

AGENDA

Progress Towards Sustainable Healthy Food Systems in South Asia - A Regional Perspective Meeting

April 24, 2024

The Malla Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

Meeting Room: Malla Plaza

08:00 AM – 1:00 PM NPT – Nepal Time

8:00 – 09:00 am **Registration and Refreshments**

9:00 - 9:10 am **Opening Remarks**

- Franklin A. Carrero-Martínez, Ph.D., Senior Director, Global Policy and Development & Science and Technology for Sustainability, Policy and Global Affairs Division, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- Patrick Webb, Ph.D., Chief Nutritionist, USAID
- Shibani Ghosh, Ph.D., Chair, Feed the Future Innovation Lab Council, Feed the Future Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab, Tufts University

Keynote: Food Systems Transformation: Insights from Nepal

09:10 – 09:30 am **Speaker:** Kiran Rupakhatee, Ph.D., Joint Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Governance Reform Division

Panel 1: Understanding the Link Between Science and Policy

9:30 – 10:10 am **Speakers:**

- Vara Prasad, Ph.D., Director, Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab, University Distinguished Professor, Kansas State University
- Manuel R. Reyes, Ph.D., Coordinator Center of Excellence on Sustainable Agricultural Intensification and Nutrition, Cambodia, Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab & Research Professor, Kansas State University
- Matina Vaidya, Ph.D., Director General, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control (DFTQC), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

Moderator: Barry Pittendrigh, Ph.D., Director, Legume Systems Innovation Labs/Michigan State University

Panel 2: Opportunities for Inclusive Engagement and Empowering Local Communities – Regional Conversations

10:10 – 10:50 am

Speakers:

- Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal
- Sudeep Bajracharya, Business and Market Systems Director, Knowledge-based Integrated Sustainable Agriculture in Nepal (KISAN) II Project
- Dr. Rudaba Khondker, Country Director, Bangladesh, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

Moderator: Jagger Harvey, Ph.D., Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Climate Resilient Cereals /Kansas State University

Panel 3: Actions to Accelerate Transformation – An Interactive Conversation

10:50 am – 12:30 pm

Moderator: David Tschirley, Ph.D., Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy Research, Capacity, and Influence, Michigan State University

Panel 4: Future Needs and Opportunities: Summary Key Takeaways

12:30 – 12:45 pm

Speaker: Shibani Ghosh

Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

12:45 - 1:00 pm

Speaker: Franklin A. Carrero-Martínez

1:00 pm

Lunch