

Impact Harvest Forum

Designing Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Inclusive Businesses

09:30-11:00 Friday, 24 May 2024
Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Background

Access to finance is key for businesses, particularly those with impact goals. Join this co creation workshop to explore existing investment tools, discuss their potential and hurdles, and to delve into factors like cost, design, due diligence, and regulations.

This session will explore investment instruments for inclusive and sustainable businesses and identify necessary adjustments and avenues for growth.

Objectives

- Explore the investment and policy environments conducive to the development and thriving of inclusive and impact-driven businesses in agriculture.
- Showcase financial mechanisms utilized, especially in India, Vietnam and Thailand, to promote inclusive business models and impact-driven initiatives in this sector.
- Identify opportunities and actionable steps to develop appropriate investment policies, tools and processes that facilitate the growth of inclusive businesses.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and strengthen networks to enhance understanding of effective strategies for promoting inclusive businesses.

Participants / Target Audience

Investors, business development intermediaries, government, business

Speakers / Facilitators

- Mr. Girish Aivalli, CEO, India Impact Investor Council (IIC)
- Ms. Neha Bhatnagar, Vice President - Partnerships, India Impact Investor Council (IIC)
- Mr. Subhadeep Sanyal, Partner, Omnivore

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of the **investment and policy environments** conducive to fostering inclusive and impact-driven businesses in impact sectors.
- Identification of **concrete opportunities and actionable steps to develop policy and scale** inclusive business models in agriculture, resulting in increased investment flows and support for sustainable agricultural development in India, Vietnam, and Thailand.
- **Strengthened partnerships and collaboration** across sectors and geographies, facilitating knowledge exchange, resource-sharing, and collective action to address shared challenges and capitalize on emerging opportunities in the impact sector.



Time	Duration	Activity	Description
09:30	0:15	Opening presentation	<p>Introduction to the session and overview of financial mechanisms for impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction and Objectives</i> - <i>Investment and Policy Environments</i> - <i>Showcasing Financial Mechanisms</i> - <i>Identifying Opportunities & Challenges for Policy Interventions</i> <p>Presenter: Mr. Girish Aivalli, CEO, Impact Investors Council, India</p>
09:45	0:45	Interactive exploration	<p>Participants will explore in break out groups the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sharing Experiences and Challenges:</i> What key challenges have you encountered when investing in or seeking investments for inclusive business models? What opportunities do you see, from an investment lens, for scaling impact in the agriculture sector? • <i>Identifying Gaps and Challenges:</i> What are the 3 major gaps, in your opinion, in current financing mechanisms for inclusive businesses? What are the major policy gaps in your country hindering the growth of the agri sector? • <i>Co-creating Solutions:</i> What concrete steps can be taken to enhance investment policy and tools for inclusive businesses? How can stakeholders collaborate to support the growth of inclusive businesses in agriculture? <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Neha Bhatnagar, Vice President - Partnerships, IIC • Mr. Girish Aivalli, CEO, Impact Investors Council, India
10:30	0:25	Open sharing and Q&A	<p><i>Facilitator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Girish Aivalli, CEO, Impact Investors Council, India <p><i>Commentator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Subhadeep Sanyal, Partner, Omnivore
10:55	0:05	Closing	