

Consortium for Scaling up Climate-Smart Agriculture in South Asia (C-SUCSeS)

Policy Roundtable Meeting

28-29 October 2023 | Oak Ray Hotel, Kandy, Sri Lanka

October 28, 2023

0845 – 0915 Registration
0915 – 0925 Lamp Lighting and National Anthem
0925 – 0930 Context Setting by Dr. Mamata Pradhan, Research Coordinator, IFPRI

Technical Session I

0930 – 1110 **Making smallholder and women farmers in South Asia climate-smart in agriculture: Pathways for scaling up CSA**

Chair: Dr. Md. Ruhul Amin Talukder, Additional Secretary (PPC), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Chair: Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal

0930 – 0945 'Empowering Women through Digital and Financial Education for Climate-Smart Agriculture' by Ms. Menila Kharel, Thematic Lead, Sustainable Agriculture and Markets Practical Action, Nepal

0945 – 1000 'Making CSA work for women: What does evidence say?' by Dr. Ranjitha Puskur, Country Representative for India and Research Leader - Gender & Livelihoods, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), India

1000 – 1015 **Presentation by** Mr. Md Amirul Islam, Operations Manager for South and Central Asia, Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), Bangladesh

1015 – 1030 **Experience sharing of CSA Implementation by** Ms. G. Dhanalakshmi, Senior Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra-Yagantipalle, India

1030 – 1045 **Remarks by the Chairs**

1045 – 1100 **Discussion and Q&A**

1100 – 1130 **Tea/Coffee**

Technical Session II

1130 – 1315 **Approaches and pathways to scaling up CSA technologies - The role of policies, programmatic approaches, and regional strategies in SAARC Countries**

Chair: Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (Natural Resource Management) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
New Delhi, India

Chair: Mr. Yonten Gyamtsho, Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests,
Thimphu, Bhutan

1130 – 1145 'Policy Options for Incentivizing CSA in South Asian Countries' by Dr. Smita Sirohi, Former Joint Secretary (G-20), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India

- 1145 – 1200 'Scaling up climate-smart agriculture in South Asia: Role of technology, policy, and institutions' by Dr. Jeetendra Prakash Aryal, Economist, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, Dubai
- 1200 - 1215 Presentation by Dr. Sumali N. Dissanayake, Senior Lecturer, Agricultural Economics, Dept. of Agricultural Systems, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- 1215 – 1230 Presentation by Dr. Apurbo Chaki, Senior Scientific Officer, On-Farm Research Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute
- 1230 – 1250 Remarks by the Chair
- 1250 – 1315 Discussion and Q&A
- 1315 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1615

Technical Session III

Role of capacity building among local stakeholders in policy implementation in the adoption and scaling up of CSA at various scales

Chair: Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman and PSC Member, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad, Pakistan

Chair: Mr. Ali Amir, Director, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Maldives

Moderator: Dr. Mamata Pradhan, Research Coordinator, IFPRI

Speakers: National Focal Points (NFPs) of each country (5-7 minutes each)

Discussant: Ms. Shivi Kapil, Consultant, IFPRI

1400 – 1530 Panel Discussion

1530 – 1545 Remarks by Chair

1545 – 1600 Discussion and Q&A

1600 – 1615 Tea/Coffee

Session IV

1615 –1730 Knowledge Management & Workshop on Training Modules

Discussion Facilitators: Ms. Neha Owaisy, Communications Specialist, IFPRI and Ms. Anisha Mohan, Communications Specialist, IFPRI

1615 – 1645 Presentation

Ms. Anisha Mohan, Communications Specialist, IFPRI and Ms. Shivi Kapil, Consultant, IFPRI

1645 – 1730 Discussion and Feedback session on Training Modules

Day 1 of PRT ends

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Session V: High-level Policy Roundtable

0930 – 1045

**Enabling a Conducive Policy Environment to Scale-Up CSA in South Asia:
Lessons, Pathways, and Way Forward**

Chair: Dr. Thushara Wickramaarachchi, Governing Board Member-SAC and Director-Horticultural Crops Research and Development Institute (HORDI), Sri Lanka

Chair: Mr. Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Director (ARD & SDF), and PSC Member, SAARC Secretariat, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Speakers (10 mins each)

- **Bangladesh:** Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC & PSC Chairperson
- **Bhutan:** Mr. Yonten Gyamtsho, Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan
- **India:** Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, DDG (NRM) Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, India
- **Nepal:** Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal
- **Pakistan:** Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad, Pakistan
- **Sri Lanka:** Ms. P. Malathy, Director General of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Sri Lanka

Discussion and Q&A

1045 – 1100

Tea/Coffee

1100 – 1200

Closing Session

Chair: Dr. Smita Sirohi, Former Joint Secretary (G-20), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Chair: Dr. Dhruva Raj Bhattarai, Executive Director, Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Kathmandu

1100 – 1120

**Presentation of draft Policy Roundtable proceedings
SAC & IFPRI**

1120 – 1140

Remarks by the Chairs

1140 – 1155

Vote of thanks (Member States' Representative) - Mr. Ali Amir, Director, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Maldives

Vote of thanks (PSC Members' Representative) - Dr. R. A. C. J. Perera, Assistant Director of Agriculture (Research), and PSC Member - Sri Lanka, Field Crop Research and Development Institute (FCRDI), Sri Lanka

Vote of thanks (IFPRI) - Dr. Mamata Pradhan, Research Coordinator, IFPRI

End of the Policy Roundtable Meeting