



# Global Conference on Women in Agriculture



13-15 March, 2012  
NASC Complex, New Delhi, India

## Overarching Goal

**Empowering Women for Inclusive Growth in Agriculture**



## Program

### Organizers

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**

**Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)**

with support from GFAR under the Gender in Agriculture Partnership

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## Goal

### Empowering Women for Inclusive Growth in Agriculture

#### Objectives

- To discuss and deliberate the prevailing and emerging gender related issues in agriculture and food systems and derive lessons learned for future sustainable development,
- To take stock of evidence on experience in enhancing the role of women in agriculture,
- To understand the approaches and mechanisms adopted by international organizations, regional fora, nation states and their stakeholders including civil society and the private sector for empowering women and addressing gender related issues in agriculture,
- To collate lessons on strategies for strengthening gender research in agriculture to make technology generation and dissemination, agricultural planning and policy making gender sensitive and disseminate them through a variety of products, services and tools, and
- To develop a Framework for Action to integrate and empower women for inclusive growth and development through an enduring global partnership program on gender in agriculture ensuring that:
  - (i) *New knowledge and experiences are shared from cross-country programs as well as inter-regional/global successes concerning the role of women in agriculture,*
  - (ii) *Gaps and needs in policies and institutions, research, education and extension are identified in issues related to women's role in agriculture,*
  - (iii) *Technological and institutional innovations better meet the needs of farm women,*
  - (iv) *Strategies are developed and implemented for addressing gender issues in agriculture at the local, national, regional and global level, and*
  - (v) *Support is generated for these actions.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

09.00-10.00	:	Registration
10.00-11.30	:	Inaugural Session
Welcome Remarks	:	S. Ayyappan, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Remarks	:	Representatives of APAARI, GFAR, FAO, CGIAR
Special Remarks	:	Margaret Alva, Governor, Uttarakhand
Felicitation and Release of Publications	:	
Special Address	:	Sharad Pawar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India
Chairperson's Address	:	Meira Kumar, Speaker, Indian Parliament
Address by Chief Guest	:	H.E. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of India
Vote of Thanks	:	K.D. Kokate, Chairman, National Organizing Committee
National Anthem	:	

### Inauguration of **INNOVATION MARKET PLACE** by H.E. The President of India

11:30-12:00	:	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
12:00-13:00	:	<b>Keynote Address on Role of Women in Changing Agricultural Scenario</b>
Chair	:	Sharad Pawar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India
Co-Chair	:	M.S. Swaminathan, Member of Parliament
Speaker	:	Ann Tutwiler, Deputy Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization
13:00—14:00	:	<b>Lunch</b>

### **POLICY FORUM-I**

#### **Reforms in Empowering Women in Agriculture**

14:00-15:30	:	
Moderator	:	Uma Lele, Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA)
Rapporteur	:	Cynthia Bantilan, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
Panelists	:	Marcela Villarreal, Food and Agriculture Organization Matia Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister, Bangladesh Supriya Sule, Member of Parliament Marcus Goldstein, World Bank Nafis Sadik, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia-Pacific Gerda Verburg, Permanent FAO Representative, Netherlands

The Panelists will comment on the analysis and recommendations contained in the recent reports on Gender in Agriculture (FAO 2011) and Gender and Development (WDR 2012) and their implications for Action at the Global, Regional, National and Local Levels<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>The State of Food and Agriculture in 2010-2011: Women in Agriculture: Closing the Gender Gap for Development; and World Development Report 2012 : Gender Equality and Development

15:30-16:00 : **Tea/Coffee Break**

16:00-17:30

## **POLICY FORUM-II**

### **Institutional Changes for Capacity Building and Partnerships**

Moderator : Mark Holderness, Global Forum on Agricultural Research  
Rapporteur : Ashok Kumar Singh, Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
Panelists : Daggubati Purandeshwari, Minister of State, HRD,  
Government of India  
Haven Ley, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
Meera Shekar, World Bank  
Vicki Wilde, African Women in Agricultural Research and  
Development  
Bina Agarwal, University of Delhi  
Fatima Mosseddaq, Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire  
Hassan, Morocco

18:30-20:00 : **Cultural Program**

20:00 : **Reception Dinner**

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012**

09.00-13.00

### **Parallel Sessions**

#### **Session I**

9.00-9.20 : Short Plenary  
Convener : Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research  
Institute  
Facilitator : Jurgen Hagmann, PICOTEAM

#### **An Overview of the Program for the Parallel Sessions and Expected Outcomes**

9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.1 Assessing Women's  
Empowerment in Agriculture**

[11:00-11:20 Tea/Coffee Break]

**Overarching Question:** *What are women's specific needs for empowerment in agriculture, such as access to resources, mechanization, household operations, capacity building, etc.*

Chair : Mina Swaminathan, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation  
Co-Chair : Beatriz Argimon, Gender Equity Specialist, Uruguay  
Rapporteur : Lone Badstue, International Maize and Wheat Improvement  
Center  
Speakers : Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research  
Institute  
Mary Jane dela Cruz, Food and Agriculture Organization  
Cynthia Bantilan, International Crops Research Institute for  
the Semi-Arid Tropics  
Krishna Srinath, Directorate of Research on Women in  
Agriculture

Esther Penunia, Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Development  
Anna Crole-Rees, CRC4Change  
Hanaa el Hilaly, Social Fund for Development, Egypt  
Maureen Miruka, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute

9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.2 Agricultural Innovations for Reducing Drudgery**

[11:00-11:20 Tea/Coffee Break]

**Overarching Questions:** *What solutions exist to reduce women's drudgery relating to agricultural operations and household needs? (e.g. Rice transplanting, Alternative sources of fuel, etc.)*

Chair : Idah Sithole-Niang, The Agricultural Technology Foundation (AARF, Kenya)

Co-Chair : \_\_\_\_\_

Rapporteur : Suman Singh, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur

Speakers : Tahseen Jafry, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK  
Kazutaka Kogi, Institute for Science of Labour, Japan  
Kirit Patel, Canadian Mennonite University  
Pitam Chandra, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal  
Anil K. Gupta, National Innovation Foundation, India  
Ebba Augustin, CEO, SAANED, Jordan  
Reema Nanavaty, Self Employed Womens Association, India  
Rita Agboh-Noameshie, AricaRice

9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.3. Linking Women to Markets**

[11:00-11:20 Tea/Coffee Break]

**Overarching Questions:** *What initiatives are in place to link effectively women to markets? What are the policy, institutional, infrastructural and financial constraints affecting agricultural diversity to enhance income?*

Chair : Ganesan Balachander, CGIAR Board

Co-Chair : Maria Jose Sampaio, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation

Rapporteur : Suresh Pal, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, India

Speakers : Mahabub Hossain, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee  
Jemimah Njuki, International Livestock Research Institute  
Mildred Crawford, Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers, Jamaica  
Margaret Odyek, Uganda National Farmers' Federation, Uganda  
Sally Baden, Oxfam International  
Yvonne Pinto, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex  
Malika Martini, ICARDA  
Judith –Ann Francis, Senior Program Coordinator, Science & Technology Strategies (CTA)  
Rekha Mehra, International Center for Research on Women

Elizabeth Rava, Mama Lus Fruit Program in Oil Palm, Papua New Guinea

9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.4 Role of Women in Household Food and Nutrition Security**

[11:00-11:20 Tea/Coffee Break]

**Overarching Questions:** *What do we know about relationship between agricultural productivity, incomes, women's time and knowledge in terms of impacts on nutrition? On household nutrition, what do we need to know better?*

Chair : Meera Shekar, World Bank  
Co-Chair : Sheela Ramchandran, Avinashilingam University  
Rapporteur : Shashi Paroda, CCS Haryana Agricultural University

Speakers : Ruth Oniango, Founder, Rural Outreach Program  
J.V. Meenakshi, Delhi School of Economics  
Ranjitha Puskur, WorldFish Center  
N.B. Yenagi, University of Agricultural Sciences Dharwad  
Emily Hillenbrand, Helen Keller International, USA  
Lynn Brown, World Food Program  
Joanna Kerr, ActionAid  
Rita Rani Raghuvanshi, Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology  
S.D. Kulkarni, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering

9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.5 Access to Assets, Resources and Knowledge: Policies and Services**

[11:00-11:20 Tea/Coffee Break]

**Overarching Questions:** *What Policies to increase women's access to land, water and agrobiodiversity? Policies and practices to improve access to finance? Policies and delivery systems to improve access to knowledge-extension?*

Chair : \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Chair : Lourdes Adriano, Asian Development Bank  
Rapporteur : Premlata Singh, Indian Agricultural Research Institute

Speakers : Eliane Najros, Food and Agriculture Organization  
Hema Swaminathan, Indian Institute of Management  
Ann Dela Apekey, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  
Priyanie Amerasinghe, International Water Management Institute  
Deena Ledger, LANDESA  
Regina Birner, Hohenheim University  
Virginia Cardenas, University of Philippines

9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.6 Climate Change Related Risks and Uncertainties: Their Impact**

[11:00-11:20 Tea/Coffee Break]

**Overarching Questions:** *What are the risk elements associated with rise in temperature, occurrence of draughts, floods etc. What uncertainties exist and how to overcome them? What strategy appropriate for women to adapt to climate change?*

Chair : \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair : B. Meena Kumari, Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
Rapporteur : B.N. Sadangi, Central Rice Research Institute

Speakers : P.K. Aggarwal, Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security  
Thelma Paris, International Rice Research Institute  
Patti Kristjanson, Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security  
Nichola Shongwe, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network  
Suman Sahai, Gene Campaign  
Tyhra Kumasi, AWARD Fellow  
Esther Mwangi, Center for International Forestry Research  
Ritu Verma, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development

13.00-14.00 : **Lunch**

14.00-15.30 **Session II**

**Recommendations of the Parallel Sessions followed by General Discussion**

Chair : Monty Jones, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  
Co-Chair : Su-San Chang, Council of Agriculture, Taiwan  
Rapporteur : \_\_\_\_\_

**15:30-16:00 : Tea/Coffee Break**

16.00-17.30 **Session III**

**Strengthening Capacity Building and Partnerships**

Chair : Rita Sharma, National Advisory Council, Gol  
Co-Chair : Simon Hearn, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research  
Rapporteur : K. Vijayaraghavan, Indian Agricultural Research Institute  
Speakers : Sara Ahmed, International Development Research Center  
K.D. Kokate, Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
Irene Annor-Frempong, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  
Mark Holderness, Global Forum on Agricultural Research  
Cathy McGowan, Community Rural Consultant, Australia  
Laziza Gafurova, National University of Uzbekistan

17:30-19:30 **Innovation Market Place/ Poster Presentation**

Convenor : K.D. Kokate, Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Co-Convenor : N.N. Singh, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences

**Posters on success stories relating to LFM and other Conference Themes**

(Selection Process will be in place to judge the Posters)

**Reception Dinner will also be hosted at the Market Place**

**(Market Place will also be open for the whole day on Friday, March 15, 2012)**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

### Session IV

9:00-13:00 **Need Assessment and Future Strategy**

9:00-9:20 Briefing by Facilitator : Jurgen Hagmann, PICOTEAM

**(Working Group Discussions on Engendering Agricultural Research, Education and Extension)**

	<u>Group I</u>	<u>Group II</u>	<u>Group III</u>
	<b>Research</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Extension</b>
Chair:	Jacqueline Ashby, Sr. Gender Advisor, CGIAR	Christian Hoste EFARD	Sanne Chipeta Adviser, KCA, Denmark
Co-Chair	H.S.Gupta Director, IARI	Arvind Kumar DDG, (Edu.), ICAR	Harry Palmier Sr. Partnership Expert, GFAR
Rapporteurs:	Malvika Dadlani, IARI	Sheilah S.Vergara, IIRR, Philippines	Nandita Pathak, Deen Dayal Research Institute

10:30-11:00 : **Tea/Coffee Break**

13:00-14:00 : **Lunch**

14:00-16:00 **Session V**

### **Towards More Effective Joint Action**

What should we decide on priority and how to address them collectively?

Chair	:	Raj Paroda, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
Co-Chair	:	Jo Luck, USAID
Facilitator	:	Jurgen Hagmann, PICOTEAM
Panelists	:	Monty Jones, Global Forum on Agricultural Research Marcela Villarreal, Food and Agriculture Organization Haven Ley, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation William Hammink, USAID Eija Pehu, World Bank Lourdes Adriano, Asian Development Bank S. Ayyappan, Indian Council of Agricultural Research  (Panelists to express their perceptions/views concerning Global Partnership Program for Women in Agriculture)

16:00-16:30 : **Tea/Coffee Break**

16:30-17:30 **Concluding Session**

Presentation of Working Group Recommendations	:	Group Chairpersons/Rapporteurs
Remarks by Co-Chair	:	Raj Paroda, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
Remarks by Chair, IOC	:	S. Ayyappan, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Concluding Remarks by Chief Guest	:	M.S. Swaminathan, Member of Parliament
Vote of Thanks by Chair, NOC	:	K.D. Kokate, Indian Council of Agricultural Research

*Note : Invitations have been sent to all those listed in the program. Confirmations are being received.*