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Building Agility and Resilience in Asiaâ??s Food System: Singapore International Agri-Food Week (SIAW)

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A 200-strong speaking faculty explored the technologies, policies, finance models, and partnerships that catalyzed innovation in farming, food manufacturing, and retail across Asia-Pacific.

Deep dives into biotechnology explored the latest innovations and adoption milestones in biologicals and sustainable inputs. Focused sessions examined crop-specific supply chains to accelerate upstream innovation in rice, oil palm, and fresh produce for positive downstream impact. Regional agribusinesses, food brands, and technology giants shared business-critical insights into the role of fintech, regenerative practices, robotics, and precision agriculture in creating resilient production systems, and how these translated to smallholder farming.

As health, longevity, and gut health continued to rise in prominence, the reformulation of mainstream food and beverages and tailored functionality were at the forefront of last yearâ??s discussions. From AI-powered peptide discovery and precision fermentation to waste valorization, food-tech leaders highlighted novel, high-value, and specialty ingredients at the heart of food system transformation.

Some of the key areas under focus were

- Global Market Access: Unlocking New Economic Opportunities and Partnerships
- Climate-Smart Food: Scaling Regenerative and Precision Farming Systems
- Breeding Better Ingredients: Turning Upstream R&D into Downstream Function
- Next-Gen Proteins: Achieving Economies of Scale in Precision Fermentation
- High-Impact Crops: Future-Proofing Rice, Oil Palm & Fresh Produce from Soil to Shelf
- Carbon, Methane, Nitrous Oxide: Measuring, Quantifying & Reducing Emissions
- Agricultural Finance: Improving Access to Credit and Insurance through FinTech
- Innovative Investment: Blending VC, CVC and Philanthropy for Regional Prosperity
- Functional Nutrition: Reformulating F&B for Healthy Longevity and Gut Health
- Biotech Innovation: Driving R&D and Adoption in Biologicals
- Measurable Impact: Powering Ahead with ESG Programmes in Volatile Markets
- Upcycling Biomass: Transforming Waste and Biproducts into High-Value Ingredients

Alongside insightful plenaries and start-up pitching, the summit brought back the popular breakout sessions, live tastings, and regional product showcases. A full program of 1-1 meetings and AI-driven business matching made this an unmissable event for business intelligence, collaboration, and investment.