

Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) organized two workshops and published several outputs during October 2019-March 2020.

## Knowledge Management

AESA, through its website, published nine meeting notes, four good practices notes, two book reviews and one blog during this period. The AESA Facebook group currently has more than 20,100 members. We are using the Facebook group, LinkedIn group, Twitter handle and the AESA email list to promote exchange of knowledge on agricultural extension and advisory services. AESA is also handling knowledge management functions of the Asia-Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS).



## Capacity Development

AESA co-organized a national workshop on 'Advanced Research Methodology for Social Sciences' from 6 to 11 January 2020 at ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region (ICAR-RC-NEH), Umiam, Meghalaya. This was done in collaboration with National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CTCRI), Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP) and ICAR-RC-NEH.



## Consultative Workshop

AESA organized a consultative workshop on 'Learning Needs Assessment for Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture (NSA) in India: Integrating Nutrition Objectives into Agricultural Extension Programmes and Policies' on 3 January 2020 in Hyderabad, India, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO),



Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) and CRISP. In Telangana, a learning needs assessment was undertaken to understand the learning gaps, needs and obstacles to integrate nutrition-related objectives into agricultural programmes and policies. The findings from this study were presented during the workshop.

## Networking



AESA participated in the New Extensionist Learning Kit (NELK) workshop organised by the Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB), Sri Lanka, for its extension officers on 30 October 2019 at the Coconut Development Training Center, Lunuwila, Sri Lanka. The workshop on 'Adoption of New Extensionist Approach in Advisory and

Extension Services in Sri Lanka' was organized by the Network of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services in Sri Lanka (NAEASSL) held on 31 October 2019 in collaboration with Sri Lanka's CCB and the GFRAS.



AESA participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> GFRAS Annual Meeting, themed 'Role of RAS in Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management', which was held from 30 September-4 October 2019 in Jamaica. AESA also participated in the 'Close out meeting of Strengthened Agricultural Advisory Services (SAAS) Project' during 13-14 November 2019 at headquarters of



the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCHA) in Philippines. The project was supported by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and managed by SEARCHA. This project was implemented by AESA, Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services (PIRAS) and APIRAS in Bangladesh, Fiji and Philippines, respectively.

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