

**Roundtable of National Agricultural Machinery Associations
in Asia and the Pacific**

- Connecting for Growth and Cooperation

28-30 October 2014, Wuhan, China

Summary Report

The Roundtable of National Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific with a theme "Connecting for Growth and Cooperation" was successfully organized by the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) with the support of the organizers of the 2014 China International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition (CIAME 2014) on 28-30 October 2014 in Wuhan, China.

Over 50 representatives of national agricultural machinery associations and private sectors from a dozen countries participated in the meeting held in parallel with CIAME 2014, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Mr. Mao Hong, Chairman of China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association and Mr. Zhao Lijun, Deputy Director of Division for International Organizations, Ministry of Agriculture of China, addressed at the opening. Mr. Zhao Bing, Head of CSAM, elaborated on the important role of private-sector in promoting sustainable agricultural mechanization and the objectives of the Roundtable. Representatives of associations made presentations of their respective associations and shared knowledge and views with regard to the strength, potentials, challenges and prospects of the agricultural machinery sector in their countries.

The Roundtable reached a consensus on establishing the Regional Council (ReCAMA), following discussions on its mandate, membership and modalities of operation, as contained in the draft Terms of Reference, according to which the Council will share information, establish network, strengthen the capacity of the national associations, voice the needs of the associations and their members, intermediate the business-government relations, and foster regional cooperation, trade and investment. All associations participating in the Roundtable became founding members of ReCAMA. China was elected Chair and India Vice-Chair of the Council for 2015. Both China and India

expressed their interests to host the 2st Meeting of the Council in 2015. CSAM was asked to provide secretariat service.

Through communication with the representatives of China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association, China Agricultural Mechanization Association, China Association of Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers, and China Agricultural Machinery Testing Centre, the participants had a better understanding of the machinery testing and certification arrangement in China. The participants expressed their expectations to the Chinese partners and/or CSAM to provide an English version list including testing results of Chinese manufacturers/products being certified by the China Agricultural Machinery Testing Centre and its provincial stations in favor of the importers' selection from other countries.

CSAM will follow-up with the Chinese partners of the feasibility of this demand. It might be one of the specific and practical activities to kick off the operation of the newly formed Council. Another possible action of the Council is cross-checking and confirmation among associations of the products produced in their respective countries in terms of testing results and certification. CSAM will draw an initial work plan with timeline in consultation with the members in the coming weeks.

Based on the responses to the evaluation questionnaires, the participants were all satisfied with the organization of the Roundtable and expecting concrete and tangible results and outcomes of the Council contributing to the sound development of agricultural mechanization industry in their countries as well as booming regional trade, investment and cooperation.

The participants also visited the 2014 China International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition and on-site machinery demonstrations of rice harvesters, rice planters, and straw banders on 28th October, as well as Wuhan Huanghe Tractor Factory on 30th October 2014.