

The image shows the cover of a membership application kit. It features a dark red background with white text. At the top, it reads 'REGIONAL NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC'. Below this is a dashed line, followed by the large, bold, white text 'NEDAC'. Underneath 'NEDAC' is another dashed line, then the text 'MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION KIT'. Below that is a third dashed line, followed by the text 'Head Office at Bangkok, Thailand'. At the bottom, it lists the website 'www.nedac.info' and the email 'secretariat@nedac.info'. The right side of the cover is decorated with a photograph of pink cherry blossoms against a blue sky.

REGIONAL NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES
IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

NEDAC

**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION KIT**

Head Office at
Bangkok, Thailand

www.nedac.info
secretariat@nedac.info

NEDAC offers immense value of network among different types of organizations such as all types of cooperatives, government bodies, parastatal bodies, academic / training / research institutions, organizations dedicated to the objectives of NEDAC.

It covers Asia, the Pacific and the Wider Associated Regions of the World.

To apply for membership of NEDAC use the application kit.

Fill the application form, email its scan copy to secretariat@nedac.info

NEDAC head office can be contacted on telephone +6622822935



NEDAC

Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific

Date:

APPLICATION FORM

Dear Sir,

Application for Membership to the Network for the Development
of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC)

We have the pleasure to inform you that we have decided to join NEDAC and agree, in general terms, to the Constitution and By-laws of the Network.

We reserve the right to withdraw from the Network, if we deem it necessary, at any time.

Yours sincerely,

(Name)

(Title)

(Name and address of the Organization)

To:
The Chairman, NEDAC
NEDAC Secretariat
c/o FAO Annex Building,
202/1 Larn Luang Road,
Klong Mahanak Sub-district,
Pomprabsattruphai District,
Bangkok 10100, Thailand



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Network for the Development of
Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific

NEDAC Membership Fee Transfer Details

Enclosed Application Form for NEDAC membership may be signed and sent to NEDAC Secretariat at the following address :

**NEDAC
FAO Annex Building
202/1 Larn Luang Road,
Klong Mahanak Sub District,
Pomprabsatruphai District,
Bangkok 10100
Thailand**

The annual membership fee is USD 2500 for regular member and admission fee is USD 500. From the second year, there will not be any admission fee, to pay only the membership fee USD 2500.

A Demand draft of USD 3000 (membership fee USD 2500 and USD 500 admission fee) raised in favour of NEDAC be sent through registered post to the NEDAC Secretariat address as given above.

The membership and admission fee can also be sent to the NEDAC A/C as given below through Bank transfer.

Bank charge for the Demand draft or for sending the money to NEDAC A/C to be paid by the applicant member.

Name of A/C Holder/Beneficiary	NEDAC
NEDAC Account number	: 003-200028-9-840
Name of Bank and address	: Siam Commercial Bank (SCB) Banglumpu Branch 135 Phra Sumern Road, Bangkok 10200 Thailand
Swift code	: SICOTHBK

**FAO Annex Building, 202/1 Larn Luang Road,
Klong Mahanak Sub-district, Pomprabsatruphai District, Bangkok 10100, Thailand
Tel: (662) 2822935, Fax: (662) 2822936, e-mail: chairman@nedac.info**

ARTICLE III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

- To sensitize governments on the need for promoting potential of Agricultural and Other Associated Cooperatives' role in development particularly in the agricultural and rural development sector;
- To provide a forum for exchange of information and experiences and promote cooperation among member countries through joint efforts and the exchange of knowledge and experiences;
- To establish amongst its members an internal based system for data collection, exchange of information and experiences regarding agricultural cooperative development, with focus on enabling legal and policy frameworks of countries, cooperative enterprise development, capacity building/strengthening of agricultural cooperatives, promote agricultural fisheries and forestry-based commodity production, value-addition and marketing at national and regional levels;
- To strengthen the technical and managerial capacity of member-institutions especially in identification of problems and formulation of adequate solutions and encourage the countries' self-confidence through recognition of their own resources, knowledge and skills;
- To establish and maintain close working relationships with international organisations particularly, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), International Labour Organisation (ILO), UNDP, IFAD, World Bank, EU, DFID, USAID, NORAD, SIDA, DANIDA, etc.; International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and regional organisations particularly ICA-ROAP, Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) and other organisations pursuing similar or related objectives.
- To stimulate the capabilities and training of human resources at all levels and accelerate development through a more efficient utilization of human, physical and financial resources available;
- To establish market and trade linkages among cooperatives in the Asia and the Pacific countries and in their wider associated regions, for possible business development of their agricultural and associated products from complete value chain development perspective; and
- To document and disseminate success stories in regard to innovate interaction between governments and cooperatives.
- To promote capacity development of NEDAC member institutions and their personnel.

ARTICLE IV. SCOPE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Network shall be open for membership on voluntary basis to all eligible organisations/institutions in countries of the Asia Pacific and wider associated regions. The network shall have regular and associate membership. All the membership fees shall follow the calendar year pattern. Members must pay their annual membership fees ideally by 31st December , but in no case later than 31st March of the succeeding year in which case, special request mentioning the circumstances of delay in payment of membership fee shall be made to the Chairman who may decide the matter on its merits to grant delayed payment, but not later than 31st March. The conditions mentioned hereinafter, shall be the basis in determining whether the member-institution will be accepted as regular or as an associate member.

The membership shall be open to all following organizations / institutions:

A. Regular Membership:

The regular membership shall be open to all the eligible organizations / institutions on voluntary basis upon payment of admission fee US \$500 and annual membership fee of US \$2500.

The regular member shall come from any of the following institutions:

- a. Government organizations / agencies: Ministries, Departments and Institutions with direct responsibility for agricultural and other associated cooperatives development;
- b. Any cooperative organization/ federation/ association connected with agricultural and other associated cooperatives;

c. Parastatal organizations supporting agricultural cooperative development; and Cooperative Training and Research Institutions; Universities involved in or supporting agricultural cooperative development and International Organizations;

B. Associate Membership:

The associate membership shall be open to all the eligible organisations/institutions on voluntary basis upon payment of admission fee US \$500 and annual membership fee of US \$1500.

The associate members may include:

- a. Institution qualified as regular member but opted to become an associate member
- b. Any organization in the Asia-Pacific and wider associated regions supporting agricultural and other associated cooperatives development; and
- c. Any cooperative organization from outside the region with particular interest in providing support to agricultural cooperative development in Asian and Pacific and wider associated region countries.

Associate Members shall not be represented in the Executive Committee and shall have no voting rights during the general assembly meeting. However, they are eligible to participate in the formulation of NEDAC policies/strategies and its programme of activities/work plan for agricultural cooperative development.

The FAO Regional Office; International Cooperative Alliance, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICA-ROAP), ILO Regional Cooperative Development Unit and APRACA will be permanent invitees to the Network.

ARTICLE V. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

The obligations of Network members are as follows:

- a. Attend the general assembly meeting regularly;
- b. Promptly respond to the communication by Chairman or Secretariat of the Network on matters related to realize the plans and programs of the network;
- c. Provide relevant information requested by members of the NEDAC;
- d. Undertake any assignments that may be mutually agreed upon by the members of the NEDAC;
- e. Settle financial obligations/membership fees in close consultation with the NEDAC Secretariat. Rescheduling of arrears or any other acceptable solution mutually agreed based upon criteria established by the Executive Committee will be effected by the Secretariat and the member concerned;
- f. Collaborate fully with the Network in the fulfilment of the objectives and functions of NEDAC;
- g. Discuss the programmes of the NEDAC with other members of NEDAC where they exist and convey their comments/decisions to the secretariat.
- h. Arrange education, training and exposure visits to members of the NEDAC in their respective countries on mutually agreeable terms.
- i. Promote trade among member organizations / countries; and
- j. As may be desired by NEDAC from time to time.

ARTICLE VI. FUNCTIONS OF THE NETWORK

To achieve the objectives in Article III above, the Network shall undertake the following functions:

- a. Promote the exchange of ideas and experiences among countries in the Asia-Pacific and its wider associated regions, on policies, programmes and projects for agricultural and other associated cooperative development.
- b. Organize periodic meetings of the network. Collect, collate and disseminate information on agricultural and other associated cooperative development and other matters of common interest to members;
- c. Collect, collate and disseminate information on agricultural and other associated cooperatives, agricultural and other associated cooperative development and other matters of common interest to members;
- d. Arrange for and organize consultations, workshops, trade platforms, seminars, research projects, courses and different training programmes for senior level policy makers, cooperative leaders and middle level managerial

and technical staff on policies, programme management and technical aspects of agricultural and other associated cooperative development;

- e. Promote trade among member organizations / countries; and
- f. Any other functions which are required to achieve the objectives of the Regional Network.

ARTICLE VII. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The specific activities that may be dealt with by the Network are:

- a. Organize consultations, conferences, workshops, seminars, trade platforms, research projects, courses and training programmes at regional, sub-regional and national levels
 - b. Conduct surveys on agriculture and other associated cooperatives and allied sectors in collaboration of the members of the Regional Network;
 - c. Organize observation tours/study programmes/exposure visits for policy makers, cooperative leaders and senior executives to study policies, programmes and field activities related to agricultural and other associated cooperative development;
 - d. Organize a staff exchange programme for in-depth, detail technical studies of or on-the-job training in specific areas related to agricultural and other associated cooperatives development;
 - e. Collect, collate and disseminate success stories in regard to agricultural and other associated cooperative development;
 - f. Document and disseminate success stories in regard to agricultural and other associated cooperative development;
 - g. Promote mutual technical cooperation by providing expertise from one-member country to another on specific areas of agricultural and other associated cooperative development;
 - h. Establish newsletter or issue periodic information note/materials on agricultural and other associated cooperative development in the region through e-mails;
 - i. Promote trade among member organizations / countries; and
- Develop an interactive website to link and access information on agricultural and other associated cooperative development in every member-institution or at least in one member institution of a country.

Major Benefits of Joining NEDAC

1. NEDAC now covers thematically agricultural and allied sector and geographically, countries in the Asia-Pacific and its wider associated regions.
2. NEDAC has Goal Orientation in Eight Broad Thematic Areas (BTAs) operated through Sub Committee mechanism:
 - (i) Strategic Communication and NEDAC website
 - (ii) Capacity development/ training
 - (iii) Experiential Learning and Study Visits
 - (iv) Ideas to Action through exchange programmes
 - (v) Sustainable Development and response of Cooperatives to Climate Change
 - (vi) Complete Value Chain and Cooperative to Cooperative (C2C) trade platform
 - (vii) International Cooperative Trade Fairs platform
 - (viii) Advocacy and policy dialogues
3. It provides a forum of exchange of information and sharing of experiences and promote cooperation amongst member organizations/countries through seminars/workshops /meetings with focus on enabling legal and policy framework of countries, capacity building/strengthening of agricultural cooperatives and promotion of agricultural, fisheries, forestry based production and marketing linkage and related information. For enhancing capacity building, study tour to different NEDAC member countries, documentation of success stories on agric. cooperatives, agric. credit, women activities on development of employment/increased income through production activities on agric., fisheries, livestock etc undertaken through NEDAC workplan and member countries derive benefit by participating in various activities. Data and useful information on agriculture cooperative development and other related activities are circulated to NEDAC members as well as through NEDAC website.
4. Cooperative Policy makers/Leaders and Senior Executives become known to different countries through NEDAC organized meetings/seminars etc. Cooperatives personnel will get training which will improve the professionalism in cooperatives. Arrangements are made in consultation with member organization in the country for offering course in their training Institute free of any charge.
5. By joining NEDAC, Cooperative Experts/Specialists of NEDAC members all over region are known amongst themselves. NEDAC plays a role in wider circulation of the names of cooperative experts/specialist to UN and cooperative organizations in the region. This helps transfer of technology and skill through mutual discussions and exchange of information.
6. Sometimes FAO, ESCAP, Project Managers, FAO Project ask NEDAC to provide names of Cooperative Expert/Specialists for engaging them as short-term term consultant. In the past NEDAC provided the particulars of the some Cooperative Expert/Specialists from NEDAC organizations to FAO, ESCAP Project etc and they were recruited by them as short term consultant. This is another benefit of joining NEDAC through which short term employment with other UN organizations or Projects are possible.
7. NEDAC Training Centre, Bangkok runs capacity development programs for members and non-members from time to time. NEDAC members are entitled to 25% discount on the course and registration fees on these programmes.
8. In the India International Cooperatives Trade Fair 2019, NEDAC members enjoyed complimentary exhibition booth, accommodation, and local transport benefits at New Delhi, India.



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Major benefits of joining NEDAC

- * Agriculture and allied sectors focus
- * NEDAC Training Centre, Bangkok
- * Coverage- almost all countries
 - * Goal oriented on
 - + Strategic communication
 - + Training programs
 - + Experiential learning / study visits
 - + Exchange programs
 - + Sustainable development goals
 - + Coop to Coop (C2C) trade
 - + International trade platform
 - + Advocacy and policy dialogue
- * Research / Seminar on key issues
 - * Documentation of successes
 - * Panel of experts

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Immense benefits of International Network

Email: secretariat@nedac.info

Who can be Member ?

REGULAR Member

Admission fee US\$ 500

Annual fee US\$ 2500

Any Government / Cooperative /
Training Institute / Research Inst
University / Para-statal body

ASSOCIATE Member

Admission fee US\$ 500

Annual fee US\$ 1500

Any Organization supporting
cooperative movement