



AGRIMAITRI INDIA ROUNDTABLES

REIMAGINING INDO-AUSTRALIAN AGRIBUSINESS COLLABORATION

INDUSTRY, POLICY AND MARKET PATHWAYS FOR SHARED VALUE CREATION

ABOUT THE ROUNDTABLE

The roundtable constitutes the first of a series of roundtables and bilateral activities under Western Sydney University's transdisciplinary, action-oriented, and user-driven AgriMaitri Project, which is supported by the Maitri Research Grant from the Australian Government's Centre for Australia India Relations under the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade. This strategic roundtable will bring together leaders from government, industry, academia, research think tanks, farmer-producer organisations, and trade bodies.

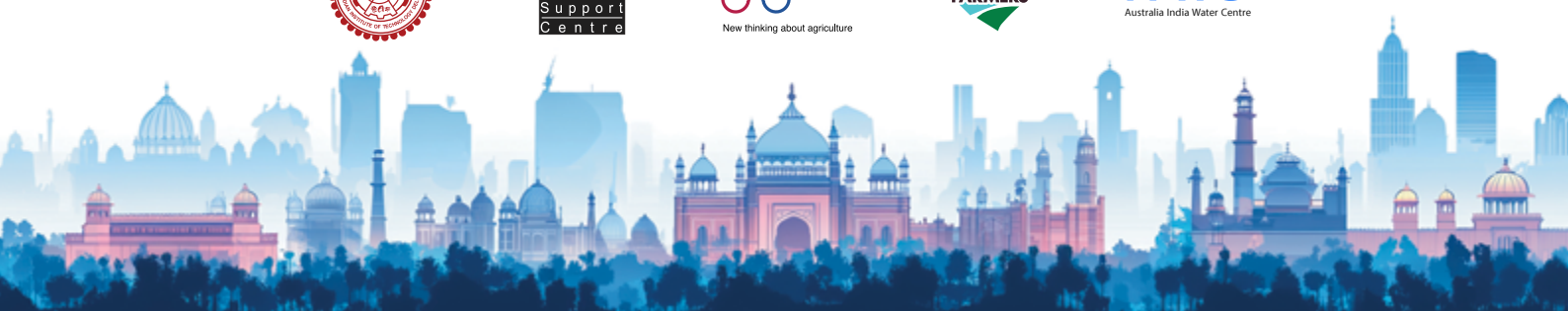
AgriMaitri Roundtable Objectives

- 1. Envisioning a Shared Future:** Understanding the opportunities and challenges to shape the future together.
- 2. Co-Designing a Shared Value Roadmap:** Creating clear, practical, and collaborative pathways for industry, innovation, policy, and markets, by advancing economic opportunities for both nations that improve farmer incomes, strengthen food systems, and support environmental resilience through innovation and sustainability.

Why AgriMaitri?

India and Australia each hold complementary strengths. India brings scale, a large and growing consumer market, digital agriculture capabilities and cost-effective innovation. Australia contributes world-class agriscience, advanced technologies and high-quality agricultural exports. Despite this complementarity, these capabilities remain insufficiently connected, limiting their collective potential.

This AgriMaitri Roundtable will provide the platform to bridge this gap, align priorities, and turn shared challenges such as food security and climate change into joint opportunities. By working together, both nations gain resilient supply chains, expanded markets, and new pathways for innovation, investment, and sustainable growth.



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION STREAMS

Using focused, theme-based guiding questions, the roundtable discussions will identify priority areas for action, how they can be supported, the shared benefits for both countries, and the risks and safeguards needed to enable successful, high-impact collaboration.

THEME 1 INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY & FUTURE FRONTIERS

This theme examines the key research, innovation and technology priorities that should guide Indo-Australian agribusiness collaboration over the next 3-5 years, including shared focus areas in AgTech, AI, climate resilience, biosecurity, and value-chain improvements.

THEME 2 TRAINING, SKILLS & AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

This theme will explore the key agribusiness skills and training models needed to develop the next generation of leaders, including which capabilities matter most, how to support them, the shared benefits for both countries, and what is needed to build a strong, future-ready Agri workforce in India and Australia.

THEME 3 TRADE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This theme explores how Australia and India can strengthen agribusiness trade while ensuring sustainable development, climate-resilient production, and aligned standards in an evolving geopolitical and trade agreements landscape.

THEME 4 STRATEGIC AGRIBUSINESS PLATFORM

This theme examines how Australia and India can transform their agribusiness partnership into a trusted, leading platform for Indo-Pacific cooperation through strong governance, shared leadership, and impactful joint initiatives.

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TRANSDISCIPLINARY PARTNERSHIPS

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ROUNDTABLE 1

DATE: 16 March 2026

TIME: 10 AM to 4 PM

VENUE: Australian High Commission, New Delhi, India

ROUNDTABLE 2

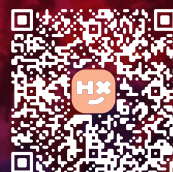
DATE: 19 March 2026

TIME: 10 AM to 4 PM

VENUE: Hotel, Jaipur, India

Address details will be shared with confirmed participants closer to the event.

Scan the QR code to register.



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