

Preface

The 6th International Conference on Agribusiness and Rural Development (IConARD) 2025 was successfully held virtually on 13 August 2025. The conference brought together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and students from around the world to share insights, experiences, and innovative ideas on the future of agribusiness and rural development in the era of global transformation.

This year's theme, "Resilient Agribusiness for Global Food Security: Transformative Pathways to Sustainability," emphasizes the urgent need to strengthen the resilience of agribusiness systems amid global challenges such as climate change, market volatility, population growth, and technological disruption.

The concept of resilience highlights the ability of agricultural enterprises and rural communities to adapt and recover from external shocks—whether environmental, economic, or social. This involves building flexible supply chains, promoting risk management, and empowering farmers with adaptive capacities to ensure continuous production and equitable livelihoods.

Food security remains one of the most pressing issues of the 21st century. IConARD 2025 recognizes that resilient agribusiness plays a pivotal role in ensuring stable food availability, accessibility, and affordability for all. The conference provides a platform to discuss innovations in production systems, value chains, and policies that can enhance global food security in a sustainable manner.

Transformation in agribusiness requires systemic change — integrating technology, digitalization, environmental stewardship, and social inclusion. This means moving beyond conventional productivity goals toward sustainable models that balance economic growth, ecological conservation, and social justice. The conference invites participants to explore how collaborative governance, green innovation, and circular economy principles can reshape the agricultural sector for a more sustainable future.

Through this conference, participants are encouraged to exchange knowledge and foster collaboration that bridges academia, industry, and government. It is expected that the outcomes of IConARD 2025 will contribute to formulating evidence-based strategies and policies to support resilient agribusiness ecosystems and rural communities in achieving global food security and sustainable development goals (SDGs).

This conference has participated by many researchers from Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, Russia, Taiwan, Brunei Darussalam, United Arab Emirat, Timor Leste. Diversity could bring various opinions about this concern issue. To ensure the published papers are of high quality, the editorial board and reviewers of IConARD 2025 were experts in their related areas. The publications hope significantly to contribute to increasing the adaptation in global environment challenges.

We sincerely thank all contributors, keynote speakers, and organizing partners whose dedication made this conference possible. May the ideas shared and connections built during IConARD 2025 continue to inspire transformative actions toward sustainable agribusiness and rural development across the globe.

Committee of IConARD 2025