

Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) organized one policy dialogue, two Asia-Pacific networking events, two workshops, and also published several outputs during the period from April 2019 to September 2019.

Knowledge Management

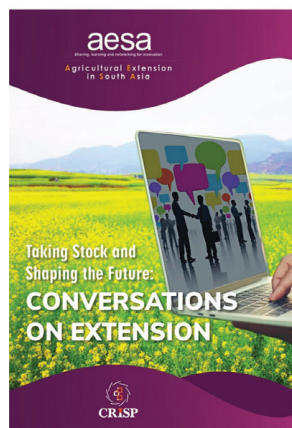
Through its website, AESA published nine blogs, four meeting notes, two policy briefs, one SAAS good practice note, one AESA good practice note, one face-to-face interview, and one book review during this period. AESA also published two documents – a compilation of 100 AESA blogs *CONVERSATIONS ON EXTENSION: Taking Stock and Shaping the Future*, and another one celebrating our first six years, *AESA: The First 6 Years*.

The AESA Facebook group currently has more than 19,800 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 is also handling the knowledge management functions of the Asia-Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS).

Policy Dialogue

AESA organized a South Asia Policy Dialogue on the “Agriculture Extension System in Federal Nepal” on 9 April 2019, at Lalitpur, Nepal, in collaboration with the South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) and the Nepal Policy Research Network (NPRN).

This policy dialogue mainly focused on the current status of restructuring the agricultural sector, it examined the ongoing efforts, and the purpose was to develop some policy recommendations for effective agricultural extension and advisory service delivery within the federal context of Nepal.



Capacity Development

AESA co-organized a Training Workshop on “Scale Development in Social Sciences” from 10 to 14 June 2019, at Southern Regional Station of ICAR-National Dairy Research



Institute (SRS-ICAR-NDRI), Bangalore. This was done in collaboration with SRS-ICAR-NDRI, 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).



Collaborative Workshops

AESA, in collaboration with MANAGE and CRISP, organized a national workshop on “New Frontiers in Agricultural Extension” from 29 to 31 May 2019, at MANAGE, Hyderabad.

This workshop was to orient faculty at the State/Central Agricultural Universities and Deemed Universities on the advances and new frontiers pertaining to the proposed new extension curricula in India.

Networking

AESA participated in the “3rd IFAD Supervision Mission of the SAAS Project” from 6 to 10 May 2019, at Nadi, Fiji. The project was supported by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and managed by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).

New Initiatives

AESA organized two APIRAS Regional Workshops as part of the inception phase of the new project “Delivering Extension Services to the Last-Mile: Improving Smallholders’ Access to Innovation and Pluralistic Demand-driven Extension Services ” from 8 to 9 July 2019, in Manila, and also from 28 to 29 August 2019, in Bangkok.



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