

Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) organized a policy dialogue, two networking events, one training, and also published several outputs during the period from October 2018 to March 2019.

Policy Dialogue

AESA organized a South Asia Policy Dialogue on the “Role of Extension and Advisory Services (EAS) in Scaling-up Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA)” on 5 October 2018, at Colombo, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the IRRI-South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC), Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), and Sri Lanka Network of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (NAEASSL). It served as a forum for stakeholders from government, private, non-governmental, and multilateral organizations to explore the issues and evidence related to scaling-up climate smart agriculture through extension and advisory services, and to chart a way forward in terms of policy and programme development.



Networking



AESA participated in the 9th Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) Annual Meeting, with the theme of “Addressing Challenges and Seizing Opportunities: Developing Effective Partnerships in Rural Advisory Services (RAS)” on 23-25 October 2018, held at the headquarters of the Rural Development Administration, Jeonju, Republic of Korea.

AESA participated in the “2nd IFAD Supervision Mission of the SAAS Project at Bangladesh” on 26-29 November 2018. AESA and the Bangladesh Agricultural Extension

Network (BAEN) are partners in this project and we interacted with the local partners in Bangladesh as well as with the project team from the Philippines.



Training

AESA co-organized a Training Workshop on “Advances in Social and Behavioural Science Research” from 4 to 8 March 2019,

at SM Sehgal Foundation, Gurugram. This was done in collaboration with SM Sehgal Foundation, Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CTCRI), and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE).



Knowledge Management

Through its website AESA published eleven blog pieces, one good practice note, five meeting notes, and two book reviews in the past six months (October 2018-March 2019).

The AESA Facebook group currently has more than 19,450 members. We are using the Facebook group, LinkedIn group, Twitter handle, and the AESA email list to promote the exchange of knowledge on agricultural extension and advisory services.

