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Our logo depicting Hands for cooperation, Ear head for agriculture, and Shape of bud for future growth.

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Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)

PREAMBLE

We, a group of Member States of the United Nations¹ in the Asia-Pacific Region (APR), at the initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UN FAO-RAP), founded the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) and adopted its Constitution (First Edition) in the first General Assembly Meeting of APAARI held in December 1990.

As a membership-based, apolitical, inter-governmental organization in the Asia-Pacific region, we are committed to cultivating a network of like-minded countries to further sustainable agricultural development in Asia and the Pacific. As an important intermediary in the region, we bridge national, regional and global stakeholders to bring about collective change in agri-food research and innovation systems of the Asia-Pacific region.

With the objectives of ensuring the co-ordination of our regional and international activities, the development and implementation of capable and motivated organization, capacity building and of having a presence and recognition as a global partner in agri-food systems, we have agreed to unite ourselves and to establish an international body named the “the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)” as a Quasi-Governmental Organization (QGO) headquartered in Thailand.

With these objectives in mind, we hereby set out the constitutional provisions of this international body and the related rights and duties by which we agree to abide.

¹ Refer to Annexure 1 for Member States of the UN as Founding Members of APAARI.

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To accommodate and reflect the changing circumstances and needs of agricultural research, innovation and development in the Asia-Pacific region, we, from time to time, had reviewed the Constitution. To this end, the Constitution has progressed through nine editions² and this being the Tenth Edition.

Article I: INTERPRETATION

1. In this Constitution (Tenth Edition), unless the context otherwise specifies, various abbreviations, acronyms, and terms, as expressed in Annexure 5, are used.

Article II: ESTABLISHMENT

2. Pursuant to the recommendations made by the FAO Regional Conferences³, that were participated by the high-level ministerial delegations from the UN Member States (held in 1984, 1986, 1988 and 1990)⁴ and based on the sponsorship of FAO-RAP (FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific), the key UN Member States⁵ from the Asia-Pacific Region, in its inaugural meeting in 1990, established APAARI as an inter-governmental organization (IGO).
3. The Seat of the Organization shall be in Bangkok, Thailand as proposed by the FAO Regional Conferences and subsequently approved by the First General Assembly Meeting of APAARI.
4. APAARI acts under its own Constitution with all the rights, responsibilities and obligations of an international body with legal personality.

2 *Second Edition of 1994, Third Edition of 2003, Fourth Edition of 2009, Fifth Edition of 2015, Sixth Edition of 2017, Seventh Edition of 2019, Eighth Edition of 2021 and Ninth Edition of 2022.*

3 *The FAO Regional Conferences for Asia and the Pacific are regular biennial feature, facilitated by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (UN FAO-RAP) and are participated by the high level ministerial delegations of the UN Member States from the Asia-Pacific region.*

4 *List of 28 Participating UN Member States from the APR in these conferences is in Annexure 1.*

5 *Fourteen UN member states from the Asia-Pacific region participated in the inaugural meeting and the first General Assembly Meeting of APAARI, with three members attending the meeting as observers (list in Annexure 2).*

Article III: NAME AND CHARACTER

5. The name of this Organization shall be “Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions”, hereinafter referred to as “APAARI” or “the Organization”.
6. APAARI shall have a logo designed and approved by the General Assembly, which may change the logo through amendment/resolution as provided under Article XIX.
7. APAARI is an international organization for strengthening agri-food research and innovation systems in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Article IV: OFFICE AND SECRETARIAT

8. Unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly of APAARI (hereinafter the “General Assembly”), the head office of APAARI shall be in Bangkok, Thailand (host country of APAARI).
9. The Organization shall have a Secretariat to perform its technical, managerial and administrative functions. The Secretariat shall be located at APAARI’s head office.
10. The Asia-Pacific Region shall have representations from three sub-regions for effective operations and governance of APAARI. These sub-regions shall be: i) South Asia and West Asia, ii) Southeast Asia and East Asia, and iii) the Pacific.

Article V: VISION AND MISSION

11. The following are the key elements of APAARI Vision 2030:
 - i) **Vision:** Strengthened research and innovations for sustainable agricultural development in Asia and the Pacific; and
 - ii) **Mission:** Promoting, coordinating and strengthening agriculture and agri-food research and innovation systems through partnerships and collaboration, capacity development and advocacy for sustainable agricultural development in Asia and the Pacific.

Article VI: OBJECTIVES

12. The specific objectives of APAARI shall be to:
- i) Strengthen agri-food research and innovation systems for more effective knowledge management and information exchange in order to make agriculture and agri-food systems more knowledge-intensive in the APR;
 - ii) Develop and strengthen strategic partnerships, cross-linkages and networking for technical and scientific cooperation among a) agri-food research and innovation systems in the region, and b) national, sub-regional, regional and global multi-sector research and development organizations/ agencies;
 - iii) Assist in the assessment and prioritization of agricultural research and development needs in the APR.
 - iv) Contribute to the development of institutional arrangements, organizational capacities; including but not limited to technical, scientific and managerial competencies of AFRIS for effective planning, management and delivery of research and innovations;
 - v) Contribute to the improved understanding and awareness of the role and importance of, and investment in AFRIS for improving AFS and socio-economic development in the APR;
 - vi) Assist in facilitating appropriate and fair representation of women and youth in AFRIS and their participation in policy and decision making in agri-food systems; and
 - vii) Manage, develop, and govern APAARI with a high level of transparency and accountability in order to achieve sustained strengthening of AFRIS in the APR.

Article VII: FUNCTIONS

13. The functions of APAARI shall be to:
- i) Convene General Assembly of APAARI and establish and operate Executive Committee to deliberate and decide on APAARI management, governance, work programme, progress, finances, policies, strategies, reforms, amendment of the constitution, dissolution of the organization and other related matters;
 - ii) Develop, implement, monitor and report on vision, strategy, policies, operational plans and collective actions of APAARI;

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- iii) Initiate, collaborate and/or coordinate technical and scientific projects/ programmes, and necessary research and innovation activities among APAARI members, AFRIS and their partner organizations, at state, sub-regional, regional and global levels;
- iv) Organize, co-host and/or sponsor scientific, technical, policy-related conferences, workshops, dialogues, meetings, seminars, webinars, online discussions and such other events in pursuit of the Organization's objectives;
- v) Organize, participate and support institutional, organizational and human resource capacity development activities, including training programmes, staff exchange, mentoring, attachments, secondment and any other as necessary;
- vi) Develop, manage and implement knowledge management/ exchange and necessary tools, processes and information and communication technologies (ICTs), including websites, databases, social media tools, technical and scientific publications, standards and any other as necessary;
- vii) Mobilize, generate, and manage necessary financial, human and partnership resources for effective management and governance of APAARI; and
- viii) Provide priority support in small-island and mountainous nations of the APR for developing competencies, capacities and resources to agri-food research and innovation systems.

Article VIII: MEMBERSHIP

- 14. APAARI membership shall be comprised of member states of the United Nations and territories⁶ in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- 15. Membership of APAARI may be sought by submitting an application to the Executive Secretary. Once approved, such UN member state shall be termed as APAARI member and such member is deemed to have acceded to the Agreement among the APAARI members. The members of APAARI, respective ministries and representing nodal organizations (as in 2023) are listed in Annexure 3.
- 16. The APAARI members shall be represented by their respective representing organizations (termed as member organizations) for their participation, functions, roles and responsibilities in the performance and development of APAARI.

6 [The term "territories" denotes administrative divisions or areas of member states of the United Nations in the APR]

Article IX: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

17. Besides APAARI Members from UN Members States, there is a provision of having Associate Members which may include entities/organizations, engaged in supporting and promoting agricultural research, innovation and development in the Asia-Pacific region, as development partners, and are categorized as: i) Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGO) and, ii) International Organizations (IO), including national, regional and global development organizations and economies. Annexure 4 provides specifications and a list of APAARI Associate Members (as in 2023).
18. Associate membership of APAARI may be sought by submitting an application to the Executive Secretary and as approved by the Executive Committee. Once approved, such entity shall be termed as Associate Member of APAARI.
19. Details of members and membership subscriptions, methods and processes of their management, their roles and responsibilities, withdrawal, dispute resolution, are provided in APAARI Membership Management Standard.

Article X: FUNDS

20. APAARI shall seek and receive funds from various sources to carry out its functions. Such sources may comprise of:
 - i) Membership subscriptions received from APAARI members and associate members;
 - ii) Donations/ contributions received from APAARI members and associate members;
 - iii) Grants and donations from governments, national, regional or international organizations, development banks, donor/aid organizations/agencies, philanthropic bodies, etc.;
 - iv) Contributions from partners/collaborators and sponsors mainly through projects/programs developed and secured by APAARI and through APAARI organized meetings, events, networks, etc.; and
 - v) Other suitable sources as approved from time to time by the Executive Committee.

Article XI: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21. There shall be a General Assembly of APAARI, wherein each APAARI member and each APAARI Associate Members shall be represented by one delegate. The General Assembly shall meet at least once every two years.
22. The meeting of the General Assembly shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, as assisted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee.
23. Both - Members and Associate Members - shall have one vote each at the General Assembly meetings for all technical and operational matters. However, for constitutional amendment, reform of the organization and policy/governance matters only members will have the voting right. Any others invited and participating as observers/guests/experts shall not have voting rights at the General Assembly meetings.
24. The Chairperson shall allow adequate time for mutual consultation among members prior to voting on any issue/matter. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
25. All decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote (more than half of votes in favor), except for those relating to amendment of the Constitution, reform of the Organization, and dissolution of the Organization, wherein the decision shall take place as under Article XIX and Article XX.

Article XII: DUTIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26. To fulfill the objectives of APAARI, the General Assembly shall perform the following roles and responsibilities:
 - i) Consider and endorse biennial work plan, income expenditure plan, strategic plan, audited financial statements, progress and performance reports, human resource development report as presented by the Executive Committee;
 - ii) Consider and approve policies, directives, rules of procedures, and regulations made in accordance with this Constitution;
 - iii) Nominate/elect the Executive Committee, appoint any specific purpose committee(s), appoint any member of the Assembly to serve on such specific purpose committee, delegate any required authority to the Executive Committee, and exercise other powers/duties as conferred upon the General Assembly under this Constitution.
 - iv) Consider and approve recommendations of the Executive Committee for effective functioning and governance of APAARI; and

- v) As and when needed, consider and approve amendments to the Constitution and reforms of the Organization for enhancing the performance and effectiveness of APAARI.

Article XIII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 27. The Organization shall have an Executive Committee, composed of the following fourteen (14) members as classified into Categories and Subcategories of the membership and partnership:
 - i) Six (6) members representing APAARI Members, of which two (2) shall be from the South Asia and West Asia sub-region, two (2) from the South-East Asia and East Asia sub-region, and two (2) from the Pacific sub-region.
 - ii) One (1) member representing the host country of APAARI;
 - iii) One (1) member who is the incumbent Executive Secretary of the GFAiR as an ex-officio member;
 - iv) One (1) member representing CGIAR
 - v) One (1) member representing the AIRCA institutions/any other international research/development organizations;
 - vi) One (1) member representing the Academia Cluster (agricultural universities and institutions);
 - vii) One (1) member representing the private sector organizations/entities;
 - viii) One (1) member representing donor/funding agencies/organizations; and
 - ix) The (1) incumbent Executive Secretary of APAARI as an ex-officio member.
- 28. The members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated/elected at the General Assembly in its biennial meeting from the respective groups of members (member organizations). A member organization shall not have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.
- 29. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be nominated/elected from the seven Executive Committee members [as under Paragraph 27 (i) and (ii)], by the Members (Member Organizations) present at the General Assembly Meeting.
- 30. The Executive Secretary of APAARI shall be appointed in accordance with Article XV of this Constitution.

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31. In case any of the member seat(s) on the Executive Committee remains vacant during the General Assembly meeting, such member seat(s) shall be nominated/filled-in by the Executive Committee.
32. The Executive Committee may co-opt/ invite, as a special person/an observer on the Executive Committee, any such individual with specific expertise, skills, interest and experience.
33. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and members of the Executive Committee (other than the member representing the host country, the Executive Secretary of GFAiR and the Executive Secretary of APAARI), shall hold office for two years, which can be renewed up to twice through approval of the General Assembly Meeting.
34. If any member seat, including that of the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson, of the Executive Committee, falls vacant, such seat shall be filled-in for remaining tenure by the Executive Committee in consultation with the member state/ member organization to which the original member belonged.
35. A separate Management Standard on the Executive Committee, providing details of guidelines, agreed procedures, rules, regulations and processes for performing the role, functions, dispute resolution, and the overall conduct of the Executive Committee, is provided.

Article XIV: DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

36. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice every year and such meetings shall be convened by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson.
37. The Executive Committee shall oversee the affairs of APAARI in accordance with this Constitution, and policies and directives adopted/given by the General Assembly. The specific duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:
 - i) Review and approve biennial work plan, income and expenditure plan, audited financial statements, projects and collective actions of APAARI;
 - ii) Plan and develop policies, strategies, directives, rules of procedures, and regulations for approval by the General Assembly;
 - iii) Suggest and approve the necessary standards of management to enhance functioning, performance and governance of APAARI;

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- iv) Ensure that the Committee will guide and focus on strategic core governance issues, while the management of programmes and projects will be the responsibility of the Secretariat;
 - v) Propose to the General Assembly the composition of the Executive Committee, delegation of required authority to the Executive Committee, and suggest any other powers/duties of the General Assembly as conferred upon under this Constitution;
 - vi) Form and appoint sub-committee(s) of the Executive Committee to deal with specific purpose(s);
 - vii) Appoint APAARI Executive Secretary and periodically assess and review his/her performance; and
 - viii) Design, endorse and propose amendments to the Constitution and reforms of the Organization for approval by the General Assembly, as and when needed.
38. The Executive Committee members shall participate in any specific purpose committee(s), as formed from time to time, by the Executive Committee and/or by the General Assembly
39. The Executive Committee members, as and when required, shall represent APAARI at internal and external meetings, forums and events in fulfilling the objectives of APAARI.

Article XV: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

40. APAARI shall have an Executive Secretary as Chief Executive Officer of APAARI. The APAARI Secretariat shall be headed by the Executive Secretary.
41. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Executive Secretary for a tenure of three (3) years. The person appointed should have suitable qualifications, experience and acknowledged leadership in agricultural research, innovation and development. He/she will be supported by an optimal number of technical and administrative staff in the Secretariat.
42. The performance of the Executive Secretary shall be periodically assessed and reviewed by the Executive Committee and if found satisfactory and acceptable; the appointment of the Executive Secretary may be renewed twice for a further term of three (3) years.

Article XVI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

43. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee; and represent, as and when required, the Organization at internal and external meetings, fora, and events in fulfilling the objectives of APAARI.
44. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson, and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.
45. The Executive Secretary shall be the chief of the Secretariat of APAARI and shall be responsible for the affairs of the Organization. Under the general guidance of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly, the Executive Secretary shall perform the following duties:
 - i) Plan and organize the General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings, prepare the proceedings, arrange their publication and distribution, follow up on decisions taken and matters arising, and maintain records of the reports and proceedings of all meetings of the Organization;
 - ii) Prepare the Organization's work plan and budget, monitor the progress of activities, propose new projects/programmes in collaboration with national, regional and international organizations, and ensure coordination of activities among the member organizations of APAARI;
 - iii) Mobilize and manage the financial resources of APAARI, in particular (but not limited to), collect annual membership subscriptions and receive any other financial contributions, make payments/utilize funds in accordance with approved income expenditure plan/budget, maintain full accounts, and submit audited financial statements for endorsement to the Executive Committee/ General Assembly during their respective meetings;
 - iv) Oversee overall delivery on a) APAARI programmes / projects, b) design of policies, strategies and biennial operational plans, c) partnership meetings/ conferences/ dialogues/ training events/activities, d) human resource development and management, and e) public relationship;
 - v) Document and/or publish the APAARI Newsletter, event proceedings and technical and policy articles/ reports;
 - vi) Line manage all the staff of APAARI, conduct their annual performance appraisal, and ensure new recruitments or replacements of core staff as and when desired/approved by the Executive Committee;

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- vii) Sign and/or authorize legal, financial, contractual, employment, and procurement documents/agreement and to take due responsibility for any mismanagement, miscarriage, and neglect of due-diligence, etc., as and if involved in exercising such power, and as provided under appropriate rules and regulations; and
- viii) Undertake any additional duties as entrusted by the Executive Committee in pursuit of the APAARI's objectives.

Article XVII: RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 46. General rules of procedure, financial management procedures, and regulations shall be prepared, modified and proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly.
- 47. A separate supplementary document on General Assembly: Rules and Regulations, providing details of guidelines, agreed procedures, and processes for performing the role, functions, dispute resolution and the overall conduct of the General Assembly, is provided.
- 48. Modifications to the rules, procedures, and regulations shall be adopted by a simple majority more than half) of the votes at any meeting of the General Assembly.

Article XVIII: QUORUM

- 49. The quorum shall be more than half of the total (Member and Associate member) organizations/entities with voting rights at any General Assembly meeting and more than half of the total EC members with voting rights at any Executive Committee meeting.

Article XIX: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 50. Amendment of the Constitution and/or reform of the Organization shall be considered only by Members (as per Article XI, Paragraph 23) at a meeting of the General Assembly.
- 51. No proposal for the amendment of the Constitution and/or reform of the Organization shall be included in the agenda of any General Assembly meeting unless notice thereof has been dispatched by the Executive Secretary to members at least 60 days before the opening of the meeting.

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52. Amendment of the Constitution and/or reform of the Organization shall only be considered by the General Assembly if such agenda and the content of the amendment are supported by and have a prior endorsement of the Executive Committee by a simple majority of more than half of the votes cast, particularly by the APAARI members.
53. The Members may amend this Constitution and/or reform the Organization by a two-third majority of the total votes cast.

Article XX: DISSOLUTION

54. The Organization can only be dissolved by a resolution approved at a General Assembly meeting. The procedure to be followed for the dissolution of the Organization shall be the same as detailed in paragraphs 50 to 53 of Article XIX.

Annexure 1: Participation of UN Member States from the Asia-Pacific Region in FAO Ministerial Conferences in Resolving the Establishment of APAARI

No.	Member States	Years of FAO Conferences			
		1984	1986	1988	1990
1	Australia	√	√	√	√
2	Bangladesh	√	√	√	√
3	Bhutan	√	√	√	√
4	Burma (Myanmar)	√	√	√	
5	Cambodia				√
6	China	√	√	√	√
7	Cook Islands		√	√	
8	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	√	√	√	√
9	India	√	√	√	√
10	Indonesia	√	√	√	√
11	Iran (Islamic Republic of)		√	√	√
12	Japan	√	√	√	√
13	Korea (Republic of)	√	√	√	√
14	Laos	√	√	√	√
15	Malaysia	√	√	√	√
16	Maldives			√	√
17	Mongolia		√	√	√

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No.	Member States	Years of FAO Conferences			
		1984	1986	1988	1990
18	Nepal	√	√	√	√
19	New Zealand	√	√		√
20	Pakistan	√	√	√	√
21	Papua New Guinea				√
22	Philippines	√	√	√	√
23	Samoa		√	√	√
24	Solomon Islands			√	
25	Sri Lanka	√	√	√	√
26	Thailand	√	√	√	√
27	Vanuatu	√		√	√
28	Vietnam		√	√	√

Annexure 2: UN Member States as Founding Members of APAARI and Respective Ministries and Representing Organizations (1991-92)*

No.	APAARI Member / UN Member State/ Territory	Respective Ministry	Representing Organization / APAARI Member Organization
1	People's Republic of Bangladesh – Bangladesh	Ministry of Agriculture	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)
2	People's Republic of China	Ministry of Agriculture	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)
3	Republic of Fiji	Ministry of Primary Industries	Ministry of Primary Industries (MOPM)
4	Republic of India	Ministry of Agriculture	Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
5	Islamic Republic of Iran	Ministry of Agriculture	(Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization (AREEO)
6	Malaysia	Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry	Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)
7	New Zealand	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MOAF)
8	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Ministry of National Food Security	Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)
9	Independent State of Papua New Guinea (PNG)	Ministry of Agriculture	Department of Agriculture (DOA)

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No.	APAARI Member / UN Member State/ Territory	Respective Ministry	Representing Organization / APAARI Member Organization
10	Republic of the Philippines	Department of Science and Technology	Philippines Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)
11	Republic of Korea – South Korea	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	Rural Development Administration (RDA)
12	Independent Republic of Sri Lanka	Ministry of Agriculture	Council for Agriculture Research Policy (CARP)
13	Thailand	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation	Department of Agriculture (DOA)
14	Independent State of Samoa	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Metrology (MOAFFM)
* Three Member States - Indonesia, Japan and Vietnam - were present as observers.			
<i>The FAO-RAP sponsored and supported through services of then the Regional Plant Production and Protection Officer as the Inaugural Executive Secretary of APAARI.</i>			

Annexure 3: UN Member States as Members of APAARI – Respective Ministries and Representing Organizations (as in 2023)

No.	APAARI Member / UN Member State	Respective Ministry	Representing Entity/ APAARI Member Organization
1	Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock	Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan (ARIA)
2	Commonwealth of Australia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
3	People's Republic of Bangladesh	Ministry of Agriculture	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)
4	Bhutan	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock	Department of Agriculture (DOA)
5	Kingdom of Cambodia	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Cambodia Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
6	Republic of Fiji	Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways	Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
7	Republic of India	Ministry of Agriculture	Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
8	Islamic Republic of Iran	Ministry of Agriculture	Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization (AREEO)
9	Japan	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)
10	Republic of Korea	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	Rural Development Administration (RDA)

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No.	APAARI Member / UN Member State	Respective Ministry	Representing Entity/ APAARI Member Organization
11	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)
12	Malaysia	Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry	Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)
13	Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development	Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC)
14	New Caledonia (Territory)	Ministry of Agriculture	Institut Agronomique Neo-Caledonien (IAC)
15	Republic of Pakistan	Ministry of National Food Security and Research	Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)
16	Independent State of Papua New Guinea	Ministry of Agriculture	National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)
17	Republic of the Philippines	Department of Science and Technology	Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research Lao and Development (PCAARRD)
18	Independent State of Samoa	Market Development Facility and Ministry of Agriculture	Scientific Research Organization of Samoa (SROS)
19	Independent Republic of Sri Lanka	Ministry of Agriculture	Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP)
20	Thailand	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation	Department of Agriculture (DOA)
21	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
	Total Members		21

Annexure 4: Specifications and List of APAARI Associate Members (as in 2023)

No.	Category of Associate Members	List of Associate Members*
1	Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGO): composed of sovereign states, referred to as the UN member states.	CABI, SAC, SPC, NACA, FARA, AIT
2	International Organizations (IO): national, regional and global development organizations / economies, donor/funding entities, and the private sector.	CGIAR (10 Centers)**, ICIMOD, IAAS, CIRAD, PJTSAU, TNAU, AAI-FSII, GFAiR, GCHERA, AARINENA, AFA, APSA, CACAARI, APAFRI, GODAN.

* This list of Associate Members is subject to change as new members may join and current members may withdraw their membership. For the latest updates on membership please see APAARI website (<https://www.apaari.org/membership/>).

** These Centers are ABC, CIMMYT, CIP, ICARDA, ICRISAT, IFPRI, ILRI, IRRI, IWMI, and WorldFish.

Annexure 5: Interpretations of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Terms.

Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Terms	Interpretation
AAI & FSII	Alliance for Agri. Innovation and Federation of Seed Industry of India, India
AARINENA	Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East & North Africa, Jordan
ABC	The Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, Italy
AFA	Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development, The Philippines
AFRIS	Agri-food Research and Innovation Systems

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AFS	Agri-food Systems
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
APAARI	Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions as named in Paragraph 5 (Article III)
APAARI Member	An UN Member State that is an approved Member of APAARI as per Paragraphs 14 and 15 (Article VIII)
APAARI Member Organization	An entity/agency that represents APAARI member state as given in Annexure 3
APAARI Member State	Sovereign nation that is a member of the United Nations and also a member of APAARI as per Paragraph 15 (Article VIII)
APAFRI	Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions, Malaysia
APR	Asia-Pacific Region
APSA	Asia and Pacific Seed Alliance Ltd, Singapore
Associate Member	An entity/organization as development partner, and as specified/ approved in Paragraph 17 and 18 (Article IX) and shown in Annexure 4
CAB International	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International, with Head Office in the UK
CACAARI	Central Asia and the Caucasus Association of Agricultural Research Institutions, Uzbekistan
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Headquartered in France
Chairperson	Chairperson of the Executive Committee as nominated/ elected under Paragraph 29 (Article XIII)
CIMMYT	International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Mexico
CIP	International Potato Center, Peru

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CIRAD	Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement, France
EC Member	A person, identified by name/ designation, representing a member organization of APAARI on its Executive Committee as composed under Paragraph 27 (Article XIII)
Executive Committee (EC)	Means the Executive Committee of APAARI nominated/ elected under Paragraph 28 (Article XIII)
Executive Secretary (ES)	Means the Executive Secretary of APAARI as established under Paragraph, 40 (Article XV)
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa, Head Office in Ghana
FAO-RAP	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – the Regional



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