



WELCOME



Evolution of Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN) and its Future Projection



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EVOLUTION OF BAEN

2010: Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) was established.

14-15 January, 2014: Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) as a part of GFRAS organized a meeting at Katmandu, Nepal for “Strengthening Extension and Advisory Services in south Asia”. A total of 29 participants from seven South Asian countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Srilanka and India attended in this meeting.

Kbd. Md. Himidur Rahman, the then Project Director of Second Crop Diversification project (SCDP) under DAE was selected as the Country Representative of Bangladesh. Accordingly, **Dr. Rasheed Sulaiman**, Chairman, GFRAS and Focul Point of AESA requested **Kbd. Md. Hamidur Rahman** through Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh to lead the establishment of a country forum in Bangladesh.

01 September, 2014: SCDP with technical collaboration from AESA organized a one day meeting on “Agricultural Extension in Bangladesh” at BARC. A total of 75 participants from various Departments of Bangladesh involved with agricultural extension and advisory services attended in this meeting. The meeting was decided to form an extension network in the name of “Bangladesh Extension Network (BENet). An Ad-hoc Executive Committee of BENet was formed consisting of 18 Members.

23 September, 2014: Ad-hoc Executive Committee meeting of BENet was held at SCDP-DAE Conference room Chaired by **Prof. Dr. M. Abul Kashem**, BAU, Mymensingh. A sub-committee was formed headed by **Prof. Dr. Md. Sekender Ali** of SAU, Dhaka for preparing the constitution of BENet.

12 February, 2015: A seminar was organized by **Integrated Farm Management Component (IFMC)** of DAE to Create a National Platform for Extension Actors (NPEA) and a Working Committee was formed.

- 12 July, 2015: A working committee meeting of **NPEA** was held and decided to work with **BE-net** and form a sub committee to develop a ToR for NPEA and BE-net
- 26 July, 2015: NPEA-BE-net sub-committee meeting proposed a draft ToR
- 16 September, 2015: A joint meeting of **NPEA** and **BE-net** working committee representatives was held and decided to work together with a new name as **Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN)**. The meeting formed a 7-member sub-committee headed by **Prof. Dr. Md. Sekender Ali** of SAU, Dhaka to make a draft bylaw for the new organization and finalize work plan of **BAEN** for 2016

- 01 & 20 October, 2015: Two meetings of Draft bylaw preparation sub-committee were held and committee proposed a draft bylaw for **Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN)**
- 23 November, 2015: Second joint meeting of **NPEA** and **BE-net** executive committee was held and discussed with draft bylaws of BAEN
- 29 November, 2015: Meeting of bylaw preparation sub-committee was held and the subcommittee corrected draft bylaws of **BAEN**.
- 15 December, 2015: Third joint meeting of **NPEA** and **BE-net** executive committee was held. The meeting approved the bylaws of **BAEN**, formed the first executive committee headed by **Kbd. Md. Hamidur Rahman, DG, DAE** and finalize work plan of BAEN for 2016

Future Projection of BAEN



VISION: Extension services for sustainable agricultural productivity

MISSION: Sustainable growth in agricultural productivity through identification, documentation and dissemination of good agricultural practices and extension approaches for environment friendly socio-economic growth in Bangladesh

OBJECTIVES

- Identifying, documenting and disseminating good agricultural practices and extension approaches
- Developing innovation in extension approaches
- Strengthening capacity of the extension professional
- Supporting research for socio-eco-friendly sustainable agricultural productivity
- Promoting awareness, knowledge sharing and networking for building effective and efficient extension and advisory services nationally, regionally and globally

FUNCTIONS

- Acting as a national platform for agricultural extension actors for coordination and exchange of knowledge and information
- Contributing in development, reform and advocacy on National Agricultural Extension policy
- Identifying and disseminating climate smart agricultural technologies
- Rewarding for good agricultural practices and extension approach
- Identification of potential stakeholders of agricultural extension
- Establishment of collaboration among all agricultural actors of private and public sectors
- Sharing of ideas by arranging national seminars, extension day/extension fair, symposium, workshop, training etc. for presenting the good agricultural practices and extension approaches and developing a common action plan for way forward

- Joint activities including visits to field implementation and presentation on agricultural practices and extension approaches
- Facilitating in common understanding of different agricultural practices and extension approaches
- Development of common presentation format and set evaluation criteria of good agricultural practices and extension approaches
- Development and documentation of Manual/Guideline for Good Agricultural Practices
- Focusing on institutional development for the producer/farmers group and explore the way of linking them with extension platform
- Developing directory of agricultural extension and advisory service providers

BAEN wants cooperation from **AESA** and **GFRAS**
for CD of EAS Providers



Thank you all

