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ABOUT ARDB ACE GFA

The APRACA Center of Excellence – Green Finance to Agriculture (ARDB ACE-GFA) was established on August 8, 2024, within the Agricultural and Rural Development Bank to support the APRACA in advancing the agri-food sector. ARDB ACE-GFA is dedicated to driving sustainable agricultural development through the following key areas:

- Promoting green and climate finance initiatives tailored to the agri-food system
- Conducting research, training, capacity-building programs, and exposure visits for knowledge enhancement
- Organizing policy dialogues, forums, and publishing know-ledge-based reports to support decision-making
- Providing technical assistance and advisory services on sustainable and climate-smart financial solutions
- Enhancing collaboration, networking, and knowledge exchange among APRACA members and development partners.



OBJECTIVES

This bulletin provides an overview of ARDB ACE-GFA's activities and achievement, particularly in 2025. It highlights the center's initial milestones ,including its formulation of the vision and mission, research initiatives, publication and content development, as well as and workshop and training programs

These efforts underscore ARDB ACE-GFA's contribution - not just a center, but as a pivotal force in advancing green finance across the Asia-Pacific region.

ACHEIVEMENT OF ARDB ACE-GFA IN 2025

INTRODUCTION

ARDB ACE-GFA refers to the Center of Excellence focus on Green Finance to Agriculture under Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (ARDB). ARDB ACE-GFA specialized dedicated to promoting sustainable, green, and climate-financial solutions for agrifood systems and rural development across the Asia-Pacific region.

The Center focuses on five main strategic pillars:

- Research and sharing knowledge
- Training capacity building
- Policy discussions
- Pilot projects
- Advisory services.



VISION

A leading Center of Excellence in green and climate finance innovation for agrifood systems, advancing sustainable practices and fostering inclusive rural development across the Asia-Pacific region.

MISSION

- Advocate for sustainable finance, influence policies, and integrate green and climate finance for agrifood systems
- Act as a hub research, training, and best practices in green finance and climate-resilience agriculture
- Develop innovative financial solutions, provide technical support, and foster collaboration for sustainable agrifood systems in Asia-Pacific region.



ACHEIVEMENT OF ARDB ACE-GFA IN 2025

OFFICIAL LAUNING

The Grand Opening ceremony of ARDB ACE-GFA held on April 18, 2025, at ARDB Headquarters, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, shown another progress in implementing the Action Plan. The ceremony underscores ARDB ACE-GFA's role in supporting the implementation of government policies, enhancing knowledge dissemination, strengthening human capital development, and promoting sustainable development at both the national and regional levels.

The ceremony gathered approximately 300 distinguished guests and is successfully marked the launch of a hub for knowledge, innovation, and collaboration.

WEBSITE DEVELOPEMNT

The ARDB ACE-GFA has developed and officially launched its own website , which serves as a dedicated platform for advancing knowledge through the dissemination of research outputs, workshops, training programs, and related activities. The website plays a vital role in enhancing the center's visibility and institutional credibility through providing open access to information and resources. In addition, it also strengthens collaboration and networking by serving as a hub that connects researchers, academic students, and the national, regional, and international partners.

Please scan for ARDB ACE-GFA's website



[Website Access Link](#)

FIRST WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the official launch of ARDB ACE-GFA, the center organized its first workshop, titled “Advancing Green and Sustainable Finance: Pathways and Opportunities for Financial Institutions”.

The workshop aimed to explore key priorities, challenges, and emerging opportunities in advancing green and sustainable finance in the region, with a special focus on Cambodian experiences. Additionally, the workshop also aimed to equip financial institutions and other key stakeholders in the region with the necessary frameworks and strategies to effectively contribute to the transition towards a green and sustainable development paradigm in Cambodia and beyond.

RESEARCH STUDIES

As December of 2025, ARDB ACE-GFA has prepared and finalized a research study within Cambodia entitled “**Linkage of Green Finance to Cambodia's Sustainable Development Goals: The Contribution of ARDB**”.

The study aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the role of green finance in advancing Cambodia's SDGs by defining the key terms, followed by examining of the impacts of climate changes on the Cambodia SDGs. The study further assesses relevant government policies, strategies, and initiatives that support sustainable development and climate action.

In addition, the report also highlighted the Cambodia's green finance market and underscores the pivotal role of the ARDB in promoting the green finance. It also identifies key challenges that hinder the acceleration of green finance in the country and provides actionable conclusions and recommendations to advance its implementation.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Beyond the research initiatives, the ARDB ACE-GFA plans to organize an international conference aims at promoting the implementation of green finance, with a particular focus on the agri-food sector. As of December 2025, the ARDB ACE-GFA has prepared the draft concept note under the theme “Innovating Green and Climate Finance for Agriculture: Digital Mechanism for Inclusive and Resilient Transformation” that intended to explore how digital solutions and innovative mechanisms can be effectively leveraged to scale up green and climate finance for the agriculture sector.

EXPOSURE VISIT

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote the practical implementation of green finance, ARDB ACE-GFA is also expected to organize an exposure visit to provide participants with first-hand learning opportunities and direct engagement with on-the-ground initiatives at a leading institution implementing green finance practices in the agrifood system. The ARDB ACE-GFA finalized the first concept note of the exposure visit under the theme “Green Finance Transition in the Agricultural Sector: Lessons from the Philippines Experience”.

BULLETIN PREPARATION

In addition to the action plan for 2025, ARDB ACE-GFA also developed a series of monthly research bulletins focusing on the thematic areas related to the advancement of the green finance within agri-food system. As of December 2025, the ARDB ACE-GFA has prepared 5 research bulletins covering diverse topics, all of which are publicly available on the ARDB ACE-GFA website.



CAPACITY BUILDING TO MEMBERS



To ensure the efficient operation of the Center, ARDB ACE-GFA organized a series of capacity-building trainings for its members to enhance their knowledge and technical competencies. These trainings were designed to strengthen research skills, analytical capacity, and understanding of broader development trends.

Key training programs included:

- Mixed-Methods Research Design and Methodology
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Global Macro Anomalies Tracking Training for Lasting Change
- Research Paper Sharing Workshop

WAYS FORWARD

Moving forward, ARDB ACE-GFA will develop its action plan for 2026, comprising five key work packages aimed at promoting knowledge exchange and advancing green finance in the agrifood sector.

These work packages include research paper development, publication and multimedia management, research and bulletin preparation, and conducting local training or workshops. Through these initiatives, the center will serve as the knowledge hub in Cambodia, dedicated to conducting critical research and disseminating knowledge on global and regional trends and aimed at fostering greater awareness and understanding, particularly in the agriculture sector, the green sector, and rural development.

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