

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

TRANSITIONING TOWARDS AGROECOLOGY AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE: A CONTRIBUTION TO FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATIONS (TARASA25)

Vientiane, Lao PDR, 25–27 November 2025

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Farmers, researchers, advisors, policymakers, and representatives from the government, the civil society and the private sector from Asia and the Pacific are invited to submit their abstract of recent research, development project or innovative field work findings for oral presentation to support a free-flowing discussion on agroecology and regenerative agriculture as pathways towards more sustainable food systems.

Following submission, the TARASA25 scientific committee will analyse your abstract and promptly notify you of its acceptance or rejection. Accepted abstracts will be invited to develop a 15' oral presentation.

Submission guidelines:

Abstract Language: English

- Title of the presentation
- Presenting author: Name, email address, phone number
- Name(s) of co-author
- Maximum number of words: 500 words in plain text or MS Word format, indicating the background, aims and objectives of the initiative, the key findings and the main conclusions.
- Front: Times New Roman
- Size: 12-point font
- Lines spacing: Single spacing

Authors should submit individual abstracts online (website / abstract submission form below) no later than **30 June 2025**.

- TARASA25 website: <https://tarasa25.org>
- Submission form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqzglDMHKbx3sYcBbmZestD-JYYM5UqkayBR9YFCKxYWjclw/viewform>

Abstract Thematic Areas

Abstract submissions are invited for the following 4 thematic areas that will be addressed during the Workshop.

Session1: Technologies and innovations development

Technologies and innovations development in the field of agroecology and regenerative agriculture are key to restore soil health and ecosystem functions, enhance sustainability, productivity, and resilience in farming systems.

Cutting-edge research and best practices related to:

- Pesticide reduction / Agroecological Crop Protection (ACP) practices
- Soil health, soil carbon and GHG management
- Plant genetic material, crop diversification and multi-cropping systems
- Crop livestock integration
- Innovative appropriate-scale mechanization & technologies
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- Water-saving technologies
- Climate-smart agriculture
- Digital technologies and AI in support to technology development

Session2: Approaches to evaluation and metrics

Adequate performance metrics and agreed monitoring frameworks are essential for monitoring progress of agroecology transition, evaluate the cost-effectiveness of policy instruments chosen, ensure learning from experiences, and eventually make adjustments to policies.

Insightful experiences related to:

- Measuring the performance of AE/RA at multiple levels (field and farms, landscapes and territories, macro social and economic)
- Monitoring the transition(s) at multiple levels
- Engaging stakeholders (others than researchers) in MEL process

Session3: Supporting skills development and knowledge sharing

Supporting skills development and knowledge sharing in agroecology and regenerative agriculture is essential for transforming food systems toward sustainability, resilience, and equity. This involves a combination of formal education, community-based learning, and collaborative networks.

Insightful experiences related to:

- Agroecology (AE) and Regenerative Agriculture (RA) in higher education / Academic trainings
- Vocational training
- Educational program in schools
- Capacity building within farmers organisations and agricultural cooperatives
- Community-based learning
- Collaborative networks
- E-learning / MOOC / Digital tools and AI in support to human skills development
- The use of social media in skills development and broad-mass sensitization
- Knowledge management and sharing
- Broad mass sensitization approaches and tools

Session 4: Market and value chains

Developing markets and value chains for agroecology and regenerative agriculture is pivotal for transitioning to sustainable food systems. This involves reimagining how agricultural products are produced, processed, distributed, and consumed, ensuring that ecological principles and social equity are embedded throughout the supply chain.

Insightful experiences related to:

- Value chains and/or territorial/landscape approaches
- The development of AE/RA quality-based value chains (including certification, standards etc.)
- Farmers improved access to AE/RA inputs and services
- Incentive mechanisms (financial, non-financial)

