

1st Advisory Committee Meeting of Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA)

An informal Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA) was established as one of the programs of Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) to generate cross learnings on agricultural extension services/frontline extension programs/innovative extension approaches in the region for efficient mechanisms through knowledge dissemination to the end users for improved livelihood in different agro-ecologies. Currently, it is operating from TAAS Office in New Delhi.

A virtual 1st Advisory Committee Meeting of Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA) was held in Committee Room of National Agricultural Higher education Project (NAHEP), Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan (KAB II) on 5 September 2024, to review the updates on activities of AEPSA. Meeting was chaired by Dr RS Paroda, Chairman TAAS and attended by the



members - Dr Hamidur Rahman, President, Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network & Former Director General, Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh, Dhaka; Ms Hema Devi Nirola, Chief Executive Officer, Druk Horticulture Private Limited, Thimpu, Bhutan; Dr Yogendra Kumar Karki, Former Secretary Agriculture,



Government of Nepal & Chairman, Nepal Farmers Advisory Council, Kathmandu, Nepal; Dr Chandana Jayawardena, President, Sri Lanka Agricultural Extension Association, Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka; Dr VV Sadamate, Agril. Extension Specialist & Former Adviser Agriculture, Planning Commission (Now NITI Aayog), Gurgaon, NCR Delhi; Dr RN Padaria, Jt Director (Extn), IARI, New Delhi; and 14 special invitees. Discussion was held to finalize the Vision, Mission, Objectives, Organogram, Membership: Suggested Fee Structure and Proposed Functions and Activities.