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

Kathmandu, Nepal; 6-7 June 2025

Tentative Program

6 JUNE, 2025

10.30- 11.00	Registration & Welcome Tea/Coffee	
11.00-12.30	Inaugural Session	
11.00-11.05	National Anthem	
11.05-11.10	Lighting the Lamp	
11.10-11.15	Welcome	Yogendra Karki, Chairman NFAC
11.15-11.25	Setting the Context	VV Sadamate, Chief Coordinator, AEPSA
11.25-11.35	Address by the Guest of Honour	Shivsundar Shrestha, Chairman, Nepal Agricultural Federation
11.35-11.40	Address by the Guest of Honour	Roshan Cooke, Country Director, IFAD
11.40-11.50	Address by the Guest of Honour	Deepak Kumar Kharal, Secretary (Livestock Development) Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal
11.50-12.00	Address by the Guest of Honour	Govinda Prasad Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
12.00-12.20	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	Ram Nath Adhikari, Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal
12.20-12.40	Address by the Chairman	RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS & AEPSA Advisory Committee
12.40-12.45	Vote of Thanks	Bhag Mal, Secretary, TAAS/Dr R R Burman, ADG, Extension, ICAR
12.45-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-16.30	Session I: Review of Country Agricultural Extension Profiles (C-AEPs) Co-Chairs: Mr. B.M.A.P. Basnayake, Additional Director Department of Agriculture, Govt of Sri Lanka :Dr R R Burman, ADG Extension ICAR, India	
	Presentation of C-AEPs (Systems, Innovations/Success Stories)	
13.30-14.00	Bangladesh	Hamidur Rahman
14.00-14.30	Bhutan	Hema Devi Nirola
14.30-15.00	India	RN Padaria/NV Kumbhare
15.00-15.30	Nepal	Yogendra Karki
15.30-16.00	Sri Lanka	Chandana Jayawardena (Online)
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	Innovations in Extension Approaches	Dr P Chandra Shekara/ Dr R K Tripathi
17.15-17.30	Regional /International Linkage Perspectives	Karim Maredia
17.30-17.45	Cross Learnings from Success Stories	Bhag Mal/ Dr N V Kumbhare
17.45-18.15	Open Discussion	
18.15-18.30	Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs	
19.00 Onwards	AEPSA Foundation Day Cack cut & AEPSA Website Launch...Followed by 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	Interventions by Government Representatives and Stakeholders
09.30-09.45	Way Forward- Presentation of draft MoU	Bhag Mal
09.45-10.30	Responses & Suggestions	Participants
10.30-11.00	Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs	
11.00-11.30	Tea /Coffee	
11.30-12.30	Session IV: Concluding Session Co-Chairs: RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and Advisory Committee, AEPSA : Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Secretary, Govt of Nepal	
	Specific Recommendations and adoption of MOU	RK Tripathi/ Dr V V Sadamate
	Appreciation Certificates to the AEPSA Members	RS Paroda
	Brief Comments by Host Country Resource Person	Yogendra Karki
	Brief Comments	Karim Maredia
	Concluding Remarks by Co - Chairs	
	Vote of Thanks	Bimal Nirmal
12.30 -13.00	Lunch	
13.00- 18.00	Field Visits - Extension Innovations in Nepal – Promoted by NFAC	Dr N B Shrestha Mr B L Shrestha
19.00 Onwards	Dinner	