



BIMSTEC Synergies in Agricultural Trade: Promoting Regional Growth

25 June 2024 | Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

AGENDA

0830 – 0900 HRS	Registration
0900 – 0930 HRS	Inaugural Session
	<p><i>Welcome Remarks:</i> Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p><i>Inaugural Remarks:</i> Dr Shahidur Rashid, Director, South Asia Office, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</p> <p><i>Special Address:</i> Shri Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India*</p> <p><i>Inaugural Address:</i> H.E. Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC (Video Message)</p> <p><i>Vote of Thanks:</i> Professor S.K. Mohanty, RIS</p>
0930 – 1000 HRS	Tea Break and Group Photo
1000 – 1130 HRS	Session 1: State of Agriculture in the BIMSTEC Region: Opportunities for Growth
	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr Smita Sirohi, Principal Scientist, ICAR, India</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kalpana Sastry, Managing Director, AgHub Foundation, India • Dr Biswash Gauchan, Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies, Nepal • Dr Devesh Roy, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI • Dr Manoj Thibbotuwawa, Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka • Professor S. K. Mohanty, RIS, India <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
1130 – 1145 HRS	Tea Break
1145 – 1315 HRS	Session 2: Protectionism in Agriculture & Rise of Sectoral Trade
	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr Suresh Babu, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Capacity Strengthening, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mahfuz Kabir, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Bangladesh • Mr Abhinav Shukla, Regional Head – North India, Agri Business Division, ITC Limited, India • Mr Abul Kamar, Senior Research Analyst, South Asia Office, IFPRI • Professor Prabir De, RIS, India <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>

1315 – 1430 HRS	Lunch Break
1430 – 1600 HRS	Session 3: Rise of Processed & Non-Processed Foods in the Regional Trade
	<p>Chair: Dr P K Anand, Visiting Fellow, RIS, India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Devesh Roy, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI • Dr Mirza Mofazzal Islam, Former Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture, Bangladesh • Professor Jeevika Weerahewa, Senior Professor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka • Dr Devendra Gauchan, Adjunct Professor, IAAS, Tribhuvan University, Nepal • Mr Aleen Mukherjee, Agri Business Consultant, India <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
1600 – 1615 HRS	Tea Break
1615 – 1745 HRS	Session 4: Prospects of Agriculture Value Chains in BIMSTEC
	<p>Chair: Ms Naureen Ahsan, Additional Foreign Secretary (Research), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Orachos Napasintuwong, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University, Thailand • Dr Arun Padiyar Panemangalore, Lead, World Fish, India • Dr Anil K Dixit, Principal Scientist, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, India • Dr Sendhil R., Associate Professor, Pondicherry University, India • Dr Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor, RIS, India <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
1745 – 1815 HRS	Valedictory Session
	<p>Closing Remarks: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Dr Suresh Babu, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Capacity Strengthening, IFPRI</p> <p>Special Addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Md. Mustafizur Rahman, High Commissioner, High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh • H.E. Mr Moe Kyaw Aung, Ambassador, Embassy of the Union of Myanmar* • H.E. Dr Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador, Embassy of Nepal • H.E. Ms Kshenuka Dhireni Senewiratne, High Commissioner, High Commissioner for the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka <p>Valedictory Address: Mr C S R Ram, Joint Secretary, BIMSTEC and SAARC, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor, RIS</p>
1830 HRS Onwards	Dinner

*(TBC)