

Stakeholders Meeting on Sustainability of Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPSA)

Kathmandu, Nepal; 6-7 June 2025

PROGRAM

6 JUNE, 2025, 1st Day Program Hosted by Swastika Neupane (NFAC)

10.30- 11.00	Registration & Welcome Tea/Coffee	
11.00-12.33	Inaugural Session	
	Chairman By	RS Paroda , Chairman, TAAS & AEPSA Advisory Committee
	Chief Guest By	Hon. Minister Ram Nath Adhikari , Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
	Guest of Honors	Govinda Prasad Sharma , Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
	Guest of Honors	Mr.Sanjay Agarwal , ADG, ICRISAT& Former Secretary Agriculture, GOI
	Guest of Honors	Daniel Gustafson , Special Representative of the FAO DG
	Guest of Honors	Karim Maredia , Director, International Progs, MSU, USA
	Guest of Honors	VV Sadamate , Chief Coordinator, AEPSA
	Guest of Honors	Yogendra Kumar Karki , Chairman NFAC
	Guest of Honors	RK Tripathi , Technical Director, NSAI
	Other Guest of Honors National and International Guest and Delights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ International Guest and Delights ❖ National Guest and Delights ❖ AEPSA Members ❖ Journalist ❖ Ladies and Gentile Man 	
11.00-11.05	National Anthem	Supported by Sabin Shrestha
11.05-11.10	Welcome Speech	Yogendra Kumar Karki , Chairman NFAC
11.10-11.16 (6 Mins)	Opening of Program with Lighting the lamp	Hon. Minister Ram Nath Adhikari , Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
11.16-11.25 (9 Mins)	Setting the Context	VV Sadamate , Chief Coordinator, AEPSA
11.31-11.37 (6 Mins)	Address by the Guest of Honors	Karim Maredia , Director, International Progs, MSU, USA
11.37-11.43 (6 Mins)	Address by the Guest of Honors	Daniel Gustafson , Adviser to DG,FAO
11.43-11.49 (6 Mins)	Address by the Guest of Honors	Sanjay Agarwal , ADG, ICRISAT& Former Secretary Agriculture, GOI

11.49-11.55 (6 Mins)	Address by the Guest of Honors	Govinda Prasad Sharma , Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
11.55-12.08 (13 Mins)	Address by the Chairman	RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS & AEPSA Advisory Committee
12.08-12.28 (20 Mins)	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	Hon. Minister Ram Nath Adhikari, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
	Token of Love distribution	
12.28-12.33 (5 Mins)	Vote of Thanks	Dr R K Tripathi
12.35-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-16.30	Session I: Review of Country Agricultural Extension Profiles (C-AEPs) Co-Chairs: : Mr. Jay Mukunda Khanal Former Secretary, Govt. of Nepal :Dr R R Burman, ADG Extension ICAR, India	
23	Presentation of C-AEPs (Systems, Innovations/Success Stories)	
13.30-14.00	Bangladesh	Md. Ahsan Ullah
14.00-14.30	Bhutan	BB Rai
14.30-15.00	India	RN Padaria
15.00-15.30	Nepal	Yogendra Karki
	Pakistan	Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan
15.30-16.00	Sri Lanka	Ajith Priyantha Basnayake
16.00-16.20	Open Discussion	
16.20-16.30	Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs	
16.30-17.00	Tea/Coffee	
17.00 –18.30	Session II: Cross Learning and Linkage Perspectives Co- Chairs: Dr Daniel Gustafson, Advisor to DG FAO : Prakash Kumar Sanjel, DG Agriculture, Nepal	
17.00-17.15	Extension Programmes of MSU, Linkage Perspectives with AEPSA Partner Countries	Karim Maredia
17.15-17.30	Innovations in Extension Approaches by ICAR	Dr RR Burman
17.30-17.45	Cross Learnings from TAAS Success Stories	Dr N V Kumbhare
17.45-18.15	Open Discussion	
18.15-18.30	Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs	
19.00 Onwards	Reception Dinner hosted by AEPSA	

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09.00-11.00	Session III: Strengthening and Sustainability of AEPSA: Way Forward Co-Chairs: Karim Maredia , Director, International Programs, MSU : KC Hari Bahadur , Joint Secretary, Planning Division, MoALD, Nepal	
09.00-09.30	Strengthening and Sustainability of AEPSA	Interventions by Government Representatives.
09.30-09.45	Way Forward - Kathmandu Resolution	Dr R R Burman
09.45-10.30	Responses & Endorsement	Participants
10.30-11.00	Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs	
	Token of Love distribution of Co-Chairs	Distributed By:
11.00-11.30	Tea /Coffee	
11.30-12.30	Session IV: Concluding Session Chief Guest : Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Secretary, Govt of Nepal Co-Chair: RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and Advisory Committee, AEPSA Co-Chair: Yogendra Kumar karki	
	Specific Recommendations and Adoption of MOU	V V Sadamate
	Presentation of Membership Certificates	RS Paroda
	Brief Comments	Yogendra Kumar Karki
	Brief Comments	Karim Maredia
	Concluding Remarks by Chief Guest & Co- Chair	- Rajendra Prasad Mishra - Yogendra Kumar Karki - R S Paroda
	Token of Love distribution of Chief Guest & Co-Chairs	Distributed By:
	Vote of Thanks	Bimal Nirmal
12.30 -13.00	Lunch	
13.00- 18.00	Field Visits(Optional), New Neba Prabhat Dairy, Lagankhel, Lalitpur Extension Innovations Promoted by NFAC	Dr N B Shrestha Mr B L Shrestha

