

A Two-Day Workshop on
**Reimagining the Governance of Genetic Resources and Intellectual
Property for Agriculture and Food Security in Asia**

2-3 August 2017

Park Village Resort, Kathmandu, Nepal

Programme Agenda

| Day 1 | |
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| Time | Agenda |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | <p>INAUGURAL SESSION</p> <p>Welcome and Introductory Remarks: Dr Kamalesh Adhikari, Research Fellow, TC Beirne School of Law, St Lucia Campus, The University of Queensland, Australia</p> <p>Special Remarks: Dr Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director, Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), EIF Secretariat at the WTO, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Dr Rakesh Chandra Agrawal, Registrar General, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</p> <p>Chair's Remarks: Dr Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE, Kathmandu</p> |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Tea Break |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | <p>Presentation: Opportunities and Challenges Created by Plant Variety Protection and Farmers' Rights Act in India</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Rakesh Chandra Agrawal, Registrar General, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | <p>Presentation: Inscriptions of Campesinos' Rights in Ecuador: Protecting Plant Varieties and Seed</p> <p>Presenter: Mr David James Jefferson, Doctoral Researcher, TC Beirne School of Law, St Lucia Campus, The University of Queensland, Australia</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | <p>Presentation: The Legal Regime of Plant Varieties Protection, Seeds and Farmers' Rights in Bangladesh: Examining the Perpendicular in the Lance of Intellectual Property, Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Plant Genetic Resources</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Md. Towhidul Islam, Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |

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| <p>14:30 – 15:30</p> | <p>Presentation: Consolidating Local interest in Agriculture: A Case Study on Plant Breeders’ Rights in Sri Lanka</p> <p>Presenter: Ms Asanka Perera, Associate Lecturer, Monash Business School, Monash University, Australia</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |
| <p>15:30 – 15:45</p> | <p>Tea Break</p> |
| <p>15:45 – 16:45</p> | <p>Presentation: Regulatory Politics and Farmers’ Rights: Legislative Developments in the Pakistani Seed Sector</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Muhammad Ahsan Rana, Associate Professor, Suleman Dawood School of Business, Pakistan</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |

| Day 2 | |
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| 9:00 – 10:00 | <p>Presentation: Thailand's sui generis system for plant variety protection</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Pawarit Lertdhamtewe, Director of the Law and Development Institute, LERTDHAM Foundation, Thailand</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Tea Break |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | <p>Presentation: Formulation of National Seed Policy in Timor-Leste: Addressing Issues of Governance of Intellectual Property Rights over Plant Genetic Resources</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Pratap Shrestha, Program Specialist, Seed Systems and Plant Genetic Resources, USC Canada</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | <p>Presentation: Plant variety protection law in Nepal: Does a two-track model of plant variety registration work to protect farmers' rights?</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Kamalesh Adhikari, Research Fellow, TC Beirne School of Law, St Lucia Campus, The University of Queensland, Australia</p> <p>Presentation: 30 minutes, Floor discussion: 30 minutes</p> |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Lunch Break |
| 13:15 – 16:00 | <p>National Consultation on Intellectual Property, Food Security and Farmers' Rights in Nepal</p> <p>Speakers/participants will be from Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Agriculture/National Seed Quality Control Centre, National Gene Bank, Ministry of Forests, LIBIRD, Seed Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal, CEPREAD, Community Seed Banks, and other organizations.</p> |
| 13:15 – 14:00 | Self-Introduction |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | Working Group Discussions |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | Working Group Presentations |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | Open Discussions |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Tea Break |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | <p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>Closing Remarks By:</p> <p>H.E. Mr Peter Budd, Ambassador, Embassy Of Australia, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Mr David James Jefferson, Doctoral Researcher, TC Beirne School of Law, St Lucia Campus, The University of Queensland, Australia</p> <p>Mr Madan Thapa, Member Secretary, National Farmers' Commission, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Dr Kamalesh Adhikari, Research Fellow, TC Beirne School of Law, St Lucia Campus, The University of Queensland, Australia</p> |