



APAARI Leads Asia Pesticide Residue Mitigation Project and Launches New Biopesticide Community

From 2020 to 2023, the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) successfully led the Asia Pesticide Residue Mitigation Project across eight countries, funded by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF). This initiative achieved several key milestones, including the generation of critical Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) data, advancements in biopesticide production, and progress toward regulatory harmonization.

To build on these successes and ensure the sustainability of project outcomes, APAARI recently launched the **Asia-Pacific Biopesticide Community (ABC)**—a community of practice dedicated to promoting biopesticides and supporting safe trade in the region.

The ABC Community of Practice (CoP) aims to unite stakeholders from across the biopesticide industry, academia, government agencies, NGOs, and policymakers from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. The event demonstrated the platform's importance through participation from a wide array of stakeholders, including the FAO, STDF, and project partner countries. The platform will facilitate knowledge exchange, collaboration, and discussions on biopesticide manufacturing and safe trade practices.

As part of this initiative, APAARI will host monthly gatherings under the banner of the **Asia-Pacific Biopesticides Community of Practice (ABCOP)**. These sessions will cover a range of topics, incorporating insights from country-specific, regional, subject-specific, and private sector perspectives, ensuring a holistic approach to advancing the biopesticide sector.