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Regional Conference on Agriculture Trade in BIMSTEC: New Opportunities and Way Forward

17 August 2023 | The Park, New Delhi

AGENDA

0900 – 0930 HRS	Registration
0930 – 1030 HRS	Inaugural Session
	<p><i>Welcome Remarks:</i> Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p><i>Inaugural Remarks:</i> Dr Shahidur Rashid, Director, IFPRI (South Asia)</p> <p><i>Special Remarks:</i> Mr Kiran Shakya, Director, BIMSTEC Secretariat</p> <p><i>Guests of Honours:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Moe Kyaw Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to India • H.E. Major General Vetsop Namgyel, Bhutan Ambassador to India • H.E. Ms Pattarat Hongtong, Thailand Ambassador to India (TBC) • H.E. Dr Shankar Prasad Sharma, Nepal Ambassador to India (TBC) <p><i>Inaugural Address:</i> Dr Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog</p> <p><i>Vote of Thanks:</i> Professor S.K. Mohanty, RIS</p>
1030 – 1045 HRS	Group Photo
1045 – 1100 HRS	Tea Break
1100 – 1145 HRS	Session 1: RIS IFPRI Session
	<p><i>Chair:</i> Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> Dr Shahidur Rashid, Director, IFPRI (South Asia)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Devesh Roy, IFPRI (Online) • Professor S. K. Mohanty, RIS <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Shaikh Mohd Mouzam, Punjab Agriculture University • Dr Rohit Saini, RIS <p>Open Discussion</p>

1145 – 1300 HRS	Session 2: State of Agriculture in BIMSTEC
	<p>Chair: Dr Charan Singh, EGROW Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Mustafizur Rahman, CPD (Bangladesh) • Professor P.K. Joshi, NAAS (India) • Mr Suphakit Chareonkul, International Institute for Trade & Dev (Thailand) (Online) • Dr Aruna Palikhe, Agriculture Economist, IIDS (Nepal) • Professor Than Than Sein, Mandalay Technological University (Mynamar) • Mr Aleen Mukherjee, NCDEX (India) <p>Open Discussion</p>
1300 – 1400 HRS	Lunch Break
1400 – 1515 HRS	Session 3: Food Processing and Regional Value Chains
	<p>Chair: Dr Smita Sirohi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mohammad Rais, CSIR-NIScPR (India) • Dr Ngu Wah Win, CESD (Myanmar) • Dr Devendra Gauchan, Agriculture Economist Society of Nepal (Nepal) • Mr Leki Tenzin, DAMC (Bhutan) (TBC) • Mr Mahfuzul Hoque Shah, CCCI (Bangladesh) (Online) • Dr Sendhil R., Puducherry University (India) <p>Open Discussion</p>
1515 – 1530 HRS	Tea Break
1530 – 1645 HRS	Session 4: Agriculture Technology and Investments
	<p>Chair: Professor Praveen Rao, PJTSAU</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mirza Mofazzal Islam, BINA (Bangladesh) • Dr Rangarajan Jagan Mohan, IIFPT (India) • Dr R.M.N.A Wijewardane, NIPHM (Sri Lanka) • Mr Satish Chand Shrestha, Shreenagar Agro Group (Nepal) • Mr Abhinav Shukla, ITC (India) <p>Open Discussion</p>
1645 – 1800 HRS	Session 5: Regional Food Trade
	<p>Chair: Mr Rabi Shanker Sainju, Former Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal (Nepal)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mahfuz Kabir, BIIS (Bangladesh) • Dr Goutam Ghosh, Director, FICCI (India) • Dr Chatura S. Wijetunga, Uva Wellassa University (Sri Lanka) • Ms Dikshya Singh, SAWTEE (Nepal) • Mr Jamyang Phuntsho, QCS, (Bhutan) • Dr Raka Saxena, NIAP (India) <p>Open Discussion</p>
1800 – 1830 HRS	Valedictory Session
	<p>Closing Remarks: Dr Shahidur Rashid, Director, IFPRI (South Asia)</p> <p>Valedictory Address: Dr Ashok Vishandass, Professor, IIPA</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr Mamata Pradhan, IFPRI, New Delhi</p>
1900 HRS Onwards	Dinner