Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) network was established in 2013 to meet the demand for a network of all those interested in extension and advisory services (EAS).

AESA is currently the only regional network available for extension stakeholders in South Asia to share knowledge and experiences on EAS. Over the years, it expanded its contributions to the extension profession by strengthening knowledge management, promoting new capacities, engaging in policy advocacy, strengthening research and developing networks at the regional level.

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Mission
Sharing, learning and networking for building effective and efficient extension and advisory services

Vision
Improving food and nutrition security through effective and efficient extension and advisory services

Objectives
To facilitate appropriate and up-to-date knowledge on modern and innovative EAS
To build the capacities of EAS providers in South Asia at individual, organisational and enabling policy level
To strengthen agricultural extension research, facilitate curricula reforms and engage in policy dialogue through sharing, learning and networking
Core Programmes

Knowledge Management
Engage in generation, sharing, use and exchange of up-to-date knowledge on EAS

AESA Knowledge Products
Blogs | Good Practice Notes | Meeting Notes | Manuals | Working Papers | Book Reviews | Interviews | Policy Briefs | Reports

Capacity Development
Capacity Development of EAS in South Asia
Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA)
Facilitators Guide for CNA

Strengthening Extension Research
Training for strengthening Social and Behavioural Research

Extension Curricula Reforms
Support development of extension curricula appropriate to different levels
Promote the New Extensionist Learning Kit (NELK)

Policy Engagement
Engage in policy dialogues and facilitate extension policy reforms

Networking
Facilitate formation and strengthening of country fora of EAS Providers
Financial Support

Partnership

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