

AESA organised two workshops and a policy dialogue, and published several outputs during March - September 2017.

### **Collaborative Workshops**

ICAR-CTCRI, AESA, CRISP and MANAGE co-hosted a Workshop on “Quantitative Social Science Research”, at the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, India, during August 7-12, 2017. Thirty-eight young extension researchers from seven states of India participated in this workshop.



The Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN), in collaboration with AESA, co-hosted the “Consultation and Planning Workshop” of the project – Supporting smallholder farmers in Asia and Pacific-Islands region through strengthened agricultural advisory services-IFAD-SEARCA – at Komila, Bangladesh, on April 01-02, 2017.



### **Policy Dialogue**

AESA organized a Policy Dialogue at Kathmandu, Nepal, on July 25, 2017, in collaboration with the Nepal Agricultural Extension Association (NAEA). The policy dialogue was organised in the backdrop of transforming Nepal into a federalist structure. The concerns of the extension community on the future of agricultural extension in federal Nepal were discussed in detail, and similar experiences from other countries were also shared at this event.



## AESA Governance Meeting 2017

AESA organized its Governance Board Meeting at Kathmandu on July 24, 2017. The meeting reviewed the progress made by AESA during the last two years and discussed the findings from the “Online capacity assessment” of AESA.



## Knowledge Management

AESA, through its web portal ([www.aesa-gfras.net](http://www.aesa-gfras.net)), published five blogs, 4 good practice notes, seven meeting notes, 1 face-to-face interview, and three book reviews during the last six months (March 2017-August 2017). The AESA Facebook group currently has more than 19,200 members. We are using the Facebook group, LinkedIn group, Twitter handle, and the AESA email list to promote exchange of knowledge on extension and advisory services.



In India, AESA organized the testing of a Module on “Farmer organisational development” (Module 9), of the New Extensionist Learning Kit. The participants appreciated the way in which the module is organised, especially the lecture guide and the workbook.

The “Manual on good practices in extension research and evaluation” published in February 2017 by AESA, in collaboration with ICAR-CTCRI, CRISP, NAARM and MANAGE, was formally released at two different national events during this period. This Manual is used as an important resource material for strengthening capacities for research and evaluation in extension in the region.



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