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ENHANCING AGRIBUSINESS & STRATEGIC POLICY DIALOGUE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA & INDIA

AGRIMAITRI

Transdisciplinary, action-oriented and user-driven research project that brings together multiple stakeholders - academia, industry, farmers, and policymakers - to unpack agribusiness challenges, enhance engagement and bilateral trade through evidence-based insights, and foster partnerships for Australia-India Agribusiness Innovation.

KEY OBJECTIVES

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

This project will serve as a catalyst for agribusiness collaboration between Australia and India by unpacking challenges, exploring new strategies, documenting exemplar case studies and co-designing a road map for mutual benefit and shared value.

POLICY DISCOURSE

The project will strengthen public dialogue on agribusiness and bilateral relations by enhancing the quality of discourse through multi-stakeholder engagement and fostering long term innovative partnerships.

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PHASE 01

INITIATION & SCOPING

JULY-NOVEMBER 2025

PHASE 02

ENGAGEMENT, RESEARCH & ACTIVITIES

-Multistakeholder engagement, roundtables
-Case study research
2026- 2027

PHASE 03

RESEARCH FINDINGS INTEGRATION & PROJECT OUTCOMES

-Discussion Paper
-Strategic Roadmap Report with exemplar case studies
2027-APRIL 2028

PHASE 04

BEYOND THE GRANT

-Agribusiness-Innovation Policy Lab
-Cross-border training programs and educational exchange initiatives.
2028 ENVISION FUTURE FRONTIERS

TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT

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- INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TEAM

Dr Vanita Yadav (Project Lead) and Professor Nicky Morrison from the Urban Transformations Research Centre (UTRC), Professor Basant Lal Maheshwari from the School of Science, Professor Brajesh Singh and Professor David Tissue from the Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment (HIE), and Associate Professor Maria Estela Varua from the School of Business.

AUSTRALIAN PARTNERS

Australian Farm Institute (AFI), NSW Farmers, and Australia India Water Centre (AIWC). Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce.

EOI open for Australian organisations and Trade bodies.

INDIAN PARTNERS

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Institute of Agriculture Marketing (NIAM), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, Development Support Centre (DSC) and others.

EOI open for Indian organisations and Trade bodies.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

We are seeking EOI from a diverse range of stakeholders - including agribusiness leaders, farmers, policy experts, trade facilitators, industry associations, logistics & supply chain partners, investors, and other key stakeholders - who are committed to advancing the agribusiness sector and strengthening bilateral trade between Australia and India.

Opportunities for EOI engagement include:

- participation in roundtable discussions to enhance agribusiness and strategic policy dialog
- participation in case study research by sharing your agribusiness journey, and gaining international visibility
- participation as an industry partner sponsoring project activities

For more information or to register your EOI, please contact -

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