



BIMSTEC-IFPRI CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Inclusive Agricultural Transformation with Climate Change in BIMSTEC Countries

October 10-11, 2023
Tashi Namgay Resort, Paro, Bhutan

AGENDA

DAY 1

14:00 – 15:00	Registration
15:00 – 16:15	Inaugural Session
15:00 – 15:05	Welcome Remarks Tashi Pem <i>Director General, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan</i>
15:05 – 15:15	Conference Overview Shahidur Rashid <i>Director, South Asia Region, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</i>
15:15 – 15:35	Environment & Climate Change: Regional Perspective Abdelkarim Sma <i>Lead Regional Economist, Asia and Pacific Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</i> Purvi Mehta <i>Senior Advisor, Global Growth and Opportunities, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</i> Sabnam Shivakoti <i>Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal</i> Adama Coulibaly (TBC) <i>Country Representative, Bhutan, World Bank</i>
15:35 – 15:45	Remarks by Special Guest H. E. Tenzin Lekphell <i>Secretary General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretariat</i>
15:45 – 15:55	Remarks by Chief Guest H.E. Lyonpo Tandi Dorji <i>Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Royal Government of Bhutan</i>
15:55 – 16:15	Group Photo & Tea/Coffee Break

Technical Sessions

16:15 – 17:45	Climate Vulnerability <u>Chairperson:</u> Lam Dorji <i>Natural Resource Management Consultant and Member of National Environment Commission</i>
16:15 – 16:25	Presentation by Shreekant Gupta <i>Professor, Delhi School of Economics, India and Adjunct Professor, LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and Faculty Associate, Centre on Asia and Globalisation at LKYSPP, NUS</i>
16:25 – 16:35	Presentation by Suvha Lama <i>Climate Scientist, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI), India</i>
16:35 – 16:45	Presentation by Arabinda Mishra <i>Senior Advisor to Population Council and Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute (WRI), India</i>
16:45 – 16:55	Presentation by Joachim Vandecasteele <i>Economist, World Bank</i>
16:55 – 17:25	Panel Discussion
17:25 – 17:40	Q & A
17:40 – 17:55	Remarks by Chairperson
18:00 onwards	Dinner

End of Day 1

DAY 2

09:15 – 10:00 Registration & Tea/Coffee Break

Technical sessions resume

10:00 – 11:40	Integrated Approach to Climate Goals, Finance & Governance in BIMSTEC <u>Chairperson:</u> Abdelkarim Sma <i>Lead Regional Economist, Asia and Pacific Division, IFAD</i>
10:00 – 10:10	Presentation by Veeramani C <i>Director and Professor, Centre for Development Studies, India</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Presentation by Aparna Sawhney <i>Professor, Centre for International Trade & Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Presentation by Anoop Singh <i>Professor, Centre for Energy Regulation (CER), Department of Management Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, India</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Panel Discussion
11:00 – 11:15	Q & A

11:15 – 11:30	Remarks by Chairperson
11:30 – 11:45	Tea/Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:10	Technological Cooperation, Traditional & Indigenous Knowledge, Climate Smart Agri-food Systems in BIMSTEC <u>Chairperson:</u> Tayan Raj Gurung <i>Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Management Studies Limited, Bhutan</i>
11:45 – 11:55	Presentation by Surendra Raj Joshi <i>Head, Living Mountain Lab and Senior Resilient Livelihoods Specialist, Livelihoods Team, ICIMOD, Nepal</i>
11:55 – 12:05	Presentation by Sumali Dissanayake <i>Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics, Dept. of Agricultural Systems, Faculty of Agriculture Rajarata University of Sri Lanka</i>
12:05 – 12:15	Presentation by Ngawang Ngawang <i>Senior Agriculture Officer, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Royal Government of Bhutan</i>
12:15 – 12:45	Panel Discussion
12:45 – 13:00	Q & A
13:00 – 13:15	Remarks by Chairperson
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Leveraging and Exploring Markets for Climate Action <u>Chairperson:</u> Tashi Pem <i>Director General, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan</i>
14:00 – 14:10	Presentation by Shreekant Gupta <i>Professor, Delhi School of Economics, India and Adjunct Professor, LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and Faculty Associate, Centre on Asia and Globalisation at LKYSPP, NUS</i>
14:10 – 14:20	Presentation by Meghna Agarwala <i>Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies, Ashoka University, India</i>
14:20 – 14:30	Presentation by Archisman Mitra <i>Regional Researcher, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), India</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Panel Discussion
15:00 – 15:15	Q & A
15:15 – 15:30	Remarks by Chairperson
15:30 – 15:50	Break

15:50 – 16:30 Concluding Session

15:50 – 16:05 **Synthesis**
Devesh Roy
Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

16:05 – 16:15 **Remarks by Participant(s), Member State(s)**
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BIMSTEC member state delegate

16:15 – 16:25 **Closing Remarks**
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16:25 – 16:30 **Vote of Thanks**
Mamata Pradhan
Research Coordinator, IFPRI

16:30 – 18:00 High Tea
