



Training-Workshop on Transformational Agricultural Innovation Systems (TrAInS) for the New Future

April 2026 | Hybrid

The Training-Workshop on Transformational Agricultural Innovation Systems (TrAInS) for the New Future aims to engage the participants in analyzing the challenges facing agriculture and in developing collaborative and transformative programs for agricultural development. In doing so, participants could propose innovative programs that may positively impact their agricultural innovation systems (AIS).



Objectives of the Training-Workshop

This training-workshop is designed to:

1. Enhance participants' understanding of AIS concepts and their application in addressing contemporary agricultural challenges;
2. Equip stakeholders with tools for designing transformative AIS at national or organizational levels;
3. Foster skills in designing capacity development interventions tailored to specific needs within AIS; and
4. Promote strategies for leveraging emerging technologies while ensuring sustainability.

Intended Participants

Southeast Asian professionals who are active in research and extension representing any of the following groups:

- Higher education institutions (HEIs) involved in teaching agricultural research and extension;
- Government agencies/ministries;
- Local government units (LGUs), nongovernment organizations (NGOs), farmers' organizations/cooperatives; and
- Private sectors engaged in agricultural R&D and relevant civil society organizations (CSOs).

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Expected Outputs

The following are some of the expected outputs from the program:

- An analysis of national AIS frameworks and the current challenges to achieving transformational AIS
- A future-ready transformational AIS action plan

Program Modules

Module 1. The Agricultural Innovation System: Emerging Concepts, Frameworks, Governance, and Policy Regulatory Framework

Module 2. Participatory Technology Generation and Packaging Innovation for Sustainability

Module 3. Communicating Technological Innovations and Translating into Policy

Module 4. Preparing the Young Agricultural Leaders in Managing the Future through Futures Thinking

Module 5. Crafting the Action Plan Towards a Mission-Oriented Transformational Agricultural Innovation System for the Future

Program Format and Duration

The training-workshop will use a hybrid format of four online sessions via Zoom spread over two weeks, culminating in a three-day in-person sessions in a SEAMEO member country.

Online Sessions: 6, 8, 13, & 15 April 2026 (Mondays/Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 nn GMT+8)

In-person Sessions: 27-29 April 2026 (arrival: 26 April; departure: 30 April)

Program Fees*

USD 1,340 – regular rate for citizens of non-SEAMEO member countries and for private sector employees

USD 885 – subsidized rate for government employees of any SEAMEO member country

**Inclusions: registration fee, learning materials, training kit, meals, accommodation and airport transfers during the in-person sessions. Flights, travel insurance, and other expenses not covered by the program should be shouldered by the participants.*

CONTACT US

Interested in partnering or participating in this training? Please contact **Dr. Nova Ramos**, Head, Education and Collective Learning Department-Training for Development Unit (ECLD-T4DU):

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Reflections from our TrAlnS alumni



I truly enjoyed the diversity of age groups among the participants, as it created a great mix of perspectives and learning experiences. Thanks to the well-designed program and comprehensive content, my one-week participation has been very fruitful. The trainers' experience and the way they delivered their lectures and shared their insights were exceptionally good. Overall, the management and arrangements were excellent, and I sincerely thank everyone involved in making this training happen.

DR. ORACHOS NAPASINTUWONG

Deputy Department Head of International Affairs
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"Coming from a technical science background, I valued the new insights I gained on communication development and the importance of connecting research effectively with stakeholders. This training broadened my perspective beyond technical work to also focus on smallholder farmers and practical application. I am committed to applying the knowledge and approaches I learned in my work upon returning to Indonesia and intend to foster collaboration with my fellow country colleagues and other participants. Thank you, SEARCA, for this opportunity to join this program."

DR. CIPTO NUGROHO

Researcher, Research Center for Food Crops
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"The knowledge and valuable insights gained from the training program have been immensely beneficial. The workshop has truly enabled me to think critically and look at the bigger picture when analyzing the challenges facing agriculture, as well as in designing and crafting innovative programs for agricultural development. I am eager to share these innovative approaches with my colleagues and fellow agricultural extension workers."

The one-week duration of the training was highly productive, as it not only enriched our knowledge and skills but also successfully opened up opportunities for valuable partnerships and collaborations among participants. This served as an essential avenue for us to meet and expand our professional networks with fellow ASEAN transformational agricultural workers. I am very grateful to SEARCA for the opportunity to participate in this program.



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