

AMEA Environmental Working Group

2026 Focus



In 2026, the Agribusiness Market Ecosystem Alliance (AMEA) Environmental Working Group (WG) will build on the [2025–26 Environmental Position Paper](#) by collecting and codifying learning on how targeted, collaborative, and standards-aligned Business Development Services (BDS) and Technical Assistance (TA) can enable agri-MSMEs to deliver environmental outcomes at scale while reducing risk for investors, buyers, and governments.

As blended and development finance increasingly require high-quality, verifiable performance, BDS must evolve. AMEA’s emphasis on professionalism, segmentation, and ISO 18716 provides a practical pathway: when agri-MSMEs build the [six core capacities](#) and receive fit-for-purpose BDS, they are better equipped to adopt regenerative practices, participate in credible nature and landscape verification, and respond to climate pressures with locally relevant, market-aligned solutions. This also gives BDS providers and implementers a clear on-ramp to integrate climate-smart, regenerative, and nature-based approaches, through direct delivery or partnerships, supporting high-integrity projects in landscapes where benefits accrue to local communities and land stewards.

Why This Matters Now

Blended and climate finance are moving faster than agri-MSME and cooperative capacity, while nature-based solutions and climate adaptation in emerging markets remain fragmented, costly, and high-risk. Standards-aligned BDS and transparent data create the enabling environment for professional agri-MSMEs and cooperatives to mobilize smallholders for coordinated, landscape-scale delivery—so investors can trust the scale and integrity of outcomes that strengthen financial returns and local benefits.

How We Will Work

The WG will leverage existing [AMEA dialogue series](#), member consultations through WG meetings, and targeted external engagement—where feasible, including conservation and corporate actors—to consolidate practical insights on how professionalized agri-SMEs can meet rising environmental and market demands.

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The core output will be a concise 4–5-page position paper, finalized ahead of the 2026 AMEA Convening. It will codify member learning to sharpen AMEA’s value proposition: standards-aligned BDS and TA that help blended and climate finance de-risk regenerative agriculture and nature-based investment—reducing transaction costs and increasing returns to farmers and land stewards.