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Call to Action

Individual and collective tangible actions to support the growth of inclusive businesses.

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	Building capacities of inclusive businesses	Access to finance for growth-stage IBs	Recognising & incentivising IBs
Pains	• A one-way street between development agencies and incubators • Funding for incubators/ accelerators is often programmatic and short term	• Limited availability of concessional and patient capital • Longer (than usual) gestation periods	• Lack of recognition of IBs • Absence or limited access to financial incentives linked to achievement of impact outcomes
Actions/Solutions	1. Incubators can play a bigger role as ecosystem enablers not just implementers. Development and government agencies can leverage this. 2. Create partnerships where incubators have agency and sway at the design phase and co-create realistic projects that meet needs on the ground	1. Patient capital to innovative Agtechs 2. Institutionalising blended finance frameworks 3. Concessional finance and risk mitigation to agri-focussed financing intermediaries	1. Blended finance: Guarantees, low-cost loans 2. Tax incentives: for allocating part of portfolio to impact, for infrastructure 3. Non-financial incentives: training, coaching, technology & innovation, more market access opportunities, networking, matchmaking, branding, effective use of farmer groups/ support organisations on the ground.

How to participate

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Break out group instructions:

Step 1: Go around the room and pick the group you want to participate in.
Step 2: Listen to the input of the expert.
Step 3: Take a few minutes to quietly reflect and write down your inputs, then stick them to the board.
Step 4: Discuss with your group the proposed ideas.
Step 5: Use stickers to vote for 3 ideas. (optional)
Step 6: Discuss potential collaboration with others.
Step 7: Take your inspiring ideas and pin them to the tree trunk!

Pick 1 of the 3 Groups (we will have 2 of each):

1. **Building capacities of IBs**
2. **Access to finance for growth-stage IBs**
3. **Recognising and incentivising IBs**

What are the different post-its for?

- Make sure to put your first name and organisation on each post-it you write
- Use the post-its to note done individual and collective action
- Leaves: Individual action
- Flowers/ fruits: Collective action

SHARING



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Closing Remarks



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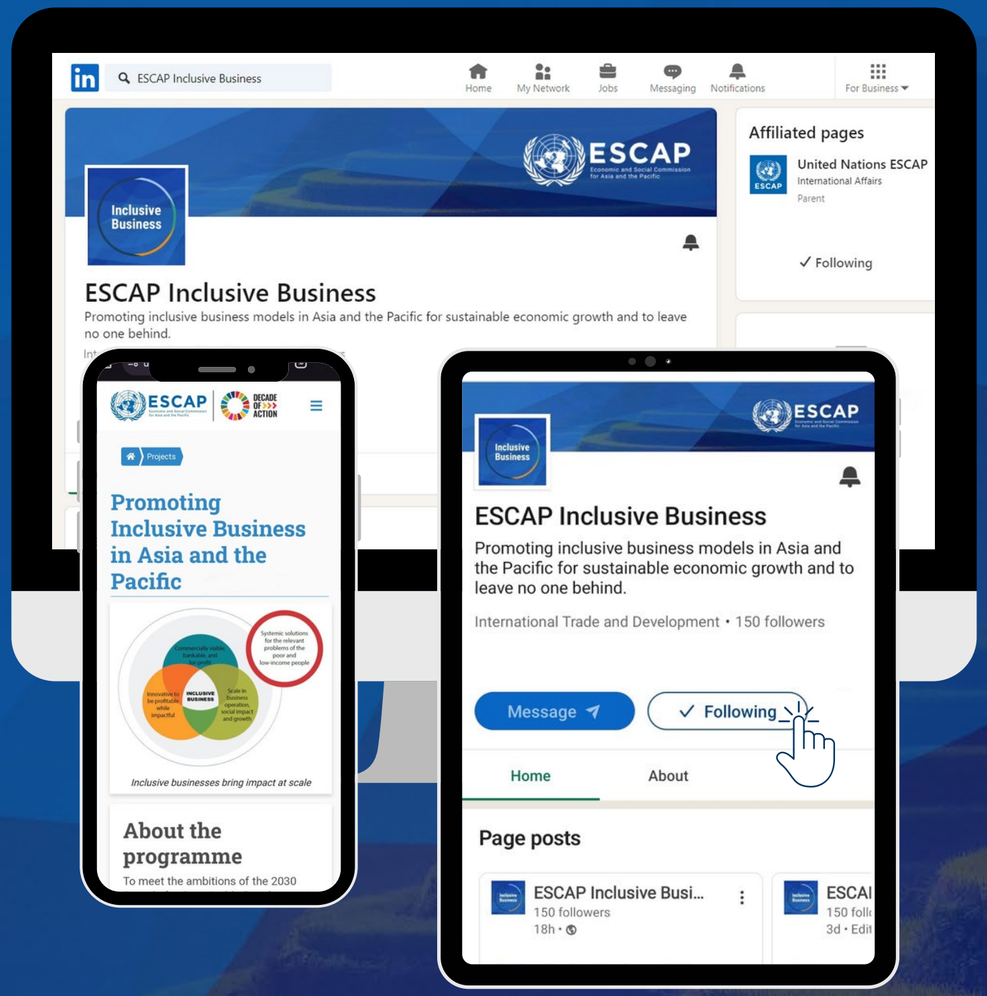

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