

Concept Note

The 9th Member Meeting of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (ReCAMA)

Promoting Sustainable Trade and Investment

2-4 October 2023, İzmir, Türkiye

I. Background

The Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations (ReCAMA) was established by the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in 2014. ReCAMA aims to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization in Asia and the Pacific through strengthening the capacity of national agricultural machinery associations, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and information, and enhancing collaboration and closer business connections among national associations and their members. ReCAMA is an important initiative for scaling-up the availability, adoption and sustainable use of agricultural machinery at the regional level through a demand-driven model closely involving the private sector.

As per a survey conducted in 2020, ReCAMA has encouraged or facilitated business opportunities worth around USD 29 million for its members. Furthermore, ReCAMA was cited by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation as a ‘Good Practice in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development’ in its global publication in 2020. To date, ReCAMA has 21 member associations from 15 countries.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of ReCAMA, a Member Meeting is convened once a year to discuss and make decisions on matters pertinent to the Council’s operations and development. A Chair Association and Vice-Chair Association are elected at the Member Meeting to support the implementation of the ReCAMA activities in that year, including the organization of the Member Meeting. Since 2014, five in-person Member Meetings have been organized in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 in China, India, Thailand, and Nepal. Three online Member Meetings were organized during the pandemic, respectively in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Following its election at the 8th Member Meeting of ReCAMA in 2022, the Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers is serving as the

Chair Association of ReCAMA for the current year and thus the 9th Member Meeting of ReCAMA will be held in Türkiye.

The 9th Member Meeting of ReCAMA will review and endorse the work report of ReCAMA in 2023 and discuss the work plan in 2024. In order to maximize international exposure for the participants, apart from the Member Meeting, the programme will include visits to Bursa Agriculture and Stock Breeding Fairs as well as enterprises and farms.

II. Objectives

The 9th Member Meeting of ReCAMA is expected to achieve the following objectives:

- 1) To review and endorse the work report of ReCAMA for 2023;
- 2) To discuss and agree on the work plan for 2024;
- 3) To review and approve participation of member associations and applications of observers (if any); and
- 4) To discuss major administrative, financial and other matters related to the Council.

III. Organization and Participation

The 9th Member Meeting of ReCAMA will be co-organized by the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with the Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers, from 2 to 4 October 2023 in İzmir, Türkiye.

Expected participants include representatives of ReCAMA member associations and their member enterprises from the Asia-Pacific region as well as other pertinent stakeholders from Türkiye and other countries.

IV. Tentative Programme

<i>1st October, Sunday</i>	
<i>Arrival in İzmir</i>	
<i>2nd October, Monday</i>	
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony Moderator: <i>Mr. A. Behiç Tekin, Academician / Academic Advisory Group Member, Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers (TARMAKBİR)</i> - <i>Mr. M. Selami İleri, Secretary General, Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Marco Silvestri, Deputy Head / Programme Officer, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP-CSAM)</i>
09:30-09:50	Group Photo and Tea Break
09:50-10:00	<p>Election of 2024 Chair and Vice Chair Associations</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Marco Silvestri, Deputy Head / Programme Officer, ESCAP-CSAM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Remarks of the 2024 Chair and Vice Chair Associations</i>
10:00-11:10	<p>Member Presentations</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Marco Silvestri, Deputy Head / Programme Officer, ESCAP-CSAM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Unurjargal Davaa, CEO, Mongolian National Crop Farmers Association (MNCFA)</i> - <i>Mr. Ekinç Ergüneş, Specialist, International Relations Office, Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers (TARMAKBİR)</i> - <i>Mr. Alimul Ahsan Chowdhury, President, Agricultural Machinery Manufacturer Associations of Bangladesh (AMMAB)</i> - <i>Mr. Nerio Antonio II Sibulo, Executive Vice President, Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association of the Philippines (AMMDA)</i>
11:10-11:30	<p>Keynote Presentation</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. A. Behiç Tekin, Academician / Academic Advisory Group Member, TARMAKBİR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Gender Mainstreaming in developing sustainable agricultural mechanization - Mr. Marco Silvestri, Deputy Head / Programme Officer, ESCAP-CSAM</i> - <i>Good Case of Gender Mainstreaming in Nepal - Mr. Krishna Sharma, President, Nepal Agricultural Machinery Entrepreneurs' Association (NAMEA)</i>
11:30-12:00	<p>Work Report Review and Endorsement & Work Plan Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. A. Behiç Tekin, Academician / Academic Advisory Group Member, TARMAKBİR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Yuee Feng, Programme Coordinator, ESCAP-CSAM</i>
12:00-12:15	<p>Closing and wrap up</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. A. Behiç Tekin, Academician / Academic Advisory Group Member, TARMAKBİR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Marco Silvestri, Deputy Head / Programme Officer, ESCAP-CSAM</i> - <i>Mr. M. Selami İleri, Secretary General, Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers</i>

12:15-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:45	Meeting with the University Rector, Dean and Academics of Department of Agricultural Engineering and Technologies
14:45-17:30	Factory tour
3 rd October, Tuesday	
08:30-13:00	Factory tour
13:00-13:45	Lunch
13:45-16:00	Farm Tour
16:00-17:30	Travel to Bursa
4 th October, Wednesday	
09:45-15:00	Exhibition tour
15:00-16:30	Travel to İstanbul