

12th Annual Meeting of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery (ANTAM)

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Work Plan 2026



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Areas of Work

Network of TS

- Accreditation and fees system
- Outreach to Standards Authorities

Codes update

- Consultation of TWGs on matters raised by some members
- New TWG establishment
- Consultation with manufacturers and associations

Capacity Building

- 8th Regional Training of Trainers
- Resource mobilization for e-learning and tutorial videos

Partnership Development

- FAO Asia Conference
- OECD engineers conference / new technologies
- Continued collaboration with ADB / food systems transformation forum

Testing Stations accreditation and fees

- Support members to finalize applications and award technical accreditation
- Call for NDA appointments involving Seats of Government for full accreditation
- Circulate NDA roles and responsibilities and liaise with NFPs to support the nominations
- Prepare rationale for testing fees in the network
- Yanmar and Kubota transplanters could be tested in the some countries and asked to also test with ANTAM [PH]

Outreach to Standards Authorities

Third Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation through International Standards and Mutual Recognition of Agricultural Machinery Testing OR Dedicated Task Force meeting with interested countries

- Tentatively during Agritechnica Asia, March 2026
- Targeting Thailand's and other standards authorities, together with manufacturers and distributors
- Discuss national adoption and mutual recognition system
- Outreach SAARC network of standards SAMSO (SAARC development fund) [NP]



Codes and TWGs

- Convene online consultations to address comments on combine harvesters, and others if received by end of year
- Convene new TWG on rice mills and threshers if sufficient number of members will join
- Finalize e-sheets for test reporting
- Consultation with manufacturers and associations at CIAME Viet Nam TBD, Ho Chi Minh City
- Round robin on paddy transplanters, if machinery is sponsored





Capacity Building

- 8th Training of Trainers (India and other candidate countries to discuss with secretariat)
- Possibility of national trainings support (provision of trainers and equipment TBC) and other assistance for members developing/upgrading testing facilities
- Development of videos for promotion and tutorials for the codes (footage from Training of Trainers and other testing activity in the network)

Partnership development

- Continued collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), possibly with activities alongside the Forum on Food Systems Transformation
- Explore MOA feasibility with other countries for adoption of the Codes
- Explore collaboration with OECD alongside Engineers Conference, dedicated events on new technologies – also through virtual meetings

Thank you!

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