

AESA organized workshops, strengthened networking and published a Manual on Good Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation.

Collaborative Workshops

AESA organized a workshop on 'Good Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation' during 29 November - 2 December 2016 in Hyderabad, India. This workshop was held in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural



Research-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM), the Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CTCRI) and the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE). The workshop aimed at creating a cadre of professional extension researchers to carry out impact-oriented quality research in extension.



workshop on 'Strengthening Extension-Policy Interface', during 9-11 November 2016, in Hyderabad, India. AESA also promoted the, 'New Extensionist Learning Kit', a learning resource developed by the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) and used the GFRAS policy compendium as an important input in the workshop.

Networking

AESA and the Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN) co-hosted the 'Extension and Advisory Services Stakeholder Workshop' of the DLEC (Developing Local Extension Capacity) Project, together with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Digital Green and Care International during 4-5 December 2016 at Dhaka,



Bangladesh. This workshop co-designed a forward-looking vision for strengthening extension, and identified entry points for future investments in extension in Bangladesh.

The 4th Executive Committee Meeting of the BAEN was organized on 5th Dec 2016 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

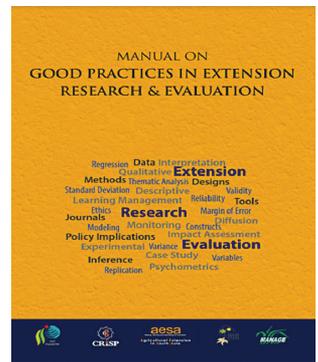
In Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Agricultural Extension Association (SLAEA) has initiated development of a national directory of agricultural extension professionals in the public, private and NGO sector. SLAEA has organized a series of discussions on extension issues pertaining to the plantations and livestock development sectors during this period.



AESA also participated in the 7th GFRAS Annual Meeting held in Limbe, Cameroon during 3-6 October 2016. The meeting discussed the role of Rural Advisory Services (RAS) for inclusive agripreneurship. Activities of AESA and the role played by RAS in South Asia were presented during a side event organized by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and GFRAS on 31st January 2017 as part of the Annual General Assembly of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) held in Brussels on 1-2 February 2017.

Knowledge Management

AESA published a 'Manual on Good Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation' as a 'hands-on' reference manual to help young researchers, students and field extension functionaries, choose right research methods, and conduct quality research and evaluation in extension. AESA through its web portal (www.aesa-gfras.net) published: three blogs, one good practice notes, twelve meeting notes, two interviews and two book reviews, during the last six months (September 2016 -February 2017). The AESA Facebook group currently has more than 18,300 members. Other social media, such as LinkedIn group, Twitter handle along with the AESA email list are being used to promote new knowledge on extension and advisory services.



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