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The Tropical Agriculture Association (TAA) is a professional association of individuals and corporate bodies concerned with the role of agriculture for development throughout the world. TAA brings together individuals and organisations from both developed and less developed countries to enable them to contribute to international policies and actions aimed at reducing poverty and improving livelihoods.

The Association was formed in the late 1970's and stemmed largely from the alumni of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. Over the years its membership has broadened to include all those interested in the various aspects of agricultural development worldwide. It has produced a quarterly Newsletter since 1981 that is now called 'Agriculture for Development'.

- The Association's mission is:

To advance education, research and practice in agriculture for development*

- The Association's primary objectives are to:

- *Contribute to international policies aimed at reducing poverty and improving livelihoods in rural areas in the tropics, sub-tropics and countries with less developed economies in temperate areas.*
- *Encourage efficient and sustainable use of local resources and technologies, to arrest and reverse the degradation of the natural resources base on which agriculture depends, and to raise productivity of both agriculture and related enterprises to increase family incomes and commercial investment in the rural sector.*

Particular emphasis is given to rural areas in the tropics and subtropics and to countries with less-developed economies in temperate areas. TAA recognizes the interrelated roles of farmers and other stakeholders living in rural areas, scientists (agriculturists, economists, sociologists, etc.), government and the private sector in achieving a convergent approach to rural development. This includes recognition of the importance of the role of women, the effect of AIDS and other social and cultural issues on the rural economy and livelihoods.

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**Agriculture deemed to include farming (crops and animals), forestry and agro-forestry, fisheries and wider rural development issues, including those in urban and peri-urban areas. Disciplines covered include: agriculture, aquaculture, biology, agronomy, soil science, crop protection, agricultural engineering, agricultural economics, rural sociology, geography, environmental science, ecology, animal health /production and many others*