

The Agricultural Extension in South Asia made progress on curricula reforms, networking and knowledge management during April-September 2018.

Extension Curricula

AESA is part of the Sub Committee constituted by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) for developing a more relevant Agricultural Extension Curricula at different levels. AESA works closely with the Broad Subject Matter Area (BSMA) for Social Sciences to develop revised extension curricula at the MSc and PhD levels in Indian Universities. BSMA is constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Meetings of these committees were held on 22 June 2018 and 12 July 2018, respectively at Hyderabad, India.



Networking

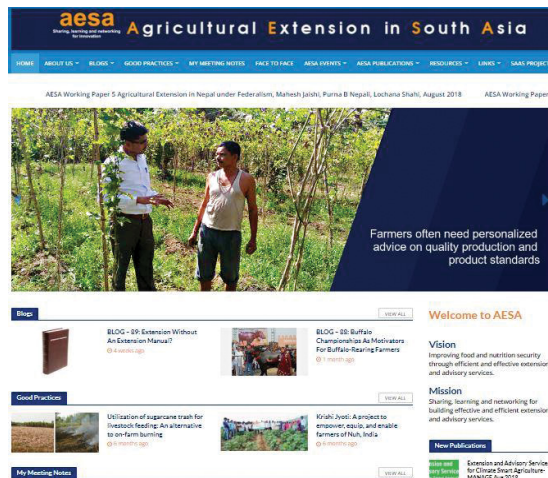
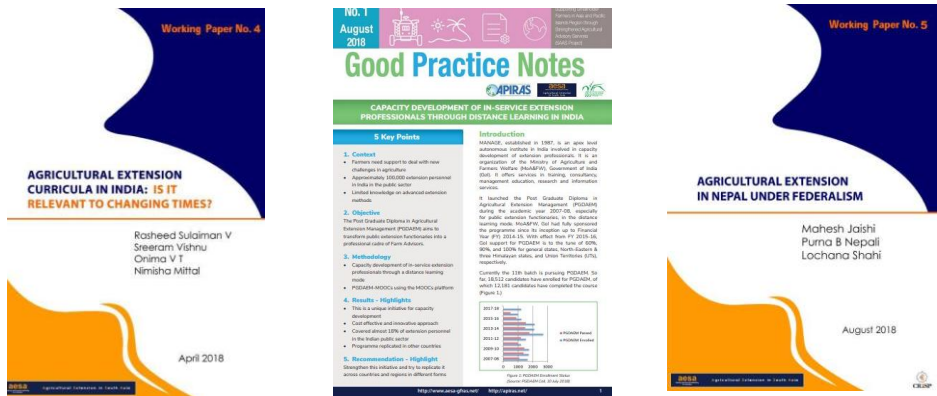
AESA participated in the 'Year-end SAAS (Bangladesh) Project Review and Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN) Planning Session' held on 07 July 2018 at Dhaka, Bangladesh. It also participated in a workshop on extension organized by the Asian Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (AFACI) in Chiang Mai, Thailand on July 17-21, 2018 and the regional learning event on 'Best Practices in Agricultural Advisory Services in



Asia and the Pacific Islands' organized by the Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asia Pacific Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS) at Bangkok, Thailand on 30-31 July 2018.

Knowledge Management

AESA published two working papers, namely, 'Agricultural Extension Curricula in India: Is it Relevant to Changing Times?' and 'Agricultural Extension in Nepal under Federalism'. A Good Practice Note on 'Capacity Development of In-service Extension Professionals through Distance Learning in India' was developed in collaboration with APIRAS and MANAGÉ.



AESA, through its website published eight blogs, one good practice note, four meeting notes, one interview and one book review in the past six months (April-September 2018). 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.

AESA upgraded its web site with new features and a fresh layout in September 2018. It moved its site to a new domain (www.aesanetwork.org).

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