







## Virtual Conference on

## Strengthening Agricultural Resilience for the Global South

Jointly organised by ICRISAT Center of Excellence for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (ISSCA) and DAKSHIN-Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS

31 July 2025

3:00PM to 6.00PM IST

## <u>Agenda</u>

Time (IST)	Session	
3:00 pm – 3:05 pm	<ul> <li>Context Setting and Conference Overview</li> <li>Mr Ramon Peachey, Director – Communications, ICRISAT</li> </ul>	
3:05 pm – 3:15 pm	Leadership Insights – ICRISAT  • Dr Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT	
3:15 pm – 3:25 pm	Leadership Insights – RIS - DAKSHIN  • Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS	
ISSCA in Focus: Technologies, Partnerships, and Pathways to Impact		
3:25 pm – 3:35 pm	<ul> <li>Thematic Overview of ISSCA &amp; its Knowledge Portal</li> <li>Dr Rebbie Harawa, Global Research Program Director (RFFS) &amp; Director – Africa Program, ICRISAT</li> </ul>	
3:35 pm – 3:45 pm	<ul> <li>Theme 1: Digital Agriculture</li> <li>Mr Anindya Banerjee, Adviser – Agriculture Statistics &amp; Digital Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare, Government of India</li> </ul>	
3:45 pm – 3:55 pm	<ul> <li>Theme 2: Crop Improvement and Production Technologies</li> <li>Dr Shiv Kumar Agrawal, Regional Coordinator for South Asia and China Regional Program &amp; Head - Food Legumes Research Platform, International Center for Agriculture Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)</li> </ul>	
3:55 pm – 4:05 pm	<ul> <li>Theme 3: Livestock Improvement and Production Technologies</li> <li>Dr Shubhadeep Ghosh, Assistant Director General (Marine Fisheries), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India</li> <li>Dr Yogesh Gadekar, Senior Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India</li> </ul>	
4:05 pm – 4:15 pm	Theme 4: Agribusiness and Market Systems  • Dr Rabe Yahaya, Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute	

	<ul> <li>(IRRI)</li> <li>Dr Hameeda Banu Itagi, Scientist, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</li> </ul>
4:15 pm – 4:25 pm	Theme 5: Natural Resource Management & Climate Resilience  • Dr Ramesh Singh, Principal Scientist, ICRISAT
4:25 pm – 4:40 pm	<ul><li>Q&amp;A session</li><li>Participants</li></ul>

Global South Dialogue: Understanding Technology Needs of the Global South to Advance South- South Cooperation in Agriculture		
4:40 pm – 5:25 pm	Moderator  - Prof Culshan Sachdaya, Chief Coordinator, DAKSLIJA, DIS	
	<ul> <li>Prof Gulshan Sachdeva, Chief Coordinator, DAKSHIN, RIS</li> <li>Panelists</li> <li>Dr Lalith M. Rankoth, Senior Lecturer, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka</li> <li>Mr Zali B. Chikuba, Executive Director, Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR), Zambia</li> <li>Dr Jerome Queste, Resource Mobilization &amp; Partnership Specialist, Center for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA), Gaborone, Botswana</li> <li>Dr Javier Aliaga Lordemann, Senior Associate Researcher, Instituto de Estudios Avanzados en Desarrollo – INESAD, Bolivia</li> <li>Dr Aliou Barry, Director General, Stat View International, Republic of Guinea</li> </ul>	
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	<ul> <li>Reflections on Strategic Support for Agricultural Transformation</li> <li>Dr Srivalli Krishnan, Deputy Director – Agricultural Development, Gates Foundation</li> </ul>	
5:35 pm – 5:50 pm	Q&A session  • Participants	
5:50 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks  Mr Sanjay Agarwal, Assistant Director General, ICRISAT	