



# 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



## Goal

### Empowering Women for Inclusive Growth in Agriculture

#### Objectives

- To discuss and deliberate the prevailing and emerging gender related issues in agriculture, food and nutrition systems and derive lessons learned for future sustainable development,
- To take stock of evidence on experience in enhancing the role of women in agriculture and agriculture's contribution to womens' livelihoods, food and nutrition,
- To understand the approaches and mechanisms needed from the local to global levels involving all stakeholders (households, local communities, NGOs, the private sector, nation states, regional and international organizations) for empowering women and addressing gender related issues in agriculture,
- To derive lessons on strategies for strengthening gender research in agriculture for development 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 strategies needed to enhance women's role in agriculture,*
  - (ii) *Gaps and needs in policies and institutions, research, education and extension are identified concerning gender 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
10:00-11.00	:	<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b>
Welcome Address	:	S. Ayyappan, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Brief Remarks	:	APAARI : Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary GFAR : Monty Jones, Chairman
Video Message	:	Michelle Bachelet, Head, UN-Women (to be introduced by Gulden Turkoz-Cosslett, UN-Women)
Felicitation and Release of Publications	:	
Special Address	:	M.S. Swaminathan, Member of Parliament
Chairperson's Address	:	Margaret Alva, Governor, Uttarakhand
Address by Chief Guest	:	Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister, Delhi State
Vote of Thanks	:	K.D. Kokate, Chairman, National Organizing Committee
11:00-11:30	:	<b>Group Photograph and Tea/Coffee Break</b>
11:30-11:45	:	<b>About the Conference</b> : Jurgen Hagmann, PICOTEAM

### POLICY FORUM-I

#### Reforms in Empowering Women in Agriculture

11:45-13:15		
Moderator	:	Uma Lele, Independent Scholar
Rapporteur	:	Cynthia Bantilan, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
Panelists	:	Matia Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister, Bangladesh Gulden Turkoz-Cosslett, UN-Women Supriya Sule, Member of Parliament Marcus Goldstein, World Bank Nafis Sadik, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General Lynn Brown, World Food Program

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

13:15—14:15	:	<b>Lunch</b>
-------------	---	--------------

### POLICY FORUM-II

#### Institutional Changes for Capacity Building and Partnerships

14:15-15:45		
Moderator	:	Mark Holderness, Global Forum on Agricultural Research
Rapporteur	:	Ashok Kumar Singh, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Panelists	:	Daggubati Purandeshwari, Minister of State, HRD, India Haven Ley, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Meera Shekar, World Bank

Bina Agarwal, University of Delhi

Fatima Mosseddaq, Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan,  
Morocco

Petra Bola Abdulsalam-Saghir, Federal College on Agriculture,  
Nigeria

15:45-17:30 : **Tea/Coffee Break and Poster Session**

17:30-18:30

**Inauguration of INNOVATION MARKET PLACE by Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Minister of Agriculture  
& Food Processing Industries**

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

20:00 : **Reception Dinner (Hosted by Union Minister of  
Agriculture & Food Processing Industries)**

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

09.00-13.00

#### **Parallel Sessions**

##### **Session I**

9.00-9.20 : **Short Plenary**

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

Convener : Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research  
Institute

Facilitator : Jurgen Hagmann, PICOTEAM

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

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	:	P. Das, Former DDG (Extn.), ICAR
Rapporteur	:	Suman Singh, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur
Speakers	:	Tahseen Jafry, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK Rehana Riyawala, Self Employed Womens Association, India Afiavi R. Agboh, AricaRice Sumathi, DHAN Foundation Pitam Chandra, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal Anil K. Gupta, National Innovation Foundation, India Ebba Augustin, CEO, SAANED, Jordan Malika Martini, ICARDA

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	:	Fidelina Diaz Aquino, Instituto Nacional de Innovacion Agraria
Rapporteur	:	Suresh Pal, Indian Agricultural Research Institute
Speakers	:	W.M.H. Jaim, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee Jemimah Njuki, International Livestock Research Institute Sally Baden, Oxfam International Yvonne Pinto, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex S. Chaudhary, National Dairy Development Board Judith-Ann Francis, Senior Program Coordinator, Science & Technology Strategies (CTA) 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 : Savita Singhal, CCS Haryana Agricultural University

Speakers : 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  
Madhur Gautam, World Bank  
Biraj Swain, Oxfam International  
Rita Rani Raghuvanshi, G.B. Pant University of Agric. & Tech.  
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 : Lourdes Adriano, Asian Development Bank  
Co-Chair : Shantanu Mathur, International Fund for Agricultural Development  
Rapporteur : Premlata Singh, Indian Agricultural Research Institute

Speakers : Ann Dela Apekey, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  
Hema Swaminathan, Indian Institute of Management  
Govind Kelkar, UN-Women  
Priyane Amerasinghe, International Water Management Institute  
Deena Ledger, LANDESA  
Regina Birner, Hohenheim University  
Virginia Cardenas, University of Philippines  
Homnath Gartaula, Canadian Mennonite University

**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 : R.B. Singh, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences  
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 & 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 : Jacqueline Ashby, CGIAR  
Rapporteur : Shashi Paroda, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, India

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

16.00-17.30 **Session III**

**Strengthening Capacity Building and Partnerships**

Chair : Simon Hearn, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research  
Co-Chair : Ibrahim Hamdan, Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa  
Rapporteur : K. Vijayaraghavan, Indian Agricultural Research Institute  
Panelists : 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 Different Conference Themes**

(Selection process will be in place to judge best three Posters)

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

**(Market Place will be open also on Thursday, 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)**

	<b><u>Group I</u></b>	<b><u>Group II</u></b>	<b><u>Group III</u></b>
	<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**

14:00-17:00

## Session V

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

How should we ensure Gender in Agriculture Partnership collectively?

Chair	:	Raj Paroda, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
Co-Chair	:	Jo Luck, USAID
Facilitator	:	Jurgen Hagmann, PICOTEAM
Presentation of Working Group Recommendations	:	Group Chairpersons/Rapporteurs
Panelists	:	Monty Jones, Global Forum on Agricultural Research Christine Arab, UN-Women 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

15:30-14:00

: **Tea/Coffee Break**

17:30-18:30

## Valedictory Session

Welcome Remarks by Chair, IOC	:	S. Ayyappan, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
On Conference Outcomes by Co-Chair, IOC	:	Raj Paroda, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
Felicitation	:	_____
Awards and Release of Publications	:	Sh. Harish Rawat, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Food Processing Industry and Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Charan Das Mahant, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Food Processing Industry
Speech	:	Sh. Sharad Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Food Processing Industry
Valedictory Address by Chief Guest	:	H.E. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, President of India
Vote of Thanks by Chair, NOC	:	K.D. Kokate, Indian Council of Agricultural Research