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Knowledge Partners



Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA) – recognizes varying levels of extension capacities and their uniqueness in the region. It aims at augmenting the extension services by way of (i) sourcing innovations/success stories, cross-learning, joint dialogues, testing/ scaling pilots, etc. and (ii) integrating the outcomes in networking and consortium mode.



Organizing Partners



AEPSA – An Introduction

Why AEPSA?

The "National Dialogue on Innovations in Agricultural Extension: A way Forward" organised by Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences(TAAS) in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) and Michigan State University (MSU), USA, during 8-9 April 2022 which was attended by senior representatives from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The dialogue focused on much-needed innovations and reforms for strengthening extension services/frontline extension programs/systems and transforming them to respond to the emerging challenges in the micro- and macro-agro-ecologies.

This was followed by an international conference on "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agricultural Extension Strategies" organized at Dhaka during 2-4 February 2023, attended by senior extension representatives from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and representatives of other international stakeholders. The conference strongly impressed upon the need for cross-learning and experience sharing on extension innovations and reforms between the South Asian Countries. It proposed the establishment of a "Network of Agricultural Extension Professionals".

Driven by the above deliberations and with a view to operationalize the recommendations thereon, a Consultative Meeting was held on 8 March 2024 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, India wherein the parties resolved to establish an "Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA)".

Vision

Sustainable growth of farm sector through enhanced knowledge dissemination.

Mission

Promoting cross-learning of agricultural extension innovations for mutual gains.

Objectives

- To study the agricultural extension delivery systems/models and capture the learnings.
- To enhance knowledge based extension delivery across food-chains.
- To promote best agricultural extension practices across the region for mutual advantage.
- To strengthen partnerships at national, regional and international levels in a consortium mode.

AEPSA Activities

- Documenting the emerging agricultural extension innovations and models in South Asia.
- Promoting cross-learning through strategic partnerships among the stakeholders (both public and private).
- Facilitating exchange of experts, extension professionals and successful farmers.
- Organizing country-specific, regional and international conferences/ workshops/dialogues around innovative extension approaches.
- Undertaking the need based pilot programs and case studies.

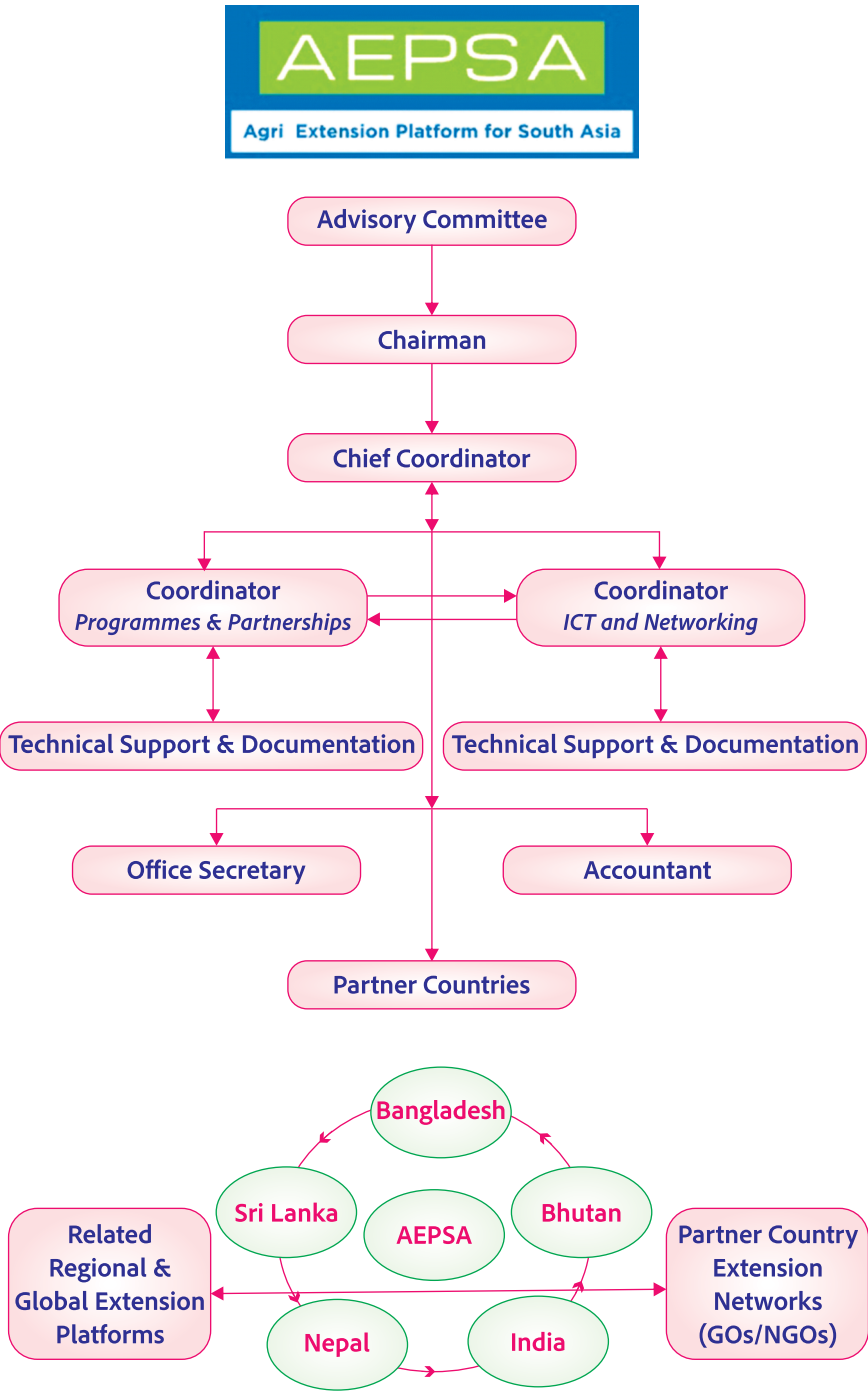
AEPSA: A Unique Platform to Address:

- Systematically developed Country Agri Extension Profiles (C-AEPs).
- Knowledge generation and dissemination through innovative extension models.
- Sharing impactful innovations and success stories across sectors.
- Effective networking of extension service providers, entrepreneurs, FPOs and farmers.



Organogram

Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia



Initially, AEPSA is to function as a program of TAAS