

Final Validation Workshop on Strengthening the Role of SAARC in the Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in South Asia

23-24 March 2017

Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu, Nepal

Tentative Programme Agenda

Day 1

Time	
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	<p>WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Welcome remarks: Mr MJH Javed, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu</p> <p>Chief Guest’s remarks: Mr Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Member Secretary, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal, Kathmandu</p> <p>Keynote address/Setting the stage: Mr Fabrizio Bresciani, Regional Economist, IFAD-Asia and the Pacific Region, International Fund for Agriculture Development, Rome</p> <p>Chair’s remarks: Dr Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE, Kathmandu</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Tea-Break
10:15 – 12:00	<p>Background Paper for the Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in South Asia This session will include the presentation on the scoping study on Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in South Asia conducted by Dr. Hari Dahal.</p> <p>Presentation: Dr. Hari Dahal, Senior Consultant, SAWTEE</p> <p>Discussants: 1. Dr Binod Saha, Assistant FAO Representative, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Kathmandu, Nepal 2. Mrs V.D. Nirusha Ayoni, Assistant Director of Agriculture (Agricultural Economics), Socio Economics and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture, Sri Lanka 3. Dr Tayan Gurung, Senior Program Specialist (NRM), SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka</p> <p>Chair: Dr Yogendra Kumar Karki, Joint-Secretary, Planning Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Nepal</p> <p>Floor discussion</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:30	Presentation on Land and Soil Management for Sustainable Agriculture in South Asia

	<p>This session will consist of a presentation on the SAARC Partnership Action Plan (2017-2025) on Land and Soil Management for Sustainable Agriculture in South Asia, formulated based on the findings of the scoping study and consultations with the stakeholders.</p> <p>Presentation: Dr Dil Prasad Serchan, Consultant, SAWTEE</p> <p>Discussants: 1. Dr Mian Sayeed Hassan, Chief Scientific Officer, Crops Division, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2. Dr P.P. Biswas, Principal Scientist (Soils), NRM Division, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, India 3. Dr S.H.S Ajantha de Silva, Director, Natural Resource Management Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka 4. Mr Ajaya Ranta Bajracharya, Senior Scientist, (S-3), Nepal Agriculture Research Council, Entomology Division, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Chair: Mr Fabrizio Bresciani, Regional Economist, IFAD-Asia and the Pacific Region, International Fund for Agriculture Development, Rome</p> <p>Floor Discussion</p>
14:30 – 14:45	Tea-Break
14:45 – 16:15	<p>Presentation on Water use efficiency for Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in South Asia</p> <p>This session will consist of a presentation on the SAARC Partnership Action Plan (2017-2025) on Water use efficiency for Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in South Asia formulated based on the findings of the scoping study and consultations with the stakeholders.</p> <p>Presentation: Dr Indra Kalu, Consultant, SAWTEE</p> <p>Discussants: 1. Dr Muhammad Ishaq, PSO/Director (AFTP) SSD, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Islamabad, Pakistan 2. Mr Ali Amir, Director, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Male Maldives 3. Mr Mahboobullah Iltaf, Director General of Plan, Policy and Programs, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Kabul, Afghanistan 4. Mr Pema Thinley, Senior Planning Officer, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Thimphu, Bhutan</p> <p>Chair: Mr Fabrizio Bresciani, Regional Economist, IFAD-Asia and the Pacific Region, International Fund for Agriculture Development, Rome</p> <p>Floor discussion</p>
16:15	End of day 1
18:00 – 21:00	Social Event

Day 2	
Time	
10:00 – 12:30	Strategy Meeting
Tea/Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:15	<p>Participants: Development Partners, Organizers (IFAD, SAARC Secretariat and SAWTEE), Reference Group, Focal Points of Technical Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Relevant Stakeholders</p> <p>The Strategy Meeting is a discussion session between representative from development partners and the representatives from the member states, on the implementation and way-forward for the SAARC Partnership Action Plan (2017-2025)</p> <p>Chair: Mr MJH Javed, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Wrapping up and next steps</p> <p>Vote of thanks and closing remarks</p>