



# Global Conference on Women in Agriculture

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



## *Overarching Goal*

**Empowering Women for Inclusive Growth in Agriculture**



## **Tentative 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

### **Co-Sponsors**



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## **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
Felicitation and Release of Publications	:	
Address	:	Michelle Bachelet, Under Secretary General and Executive Director, UN Women
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
Speaker	:	Ann Tutwiler, Deputy Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN

13:00—14:00	:	<b>Lunch</b>
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### **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	:	Michelle Bachelet, UN Women Motia Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister, Bangladesh Krishna Tirath, Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Government of India Marcus Goldstein, World Bank Catherine Bertini, Syracuse University Indra Nooyi, PepsiCo 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  
Amrita Patel, National Dairy Development Board  
Haven Ley, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
Vicki Wilde, African Women in Agriculture and Rural Development  
Reema Nanavaty, Self Employed Women's Association  
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, The Institute for People, Innovation and  
Change in Organizations (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**

**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 : \_\_\_\_\_  
Rapporteur : \_\_\_\_\_

Speakers : Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research Institute  
 Marcela Villareal, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN  
 Christine Okali, University of Sussex  
 Thelma Paris, International Rice Research Institute  
 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

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

**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, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development  
 Co-Chair : Vineeta Sharma, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India  
 Rapporteur : Suman Singh, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology  
 Speakers : Tahseen Jafry, Glasgow University, UK  
 Kazutaka Kogi, Institute for Science of Labour, Japan  
 Kirit Patel, Canadian Mennonite University  
 Pitam Chandra, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering  
 Anil K. Gupta, National Innovation Foundation  
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9:30-13:00 : **Session 1.3. Linking Women to Markets**

**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 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Chair : Caroline Lemerle, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research  
 Rapporteur : Suresh Pal, Indian Agricultural Research Institute  
 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, ALIne University of Sussex  
 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**

**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 : Lawrence Haddad, LANSA  
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  
Shakuntala H. Thilsted, University of Copenhagen  
N.B. Yenagi, University of Agricultural Sciences Dharwad  
R. Rukmani, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation  
Nancy Smith Lione, 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**

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

Chair : Mona Bishay, ICARDA Board  
Co-Chair :  
Rapporteur : Premalata Singh, Indian Agricultural Research Institute

Speakers : Elaine Najros, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN  
Bina Agarwal, Delhi University  
Getanch Gobezie, ACDI/VOCA, Ethiopia  
Hema Swaminathan, Indian Institute of Management  
Ann Dela Apekey, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  
Barbara van Koppen, International Water Management Institute  
Renée Giovarelli, Landesa  
Regina Birner, Hohenheim University

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

**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	:	Meryl Williams, Former DG, WorldFish
Co-Chair	:	B. Meena Kumari, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Rapporteur	:	B.N. Sadangi, Central Rice Research Institute
Speakers	:	P.K. Aggarwal, CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Haris Gazdar, Center for Economic Research, Pakistan Suman Sahai, Gene Campaign Elisabeth Atanama, PAFF Lindiwe Sibanda, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network
13.00-14.00	:	<b>Lunch</b>

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	:	_____
Rapporteur	:	_____
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	:	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>

16.00-17.30 **Session III**

#### **Capacity building and Strengthening Partnerships**

Chair	:	Rita Sharma, National Advisory Council, GoI
Co-Chair	:	_____
Rapporteur	:	K. Vijayaraghavan, Indian Agricultural Research Institute
Speakers	:	Sara Ahmed, International Development Research Center K.D. Kokate, Indian Council of Agricultural Research Irene Annov-Frempong, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa Mark Holderness, Global Forum on Agricultural Research Sonali Bisht, Institute for Health Research

**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)

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

*Reception will also be organized at the Market Place*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

**Session IV**

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

9:00-9:20    Briefing by Facilitator                      :                      Jurgen Hagmann, The Institute for People, Innovation and  
Change in Organizations (PICOTEAM)

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

**Group I**

**Research**

Chair:                      Jacqueline Ashby,  
Sr. Gender Advisor, CGIAR  
Rapporteurs:                      Malvika Dadlani, IARI

**Group II**

**Education**

**Group III**

**Extension**

Kristin Davis  
Executive Secretary, GFRAS  
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                      :                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Facilitator                      :                      Jurgen Hagmann, The Institute for People, Innovation and  
Change in Organizations (PICOTEAM)  
Panelists                      :                      Marcela Villareal, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN  
Monty Jones, Chairman, Global Forum on Agricultural Research  
Prabhu Pingali, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
\_\_\_\_\_, USAID Representative  
(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 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 are being sent to all those listed in the program. Confirmation is awaited.*