 2016
Country visits, other than China, India, and Sri Lanka	5th September 2016
1st draft of the paper	30th September 2016
Final Version of the paper	31st October 2016
Presenting the outcomes of the Research Paper	To be announced by CSAM

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Discussion Time

Suggestions from Membership