

AFACI

Asian Food & Agriculture Cooperation Initiative

The AFACI is an inter-governmental and multi-lateral cooperation body aiming to improve food production, realize sustainable agriculture and enhance extension service of Asian countries by sharing knowledge and information on agricultural technology.

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Mission of AFACI

- 1. Promote the sustainable agricultural growth in the Asian region.**
- 2. Contribute to consistent economic development of member countries through the technological cooperation in agricultural and food sectors.**

Vision

- 1. Established network among Asian countries to jointly address the issues in food production sustainable agriculture and industrialization of food and agricultural sectors of the Asian region.**
- 2. Enhanced partnership and leadership of member countries in the international community.**

Objectives of AFACI

- 1. Efficient sharing of agricultural knowledge and experience among member countries.**
- 2. Facilitating cooperation among member countries for agricultural technology innovation.**
- 3. Human resource network building through AFACI website.**
- 4. Appropriate strategy and direction setting for developing sustainable agriculture in the Asian region.**
- 5. Active participation in the international society's efforts to promote agricultural development in the Asian region.**

History of AFACI

- ❖ In November 2009, the AFACI was officially inaugurated in Seoul, Korea, with the participation of governmental representatives from 14 member countries:

1. Bangladesh
2. Bhutan
3. Cambodia
4. Indonesia
5. Korea
6. Kyrgyzstan
7. Lao PDR
8. Mongolia
9. Myanmar
10. Nepal
11. Philippines
12. Sri Lanka
13. Thailand
14. Vietnam

- ❖ The AFACI held its first General Assembly Meeting in the Philippines on April 20-24, 2010.

AFACI Project Activities

Mainly three types of projects are implementing by AFACI

- 1. Country Project** – Individual project based on the interest of the Country- Initially 10 Projects were started on 2010.
- 2. Regional Project** – It is the project that are implementing some of the member countries.
- 3. Pan-Asian Project** – Projects that are implementing in all member countries.

AFACI Projects completed since 2011-2016

SN	Project Name	Impl. Org
1.	Development of variety, cropping system research & technology transfer of major cereals for sustainable food security (2013)	BARC, BARI, BRRI, DAE, BADC
2.	Agricultural Land Management for Improving Soil Fertility and Irrigation Efficiency (2015)	BARC, BINA
3.	Production and service of agro-meteorological information for the adaptation to climate change (2015)	BARC, BUET
4.	Development of rice Production techniques for increase of self- sufficiency of staple food in Bangladesh (2016)	BRRI

AFACI Projects completed since 2016 to June 2019

SN	Code	Project Name	Imp. Org
1.	IPGR	Collection, characterization and utilization of rice, minor cereals and chili in Bangladesh	BARC, BARI, BIRRI
2.	GAP	Development of GAP Programs and Produce Safety Information System of selected crops in Bangladesh	BARC, BARI,
3.	Post Harvest	Establishment of network and model manual on postharvest technology of horticultural crops in Bangladesh	BARC, BARI
4.	ATIN	Establishment of Agricultural Technology Information Network in Asia (ATIN)	BARC
5.	AN SOFT	Constriction of the Asian Network for Sustainable Organic Farming Technology	BARI
6.	IPM	Construction of Epidemiology Information Interchange System for Migratory Disease and Insect Pests in Asia Region	BIRRI
7.	AnGR	Improving Animal Genetic Resources Values and Productive Performance in	BLRI
8.	Seed potato	Technology dissemination of virus-free seed potato production using hydroponic system in the container	BARI
9.	Seed-Extension	Demonstration Project to Distribute National Superior Seeds of Food Crops and Transfer Agricultural Technology	BARC, BARI