

South Asian Consultation on
Food Justice in a Resource Constrained South Asia

26-27 September 2011, Kathmandu, Nepal

Programme Schedule

Day I: Monday, 26 September 2011

0830 – 0900 Registration

0900 – 1000 Session 1: Inaugural Session

Chair:

Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu

Introductory Remarks:

Cherian Mathews, Deputy Regional Director (Campaigns and Policy), Asia Region, Oxfam GB, Bangkok

Special Remarks:

Bindra Hada Bhattarai, Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, Government of Nepal, Kathmandu

Chief Guest:

Hon'ble Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal, Kathmandu

1000 – 1030 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1030 – 1200 Session 2: Food Justice in a Resource Constrained South Asia

Chair: Ratnakar Adhikari, General Secretary, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

Presentation: **Food Justice in a Resource-constrained South Asia**

Cherian Mathews, Deputy Regional Director (Campaigns and Policy), Asia Region, Oxfam GB, Bangkok

Discussants: Dr. Pramod K. Joshi, Senior Programme Manager, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Asia, New Delhi

Mr. Suresh Prasad Singh, Policy Analyst, CUTS International, Jaipur

1200 – 1300 LUNCH

1300 – 1430 Session 3: Current Situation and Opportunities to Secure Land for Poor People and Smallholder Farmers in South Asia

Chair: Ms. Seema Gaikwad, Regional Node Coordinator, International Land Coalition-Asia, Philippines

Presentation: **Land Governance in South Asia**
Dr. Ujjaini Halim, Executive Director, Institute for Motivating Self-Employment (IMSE), Kolkata

Discussants: Dr. Haris Qayyum, Programme Manager Land Rights and Economic Opportunities, Oxfam GB, Islamabad

Mr. Francis Raajan, Praja Abhilashi, Negombo

Muhammad Nasar Hayat, Independent Consultant, Rawalpindi

1430 – 1500 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1500 – 1630 Session 4: Water Scarcity in South Asia—Current Situation and Opportunities to Promote More Sustainable Water Use

Chair: Dr. Dipak Gyawali, Research Director, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF), Kathmandu

Co-Chair: Dr. C. S. Karim, Convenor, Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (CSRL-Bangladesh), Dhaka

Presentation: **Water Scarcity in South Asia: How to Promote More Sustainable Water Use and Food Production**
Anil Pokhrel, Independent Consultant, Kathmandu

1600 – 1700 Press Conference

Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

Cherian Mathews, Deputy Regional Director (Campaigns and Policy), Asia Region, Oxfam GB, Bangkok

Venue: Hotel Greenwich Village, Kupondole, Lalitpur

Day II: Tuesday, 27 September 2011

0900 – 1030 Session 5: Climate Change in an Already Disaster Prone South Asia—How to Support Adaptation and Resilience for Food Production and Agriculture

Chair: Dr. Pervaiz Amir, Manager (Technical Assistance), ASIANICS Agro-Dev. International, Member of the Prime Minister's Task force on Climate Change and on the Technical Advisory Panel of the Ministry of Environment, South Asia Representative, Global Water Partnership, Islamabad

Presentation: **Climate Change Adaptation and Agriculture: Global and South Asian perspectives**
Sanjay Vashist, Director, Climate Action Network South Asia, New Delhi

Discussants: Ziaul Hoque Mukta, Regional Policy Coordinator, Oxfam GB Asia, Bangkok
Prabin Man Singh, Oxfam GB Nepal, Kathmandu

1030 – 1100 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1100 – 1230 Session 6: High Food Prices in South Asia and Mechanisms to Address Poverty Concerns

Chair: Dr. Sudarshan B. Mathema, Agriculture Economist, Kathmandu

Presentation: **Food Inflation and Poverty in South Asia**
Chandan Sapkota, Research Officer, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

Discussants: Dr. Selim Raihan, Associate Professor of Economics at University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director of South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM), Dhaka

Biraj Swain, National Campaigns Manager, Oxfam India, New Delhi

Mr. Zubair Faisal Abbasi, Consultant - Programme Development, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Islamabad

1230 – 1330 LUNCH

1330 – 1500 Session 7: Building a New Agricultural and a New Ecological Future for South Asia

Chair: Dr. Pramod K. Joshi, Senior Programme Manager, IFPRI Asia, New Delhi

Panelists: Dr. Pervaiz Amir, Manager (Technical Assistance), ASIANICS Agro-Dev. International, Member of the Prime Minister's Task force on Climate Change and on the Technical Advisory Panel of the Ministry of Environment, South Asia Representative, Global Water Partnership, Islamabad

Dr. C. S. Karim, Convenor, Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (CSRL-Bangladesh), Dhaka

Kamalesh Adhikari, Research Director, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

1500 – 1530 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1530 – 1700 Session 8: Way Forward

Chair: Ms. Seema Gaikwad, Regional Node Coordinator, International Land Coalition-Asia, Philippines

Panelists: Cherian Mathews, Deputy Regional Director (Campaigns and Policy), Asia Region, Oxfam GB, Bangkok

Ratnakar Adhikari, General Secretary, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

Ziaul Hoque Mukta, Regional Policy Coordinator, Oxfam GB Asia, Bangkok

Puspa Sharma, Programme Coordinator, SAWTEE, Kathmandu

1830 – 2130 Reception Dinner for participants

Venue: Hotel Greenwich Village, Kupondole, Lalitpur