

Regional Conference on Suitable Seeds for Food Security

South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment
and
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

2-3 November 2022, Kathmandu

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY ONE (2 NOV 2022)

09:30-10:00

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

10:00-11:00

INAUGURAL SESSION

Welcome remarks and program objectives: Dr. Paras Kharel, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

Thematic Remarks: Dr. Kristin Rosendal, Research Professor, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway

Chief Guest: Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel, Chairman, Nepal Institute for Urban and Regional Studies (NIURS), Nepal

Chair: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Chairperson, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

SESSION 1

11:00-1:00

Presentation of the project
“Suitable seeds for food security –
research questions and findings”,

Followed by presentation:
“Regulating Germplasm Exchange:
Constraints for Future Agriculture
Growth? Case study from India.”
(Part of the Suitable Seeds project)

Presenter: Dr. Kristin Rosendal, Research Professor,
Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway

Presenter: Dr. Vibha Dhawan, The Energy and Resources
Institute (TERI), India

Panel: Dr. Bhanu Bhakta Pokharel, Senior Scientist and
Director, Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC),
Nepal

Panel: Dr. Chatura Rodrigo, Policy Advisor, SME Sector
Development Programme Sri Lanka, GIZ, Sri Lanka

Chair: Dr. Pradyumna Raj Pandey, Senior Agricultural
Economist, Planning and Development Cooperation
Coordination Division, Ministry of Agriculture and
Livestock Development (MOALD), Government of Nepal,
Nepal

1:00-2:00

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SESSION 2		
2:00-4:00	Fostering Regional Co-operation for Seed Security: South Asian Perspective	<p>Panelist: Mr. Syed Yusuf Saadat, Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, (CPD), Bangladesh</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Veena Vidyadharan, Fellow, Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) International, India</p> <p>Panelist: Mr. Syed Qasim Ali Shah, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Chatura Rodrigo, Policy Advisor, SME Sector Development Programme Sri Lanka, GIZ , Sri Lanka</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Chairperson, South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal</p>
4:00-4:15	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 3		
4:15-6:00	Changes in EU Seed Regulations – Global Trends	<p>Presenter: Mr. Christian Prip, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Dina Mani Pokharel, Environmental Advocate, Nepal</p> <p>Panelist: Mr. Apurba Khatiwada, Assistant Professor of Law, Tribhuvan University, Nepal</p> <p>Panelist: Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MOALD), Nepal</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Krishna Prasad Pant, Former Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Nepal</p>
6:00 Onwards	DINNER	
DAY TWO (3 NOV,2022)		
SESSION 4		
09:00-11:00	Financing Climate Change Adaptation	<p>Presenter: Mr. Ajaya Dixit, Founder, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition - Nepal (ISET), Nepal</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Bhaskar Singh Karky, Programme Coordinator, REDD+ Initiative, Livelihoods, The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal</p> <p>Panelist: Mr. Syed Yusuf Saadat, Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, (CPD), Bangladesh</p>

		<p>Panelist: Ms. Roshani Adhikari, President, Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalist, Nepal</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Rabi Shankar Sainju, Former Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal</p>
11:00-11:15	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 5		
11:15-1:00	<p>Impact of COVID-19 on agri input chain</p>	<p>Panelist: Dr. Pradyumna Raj Pandey, Senior Agricultural Economist, Planning and Development Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MOALD), Government of Nepal, Nepal</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Yamuna Ghale, Agriculture and Food Security Expert, Nepal</p> <p>Panelist: Mr. Syed Qasim Ali Shah, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Shiva Sundar Shrestha, President, Nepal Agriculture Federation (NAF), Nepal</p>
1:00-1:10	<p>Vote of Thanks: Ms. Urmila Joshi, Board Member, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal</p>	
1:10 Onwards	LUNCH	