

**Virtual Forum on Challenges and Opportunities in
Food Systems across the Eastern Gangetic Plains**

Wednesday & Thursday, June 22-23, 2022 | 09:00 am (IST) onwards

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 2 - June 23	
Chief Guest: Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra Secretary (DARE) and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)	
Session 3: Women in South Asia's Food Systems Chair: Dr. Kuhu Chatterjee, Program Coordinator, ACIAR	
09:00 – 09:20 am	Genderscape in the Brahmaputra Basin <i>Dr. Sucharita Sen, Professor Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)</i>
09:20 – 09:40 am	Intra-household differences in food consumption in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Jaweriah Hazrana, Assistant Professor Christ University</i>
09:40 – 09:55 am	COVID-19 and Women Farmers in Nepal Terai <i>Dr. Muzna Alvi, Research Fellow International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
09:55 – 10:10 am	Discussion
Session 4: EGP Food Systems and the COVID Crisis Chair: Dr. Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Director, Country Relations and Business Affairs – India, International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) (TBC)	
10:10 – 10:25 am	The impact of COVID-19 on farm households in Bihar <i>Ms. Manavi Gupta, Research Analyst International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
10:25 – 10:40 am	The impact of COVID-19 on agriculture in North Bangladesh <i>Dr. Mohammad Jahangir Alam, Professor, Department of Agribusiness and Marketing, Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU)</i>
10:40 – 10:55 am	The impact of COVID-19 on farm households in Province 2, Nepal <i>Dr. Madhav Karki, Executive Director Centre for Green Economy Development (CGED-Nepal)</i>
10:55 – 11:15 am	Agricultural Markets and Workfare during the Pandemic in India <i>Dr. Sudha Narayanan, Research Fellow International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
11:15 – 11:30 am	Discussion
11:30 – 11:40 am	Break

Session 5: The Leadership Dialogue on Foresight for Food in South Asia	
Chair: Dr. Shahidur Rashid, Director-South Asia, IFPRI (TBC)	
11:40 – 11:55 am	Bringing People Together to Envision a Better Future for Food Systems in India <i>Mr. Ajay Vir Jakhar, Chairman Bharat Krishak Samaj (Indian Farmers Forum)</i>
11:55 – 12:10 pm	Food Security and Farmers' Prosperity in Nepal <i>Dr. Yamuna Ghale, Senior Research Fellow Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)</i>
12:10 – 12:25 pm	Setting the Agenda on Research on Food Systems in South Asia <i>Dr. Purnima Menon, Senior Research Fellow International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
12:25 – 12:40 pm	Remarks by the Chairperson <i>Dr. Shahidur Rashid, Director-South Asia (TBC) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
12:40 – 12:55 pm	Discussion
12:55 – 1:10 pm	Closing Remarks by the Chief Guest <i>Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra Secretary (DARE) and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)</i>
End of Day 2	