

AGENDA DAY 1

9:30 – 10:15	Registration and Tea Inaugural Session
10:15 – 10:20	Welcome Remarks Dr. Biswash Gauchan <i>Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)</i>
10:20 – 10:30	GFPR South Asia Perspective Dr. Shahidur Rashid <i>Director, South Asia Region, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
10:30 – 10:40	Remarks by Special Guest Dr. Johan Swinnen <i>Managing Director, Systems Transformation, CGIAR, and Director General, IFPRI</i>
10:40 – 10:50	Remarks by Special Guest Dr. Pem Narayan Kandel <i>Chief Policy Advisor, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)</i>
10:50 – 11:00	Remarks by Special Guest H. E. Tenzin Lekphell <i>Secretary General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)</i>
11:00 – 11:10	Remarks by Special Guest Mr. Jamal Uddin Ahmed <i>Director, Agriculture, Rural Development and SAARC Development Fund (SDF)</i>
11:10 – 11:20	Remarks by Special Guest Ms. Pramila Devi Bajracharya <i>Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Government of Nepal</i>
11:20 – 11:30	Remarks by Chief Guest Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha <i>Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, Government of Nepal Chairperson, Executive Committee, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority</i>
11:30 – 11:40	Launch of the 2023 Global Food Policy Report
11:40 – 12:00	Break

Building Resilient Food Crisis Response in South Asia – Panel Discussions

12:00 – 13:00 **Food Crisis Risk Monitoring: Early Warning for Early Action**

Chair:

Dr. Pramod K. Joshi

President, Agricultural Economics Research Association, India

12:00 – 12:10 **Mr. Haile Aberra**
Head of Programme, UN World Food Programme – Nepal

12:10 – 12:20 **Ms. Phub Dem**
Advisor Department of Agriculture Marketing and Cooperatives (DAMC), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Royal Government of Bhutan

12:20 – 12:30 **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra**
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal

12:30 – 12:40 **Mr. Tun Lynn Aung**
Director, Agriculture & Food Security Division, BIMSTEC Secretariat

12:40 – 12:50 Open Discussion

12:50 – 13:00 Chair Remarks

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 **Forced Migration: Fragility, Resilience, and Policy Responses**

Chair:

Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan

Chairperson, International Institute for Migration and Development, India

14:00 – 14:10 **Ms. Simone Parchment**
Deputy Country Director (Programme & Strategy) – Bangladesh, UN World Food Programme

14:10 – 14:20 **Dr. Bilesha Weeraratne**
Research Fellow and Head of Migration and Urbanization Research, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)

14:20 – 14:30 **Dr. Ben Belton**
Research Fellow, IFPRI

14:30 – 14:40 **Mr. Syed Yusuf Saadat**
Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

14:40 – 14:50 Open Discussion

14:50 – 15:00 Chair Remarks

15:00 – 16:00 **Agri-food Value Chains: Building Resilient Food Systems**

Chair:

Ms. Temina Lalani-Shariff

Regional Director, South Asia, CGIAR

15:00 – 15:10 **Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti**
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal

15:10 – 15:20 **Dr. Srivalli Krishnan**
Senior Program Officer, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

15:20 – 15:30 **Dr. Ben Belton**
Research Fellow, IFPRI

15:30 – 15:40	Dr. Devendra Gauchan <i>Honorary Research Fellow, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and Adjunct Professor (Agricultural Economics) IAAS, Tribhuvan University, Nepal</i>
15:40 – 15:50	Dr. Peter Craufurd <i>Senior Scientist and Country Representative – Nepal, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)</i>
15:50 – 16:05	Open Discussion
16:05 – 16:15	Chair Remarks
16:15 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:40	Crisis Resilience: Humanitarian Response and Anticipatory Action <u>Chair:</u> Dr. Tayan Raj Gurung <i>Specialist-I, National Service Project, His Majesty's Secretariat, Royal Government of Bhutan</i>
16:30 – 16:40	Mr. Kamal Kishore (TBC) <i>Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India</i>
16:40 – 16:50	Dr. Anjani Kumar <i>Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI</i>
16:50 – 17:00	Mr. Siddharth Chaturvedi <i>Senior Programme Officer, Agriculture Development, Asia, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</i>
17:00 – 17:10	Dr. Aminath Shafia <i>Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Government of Maldives</i>
17:10 – 17:25	Open Discussion
17:25 – 17:40	Chair Remarks
18:00 onwards	Dinner Reception

End of Day 1

DAY 2

09:15 – 10:00 Registration and Tea

Panel Discussions Resume

10:00 – 11:00 Gender: Promoting Equality in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings

Chair:

Dr. Dushni Weerakoon
Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)

10:00 – 10:10 **Dr. Manohara Khadka**
Country Representative – Nepal, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

10:10 – 10:20 **Dr. Ranjitha Puskur**
Research Leader, Gender and Livelihoods, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and Evidence Module Leader, CGIAR Gender Impact Platform

10:20 – 10:30 **Dr. Hina Nazli**
Independent Researcher

10:30 – 10:45 Open Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Chair Remarks

11:00 – 12:00 Social Protection: Adaptive Safety Nets for Crisis Recovery

Chair:

Dr. Swarnim Wagle

Member, Federal Parliament of Nepal and Former Vice Chair, National Planning Commission, Nepal

11:00 – 11:10 Ms. Jyoti Pandey

Senior Social Protection Specialist, World Bank Nepal

11:10 – 11:20 Dr. Kalle Hirvonen

Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

11:20 – 11:30 Prof. Shyamal Chowdhury

Professor, School of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney

11:30 – 11:40 Dr. Mehrab Bakhtiar

Research Fellow, IFPRI

11:40 – 11:50 Open Discussion

11:50 – 12:00 Chair Remarks

12:00 – 12:15 Break

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Mr. Jason Seuc

Director, Economic Growth Office, USAID/Nepal

12:30 – 12:35 **Remarks by Media person**

12:35 – 12:45 **Chair Remarks**

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President, Agricultural Economics Research Association, India

12:45 – 12:55 **Vote of Thanks**

Dr. Mamata Pradhan

Research Coordinator, IFPRI
