

From Roots to Revenue: Securing Finance and Sustainable Solutions Through Agroforestry The Case of Bamboo

FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2025
9:30 - 16:30 (Fullerton Hotel, Singapore)
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The objective of this workshop is to build on the insights and innovative ideas from the Singapore Fintech Festival (SFF) design thinking session on financing bamboo agroforestry (Development Aisa for the proceedings). In this second installment, we focus on practical implementation, exploring real-world case studies from the Philippines to understand better the challenges, opportunities, and financial requirements for scaling the bamboo value chain.

Using these case studies—alongside the findings from the SFF workshop—we will lay the groundwork for developing pilot projects that demonstrate the socio-economic and environmental impact of financing bamboo development. The goal is to identify scalable, investment-ready solutions that can be implemented across the Philippines and replicated in other ADB Developing Member Countries (DMCs). Through collaborative discussions, we aim to position bamboo agroforestry as a secure, bankable, and tradable asset—one that contributes to the net-zero transition, drives sustainable economic growth, and improves livelihoods across the region.

Registration (9:00 - 9:30)

Opening Session (9:30 - 10:10)

Welcome Remarks

Opening Remarks

Insights from Singapore: A Letter from Singapore

Keynote Speech: The Global Potential of Bamboo

Keynote Speech: Global Bamboo Development Trend

Lightning Talks Stories from the Field, Deep Dive Discussions, Plenary Soundbites (10:10 - 12:30)

Lunch Break (12:30 - 14:00)

From Prototype to Pilot (14:00 - 15:30)

Group 1: Financing Roadmap

Group 2: Data Roadmap

Group 3: Philippines Roadmap

Pilot Presentations & Feedback (15:30 - 16:15)

Wrap-Up, Next Steps & Closing (16:15 - 16:30)