

2024-2025 TRAINING OFFERINGS & LEARNING EVENTS



SEARCA Agri-Innovator Program (AIP) January to February 2025 | Hybrid

The AIP challenges research ideation and execution methodologies. SEARCA recognizes that universities play a significant role in research, instruction, and extension and are a birthplace of many valuable ideas.

With AIP, we want to ensure maximum impact and provide a path towards sustainability for possible research findings and technological discoveries that have the potential to be utilized by a larger market or user base in the agriculture industry. The AIP is a non-formal short-term training program that delves into agricultural innovation space using a human-centric approach with actual scenarios and processes that work not just in theory, but in actual practice as well. Participants are segmented into the ideation stage or Minimum Viable Product (MVP) stage.

Topics

Design thinking, business model canvass, forming the founding team, legal and regulatory compliances, income forecasting/projection, bootstrapping vs infusing capital

Target participants

Recent BA/BSc graduates and current students or recent graduates of MA/MS/PhD from public and private HEIs with thesis topics related to agricultural innovation; Researchers or extension workers of public or private HEIs; Staff of non-government or private organizations working on agricultural innovation



REGULAR EVENTS

SEARCA Online Learning and Virtual Engagements (SOLVE)

Bi-annual via Zoom and Facebook Live

SOLVE provides an avenue of knowledge sharing on concrete innovative actions on the ground along SEARCA's 11th Five-Year Plan via technology-mediated platforms (Facebook, Zoom, etc.) for various stakeholders of Southeast Asian agriculture.

Agriculture and Development Seminar Series (ADSS)

Quarterly at SEARCA Headquarters, Los Baños, Philippines

The SEARCA ADSS encourages the presentation and discussion of development and research issues, as well as their implications for agricultural and rural development. It aims to contribute to a vibrant scientific exchange within, and even beyond, the Los Baños Science Community.

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

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Leadership Development Program for Higher Education Institutions in Southeast Asia (LDP-HEIs in SEA)

April to June 2025 | Hybrid



The LDP-HEIs in SEA is a hybrid program that aims to build the capacity of Southeast Asian HEI leaders with the relevant skills and knowledge needed to effectively lead thriving and resilient universities in the region. Sessions include keynote addresses from renowned HEI leaders and one-on-one coaching sessions with thought leaders in HEI management and leadership.

Topics

SWOT analysis, change management, leadership and change, innovative teaching and learning

Target participants

Top administrators, faculty deans/department heads, and other university leaders of HEIs in Southeast Asia who are at least a master's degree holder

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

16-20 June 2025 | SEARCA, Los Baños, Laguna Philippines

TrAlnS 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.

Topics

Agricultural innovation systems, governance framework for innovation systems, youth engagement, scenario building and program planning

Target participants

Mid- to senior-level Southeast Asian professionals in research and extension from HEIs, government agencies/ministries, NGOs, farmers organizations/cooperatives, private sector, and other civil society groups

Executive Program for Leaders in Asian Agriculture and Development (LAAD): Focus on Southeast Asia

May to June 2025 | Hybrid

This program aims to level up agriculture leaders with the skills and knowledge to be pro-active leaders by providing updates on selected contemporary issues in agriculture and food deemed important to the region, and to impart skills to lead strategy and innovation.

Topics

Contemporary issues in the agrifood and agriculture development landscape; leading in strategy development and innovation processes

Target participants

Leaders in national agriculture, fisheries, and rural development agencies; leaders from private sector entities, statutory bodies, HEIs, and civil society



Online Courses offered by SEARCA through the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU)

27 Jan to 18 May 2025 | Impact Assessment and Poverty Alleviation: Focus on Technology and Capacity Development (IAPA). This course offers foundational knowledge on impact assessment, covering tools, key issues, and best practices for effectively communicating results to advocate for policy changes.

27 Jan to 20 Apr 2025 | Integrating Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management (CCA & DRM). This course introduces the essentials of inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development (ISARD), covering policies, strategies, and projects related to climate change adaptation and disaster risk management, with practical tools for real-world application.



27 Jan to 18 May 2025 | Responding to Climate Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (RCRANRM). This course covers essential concepts, methods, and tools for climate change mitigation and adaptation, focusing on food security, agriculture, and natural resource management to help you address climate risks effectively.