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## Regional Dialogue

# Innovations for Advancing Farmer's Use of Balanced Nutrient Application in South Asia

Venue: Crystal Hall, Hotel Yak and Yeti, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu

Date: September 5, 2019 (Thursday)

## Agenda

<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
09:30-09:35	<b>Welcome remarks &amp; Overview of the conference</b> <i>CSISA Team</i>
09:35-09:45 hrs.	<b>Introductory remarks</b> <i>Dr. Peter Craufurd, Country Representative, CIMMYT, Nepal</i>
<b>09:45-11:00</b>	<b>Country presentations</b>
09:45 – 10:00	India's experience with balanced application of nutrients <i>Dr. Avinash Kishore, Research Fellow, IFPRI, New Delhi.</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Nepal experience with balanced application of nutrients, <i>Dr. Yam Gaire, Soil Scientist, IFDC, Nepal.</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Bangladesh's experience with balanced application of nutrients, <i>Dr. Mursheedul Alam, Senior Associate Scientist, IRRI Bangladesh.</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Sri Lanka's experience with balanced nutrient management, <i>Dr. Dilini Hemachandra, Professor, Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka.</i>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Remarks from Chief Guest:</b> <i>Shri. Yubk Dhoj GC, Secretary (Inputs)</i> <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal</i>
<b>11:00-11.30</b>	<b>Tea/coffee break</b>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Market innovations in the fertilizer industry—ease of business, DBT and innovative products such as custom blends</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Mr. Navin Hada, Project Development Specialist, USAID, Nepal <b>Co-chair:</b> Dr. Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Country Director, ICRISAT.



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	<p>Indian Fertilizer industry perspective (customized blends, policy reform impacts, DBT) <i>Dr. Ramendra Singh, Head Agri (R&amp;D), Coromandel International, India.</i></p> <p>India's experience with DBT implementation (goals and challenges), <i>Mr. Ritesh Rautela, Senior Manager, MicroSave India</i></p> <p>Bangladesh's experience with subsidy implementation, <i>Mr. Bashir Ahmed, Business Director, ACI Limited, Bangladesh.</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b><i>Market innovations in the fertilizer industry—ease of business, DBT and innovative products such as custom blends</i></b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Shri. Tek Bahadur Gurung, Executive Director, NARC <b>Co-chair:</b> Dr. David Spielman, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI Washington D.C.</p> <p>Fertilizer industry R&amp;D perspective - digital soil maps and their relevance for the private sector, <i>Dr. Kamal Kumar Singh, Head Agri (R&amp;D), Adventz India.</i></p> <p>Experiences from voice extension services to farmers in India on nutrient management, <i>Ms. Claudia Carbajal Morelos, Regional Program Manager, PAD.</i></p> <p>Experiences on training farmers on Rice Crop Manager in India and key learnings on behavior change, <i>Dr. Sheetal Sharma (remotely), Senior Scientist, IRRI, India</i></p>
15:30– 17:00	Group discussion: Led by country teams, to arrive at policy recommendations for all countries
17:00 -17:30	<p>Key takeaways and follow-up activities: <i>Dr. Timothy Krupnik, Senior Scientist and Systems Agronomist, CIMMYT Bangladesh.</i></p>
18:00 hrs onwards	<b>Proceed towards group dinner</b>