



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Food and Nutritional Security for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in SAARC Countries: Revisiting Extension Approaches and Strategies

**02 - 04 February, 2023**

**Venue: BRAC-CDM Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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## PREAMBLE

Food security, ending hunger and malnutrition is a key development challenge for South Asian countries accounting for the world's nearly two thirds of undernourished people. The governments of SAARC Countries aim their public policies at achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-2) through cross cutting and comprehensive interventions related to Food security, Nutrition and sustainable Agriculture. However, the current pace and scope of implementation of agricultural extension and advisory services delivery needs a fresh impetus.

Food and Nutritional Security component in the context of SDG-2 is yet to be adequately addressed from a holistic Agricultural Extension perspective. In this context the outlook of extension institutions and services with regard to crop, livestock and fisheries deserve a close review. Bangladesh has recorded significant achievements by various Human Development Indices. Further, SAARC Countries have varied experiences in adoption of outcome-based Extension approaches that need to be shared among the various stakeholders.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To review the Food & Nutritional Security (SDG-2 and its targets) in detail as applicable to SAARC member countries
2. To study the comparative strengths and constraints of extension and advisory services and strategies to achieve the Food & Nutritional Security
3. To suggest scalable and replicable Extension Strategies as appropriate to crops, livestock, fisheries etc; for achieving the targets of Food & Nutritional Security in member countries.

## THEMES AND SUB THEMES

1. **Challenges and Policy Reforms in Food & Nutritional Security in SAARC Countries**
  - 1.1 Food and Nutritional Security issues and interventions in SAARC Countries
  - 1.2 Regional challenges and policy reforms: Situational analysis

- 1.3 Fostering Regional cooperation and partnership networks
- 1.4 Extension systems and approaches in SAARC Countries

## 2. Innovations, Good Practices and Programmes in Agricultural Extension for Achieving SDG-2 in SAARC Countries

- 2.1 Public, private, farmer led, institution led innovations in extension
- 2.2 Good practices for achieving food and nutritional security
- 2.3 Programmatic interventions to achieve food and nutritional security
- 2.4 Combating Malnutrition among vulnerable groups

## 3. Extension Approaches and Strategies to Promote Sustainable, Climate Resilient, Nutrition-Sensitive, Diversified Agriculture and Allied Sectors

- 3.1 Public, private and para-extension approaches and strategies and services
- 3.2 Extension approaches and strategies for sustainable, climate resilient and diversified agriculture
- 3.3 Strategies for improving livestock and fisheries production and consumption
- 3.4 Extension approaches for nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- 3.5 Digital agriculture: e-advisories, e-marketing platforms, e-commerce, open learning, AI, block chains, remote sensing etc.

## 4. Strengthening Delivery of Extension and Advisory Services for Agriculture and Allied Sectors

- 4.1 Agri-preneurship development, agri startup ecosystems and partnerships
- 4.2 Agri business and market led extension
- 4.3 Value chain-based extension services including agri logistics
- 4.4 Empowering farmer and farm women collectives with global standards of management

## ABOUT BAEN

Society for Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN) is a national platform for the coordination and exchange of actionable knowledge and information to the farming communities, and public and private service providers to increase sustainable eco-friendly agricultural growth in Bangladesh. The network consists of representatives from national government agencies, industry-specific government organizations, universities, local and international non-governmental associations, organizations, farmer/trader agricultural media practitioners registered agricultural professional organizations and private sectors. BAEN's target is to build a strong linkage with its registered members for a nationwide agricultural advisory service deliberation for Increasing sustainable agricultural productivity.

## ABOUT PRDIS

Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society (PRDIS) is a registered and reputed professional National Level Development Organization (NGO) established during the year 1999 operating from Hyderabad, Telangana, India. Participation, Partnership and Empowerment are the guiding principles of PRDIS. It has been working on the areas of Sustainable Agriculture and livelihoods, Agri-business, Rural Development, Natural Resource Management and Entrepreneurship Skill Development and Monitoring Evaluation & studies. It has strong linkages with National and International organizations and operates Globally.

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The participants may submit conceptual, review, research and case study-based papers relevant to the themes & sub-themes. An abstract of about 300 words may be sent latest by 30th November, 2022. The full-length paper (4000 words) needs to be submitted

latest by 30th December, 2022 along with the registration fees. The abstract/ paper should be sent to [extnicon2022@gmail.com](mailto:extnicon2022@gmail.com). The full-length papers will be evaluated by the technical committee constituted for this purpose. Only selected papers which are direct policy/operational relevance preferably incorporating case studies would be given due consideration for an oral presentation.

### **EXPECTED OUTCOME**

The International Conference would focus sharply on Food & Nutritional Security wherein Extension and advisory services and approaches have a crucial role in realizing the targets under SDG-2. The deliberations would review the existing extension systems and strategies adopted by various sub-sectors of agriculture and review their effectiveness with a view to suggest measures needed to strengthen them. The conference would provide an excellent platform for professional networking and exchange of regional and global experiences.

The Conference outcomes in the form of recommendations would thus be useful for agricultural extension academia and practitioners in agriculture and allied sectors in improving their strategies to achieve Zero Hunger and the associated targets. The Conference may recommend some areas for piloting in selected countries/ organizations with concerned stakeholders.

## **REGISTRATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>BANGLADESH</b>	<b>OTHER SAARC COUNTRIES</b>
Delegates (Public, Private and International NGOs)	\$ 300	Rs.20000	3000 BDT	\$250
Retired Extension Professionals/ Scientists	\$150	Rs.10000	2000 BDT	\$120
Students/Research Scholars/ Extension Workers/ Progressive Farmers	\$100	Rs.4000	1000 BDT	\$50
Late registration fee extra 20% after cut of date 30th December 2022 to till the conference date				

## **PAYMENT DETAILS**

### **Bangladesh & Other Country Participants**

Bank Name : Pubali Bank Ltd.  
Account Name : International Extension Conference  
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Registration form can be downloaded from Conference website <https://extnicon2023.com> and filled in form can be sent through an email: [extnicon2023@gmail.com](mailto:extnicon2023@gmail.com) along with the payment details or can be posted to:

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# VENUE



## **BRAC-CDM Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

The Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC)-Centre for Development Management (CDM)(BRAC-CDM) is located at Khagan, Savar, a complex township integrating with tourism and residence and situated 17 KM west of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka. The appropriate development of tourism and profound cultural connotation make the township a rural community bearing distinct environment and Culture. People learn about the township's spatial scale and lifestyle, as well as appreciate the Bangladeshi culture's inherent charm through the BCDM Savar depositing the luxury amid the lake, which is confirmed by each guest in heart. The BCDM Savar is surrounded by green land, lake and wetland. The courtyard-

style architecture constructed near the lake is mainly divided into two adjacent buildings, which are A-frame top buildings with six floors.

Some of popular known tourist attractions in Bangladesh are: Srimangal, where miles of tea gardens are located, Mainamati, Mahasthangarh, Paharpur for archaeology, Rangamati, Kaptai and Cox's Bazar for sightseeing, and the Sundarbans for wild life and the largest Mangrove Forest of the world, and, Foy's Lake for scenic beauty.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation is reserved in the venue and nearby places. The details can be seen in the conference website <https://extnicon2023.com>

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Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)



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Department of Fisheries (DoF), Bangladesh

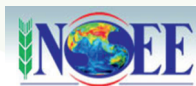


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