Towards a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable Asia and the Pacific

The Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), is a regional institution of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

CSAM started operations in Beijing, China in 2004, and is the only institution of the United Nations Secretariat hosted in China, built on the achievements of the Regional Network for Agricultural Machinery (RNAM) established in 1977 in the Philippines.

In pursuit of its mandate, CSAM is guided by the internationally agreed development goals including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). CSAM serves the 62 members and associate members of ESCAP.
VISION

The vision of CSAM is to achieve production gains, improved rural livelihood and poverty alleviation through sustainable agricultural mechanization for a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

OBJECTIVES

CSAM’s objectives are to enhance technical cooperation among the members and associate members of ESCAP as well as other interested member States of the United Nations, through extensive exchange of information and sharing of knowledge, promotion of research and development, technology transfer and agro-business development in the area of sustainable agricultural mechanization for the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals in the Asia-Pacific region.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

CSAM has a Governing Council consisting of nine representatives from members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission every three years, which reviews the administration and financial status of the Centre and the implementation of its programme of work. The Council meets once annually.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Assist member States for sustainable agricultural mechanization contributing to the achievement of SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) as well as other relevant SDGs
- Promote regional cooperation across the full domain of sustainable agricultural mechanization
- Promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation with all interested member States and partners
- Address the needs of smallholder farmers, particularly those in Least Developed Countries, Land-locked Developing Countries and other Countries with Special Needs
- Facilitate sound regional trade and investment in relation to agricultural machinery.

KEY INITIATIVES

- High-level policy dialogue for topics with shared interests and emerging issues through forums, workshops and other platforms
- Regional cooperation mechanism and networking for government agencies, testing stations, research and academic institutions, associations and private sector, and other key stakeholders
- Research, analysis and policy advisory services related to data, sustainable strategies and policies and integrated solutions
- Training, pilot projects, and technical assistance for innovative and sustainable practices and technologies