

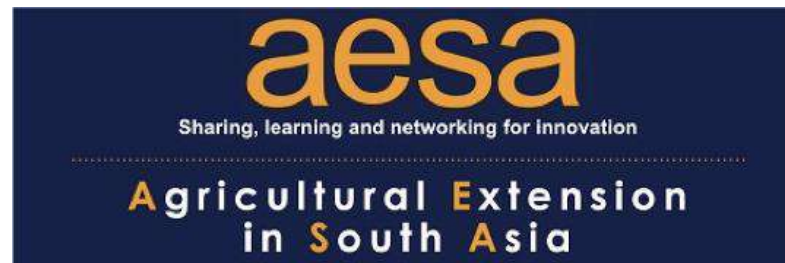
APIRAS Learning Workshop

Session 2: Sub Regional Networks(SRNs) Current Status: AESA

Nimisha Mittal, AESA

Bangkok, Thailand

24 January 2023

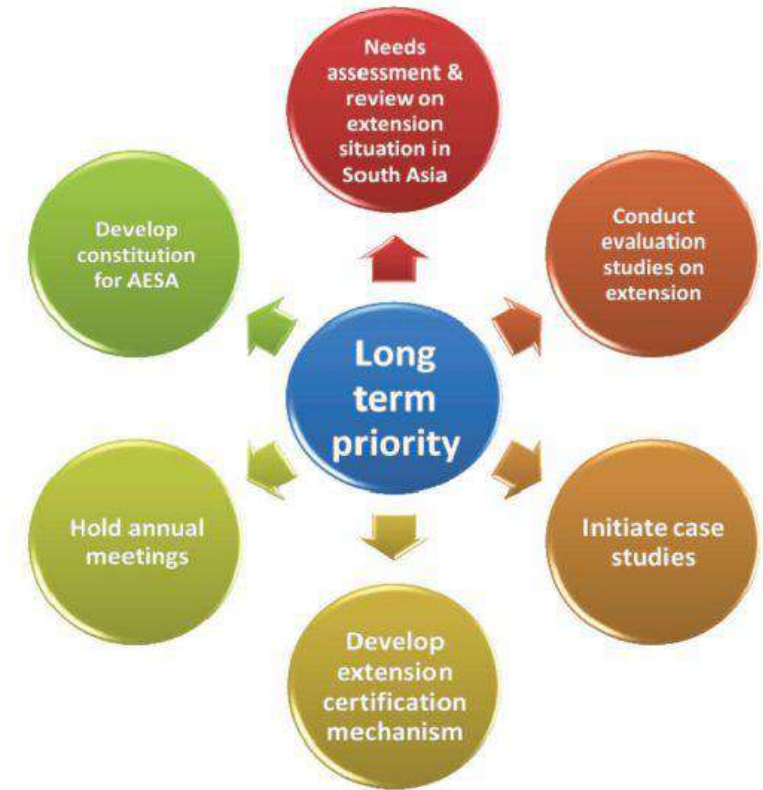
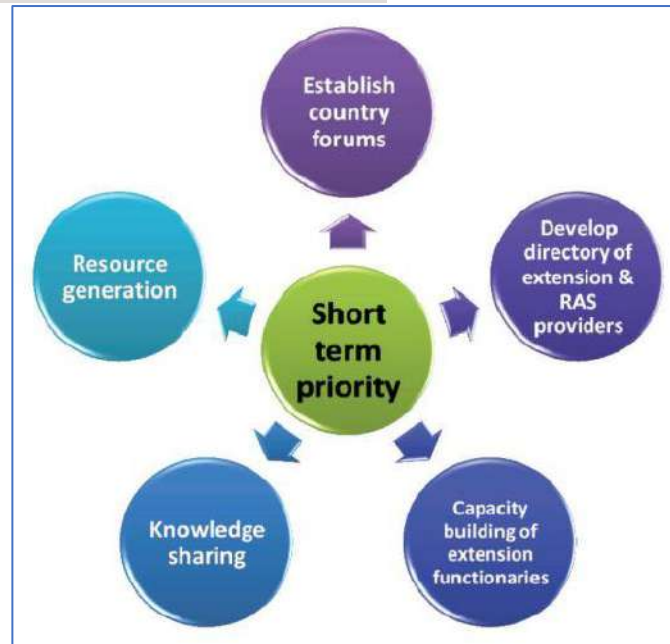


AESA: How it all started?

AESA First Face to face meeting

(14-15 Jan 2014),
Kathmandu, Nepal

- 28 participants
- (7 countries)
- Identified Focal points in each country-Formation of Governance Board
- Identified Short and medium term priorities
- Developed an initial website and Facebook Group



Governance

Regular GB Meetings

Face to face

- 13 Feb 2016 Kandy, Sri Lanka

Reviewed progress, Took several decisions to strengthen AESA,

- July 2017 Kathmandu

validated capacity assessment of AESA in 2017

Virtual

- 05 May 2021

Validated AESA Strategic Plan in the GB meeting

Outputs: CA Report, Proceedings of the GB Meetings, AESA Strategic Plan 2021-26 (www.aesanetwork.org)



Key Interventions

Capacity Development

- CNA
- Publishing Training material
- Promoting and customising NELK
- Organising training, write shops
- Webinars on relevant topics

Knowledge Management

- Publishing Knowledge Products-KPs (Blogs, Good practice notes, etc)
- Dissemination of KP

Policy Advocacy

- Policy Briefs
- Position papers
- Policy dialogues
- Curricula reforms
- Contributing to WGs

Partnerships

- Leading Extension Research & Institutions
- NGOs, Producer organisations
- Donors(IFAD)
- Collaborative programmes
- Member of TAP

Key Interventions: Capacity Development

Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA) of EAS

- **Developed methodology- Facilitators Guide for CNA of EAS Providers**

- **CNA in 4 Countries**

India- October 2015

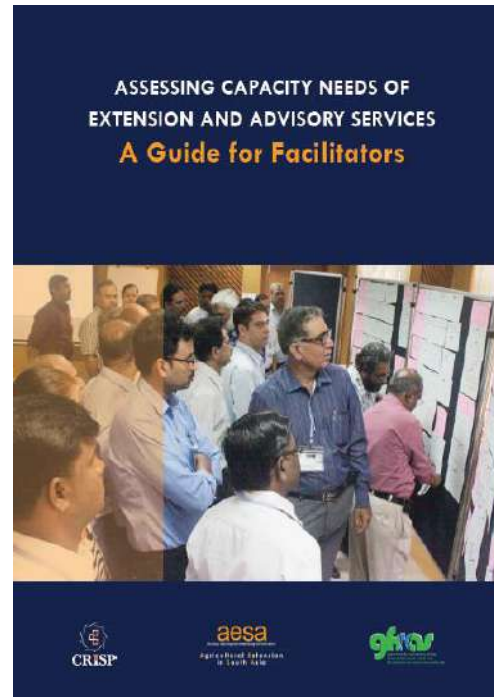
Sri Lanka- Feb 2016

Bangladesh- Feb 2016

Nepal- May 2016

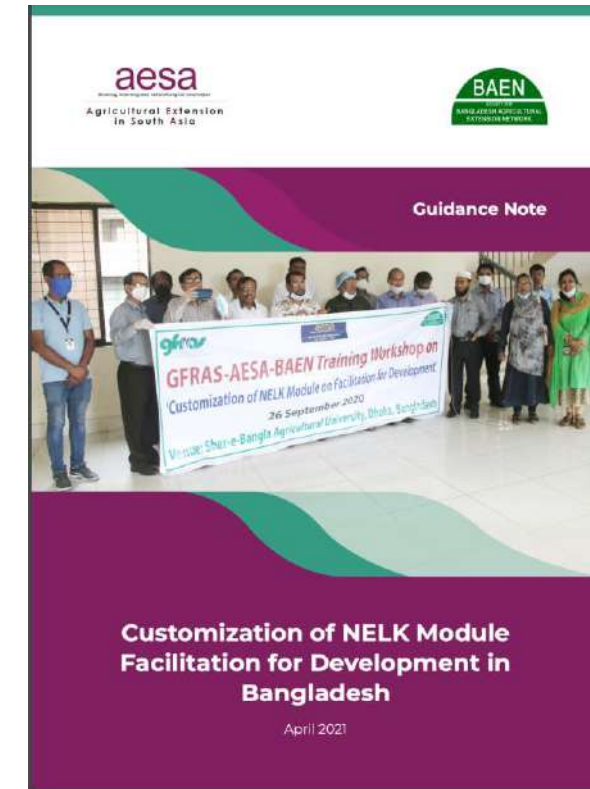
- **Publication of a Policy brief on prioritized CN**

Findings-Still relevant



Capacity Development

- **Published a Manual on Good Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation**
- **Training young research scholars/Faculty on Good Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation**
- **NELK Customisation**
- **Webinars**



Webinars

Editor Talk Series - 1

AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

Featuring
Dr. Val Snow
Chief Editor
Agricultural Systems
Elsevier

TUESDAY
JULY 14TH 2020
10:00 - 11:00 hrs

Dr. Val Snow is a systems modeller at AgResearch in New Zealand and comes from a soil physics and agricultural science background. Her research focuses on the development and use of simulation models to support technological innovation in pastoral agricultural systems and assessment of the impacts of land use. Application areas include land use policy, future farming systems, greenhouse gas mitigation and

Agricultural Systems is an international journal that deals with interactions among the components of agricultural systems, among hierarchical levels of agricultural systems, between agricultural systems and other systems.

Editor Talk Series - 2

The Journal of Agricultural Education & Extension

Featuring
Dr. Kristin Davis
Editor
Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension
(Taylor & Francis)

WEDNESDAY
JULY 29TH 2020
14:00 - 15:00 hrs IST

Kristin Davis is a Senior Research Fellow at the International Policy Research Institute (IPRI) Washington, D.C. She has a PhD in International Agricultural Extension and her research focuses on farmer field schools, rural institutions, agricultural innovation systems, pluralistic extension systems and extension education in Africa and worldwide. She has served as president of the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (IAIEE) and as Executive Secretary of the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS).

The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension: Competence for Rural Innovation and Transformation is published to inform agents who do or use research on agricultural education and extension about research conducted in this field worldwide. The journal publishes papers applying multi-disciplinary perspectives for improving Extension and Advisory Services.

CiteScore 2019 - 2.8

For registration, please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/j/Kristin_Talk
For further information, please contact: ansanetwork@gmail.com

Webinar: 29 November 2022 (1200-1330 hrs)

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Knowledge Management

Knowledge Products:

developed, used and shared widely on social media

Blogs -188 (Blog Book-first 100 blogs)

My Meeting Notes -118

Good Practice Notes -55

Book Reviews-45

Face to Face-15

Working Papers-5

Policy Briefs-3

Proceedings- 15

AESA Strategic Plan 2021-26

SAAS Good Practice Notes-2

Guidance Note-1

Special series-COVID-19 and EAS

AESA Facebook Group

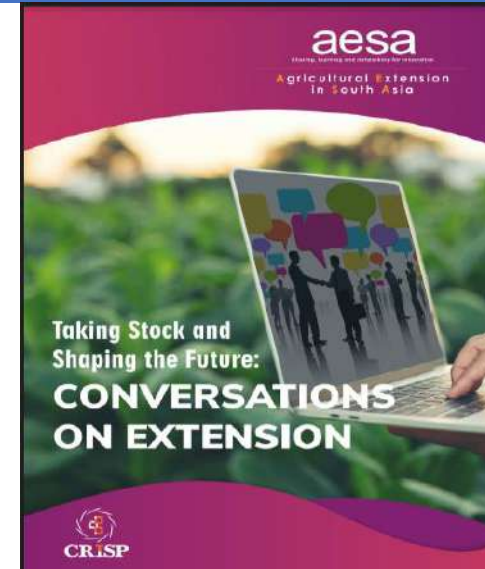
(>21000 members)

AESA Web portal

One stop shop on extension!

powered with Google analytics

Daily updates
on trainings, conferences,
links to new publications
and news related to EAS



GOOD PRACTICES
Public Private Partnerships (PPP)
in Extension and Advisory Services (EAS)



Promoting Agri-Entrepreneurship (AE) through
Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in India

Partnerships and collaborations

MANAGE, India

Promotion of the NELK, Curricula development for Indian Universities

MANAGE/ICAR-CTCRI/SM Sehgal Foundation

Trainings on strengthening research in extension

IRRI South Asia Regional Centre

Policy Dialogue-I- CSA and EAS, October 2018, Sri Lanka

SIAS, Nepal

Policy Dialogue -II–Extension under federal Nepal April 2019, Nepal



Partnership with IFAD programmes and projects

Globally

- Engagement and participation in joint activities
- AESA Participated in the IFAD Pavilion at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26)(www.ifad.org/cop26)

“Scaling-up community driven innovations for inclusive climate change adaptation”

- (11 Nov 2021)

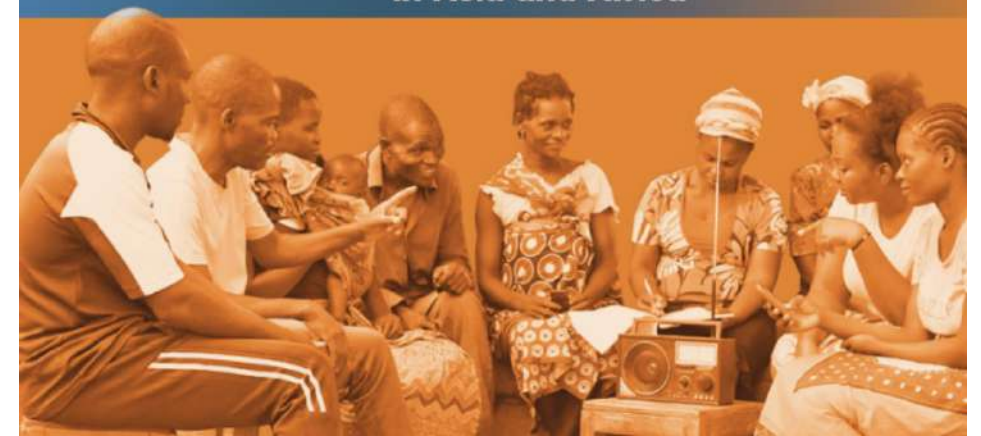


- Contributed to Lessons learnt document- IFAD Publication



LESSONS LEARNED
FROM SUPPORTING
PLURALISTIC
EXTENSION SERVICES

in Asia and Africa



Country Level (Bangladesh)

- **Case studies:** 6 Case studies on Last mile services under IFAD funded project
 - AESA/CRISP and BAEN developed the outline and the final outputs
- *Afghanistan study on pluralistic extension by AESA initiated (but had to be put on hold due to the political crisis)*



Support to Country Fora

Establishment of CF

- India Agricultural Extension Network- IAEN (26 August 2014)
- Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network-BAEN (1 Sept 2014)
- Pakistan Extension Network-PEN (1 Sept 2015)
- National Network of Agricultural Extension and advisory Services in Sri Lanka- NAEASSL(November 2017)
- NEPAL: Engagement with the NAEA

Strengthening CF

- IAEN-remains virtual, led curricula reforms in India, contributes to Knowledge Management, Capacity Development
- Key champions work closely with AESA, collaborative activities*
- BAEN- registered, established Secretariat, membership fees, governance, Strategic Plan, undertaking projects
- Consultation, co-Planning, handholding, technical support, collaborative activities*
- NAEASSL-registered, ongoing activities,translation of NELK into Sinhalese, workshops, self funded, self motivated champions

Financing

- Initial funds: SDC support to AESA 2013-2016
- Project related funding support:
 - IFAD Support to 3 Networks under APIRAS including AESA: SAAS Project: 2016-2019
 - LMP ongoing from 2019 onwards

Previously support under the SAAS project for:

- Language editing
- Posting publications
- Website Upgradation etc
- Holding policy dialogue
- Regional travel

Currently only limited funding from IFAD project to pay for a communication person, website management and meagre resources for technical support given to BAEN and for everything else CRISP pays for the cost of secretariat time

Challenges

- **Sustainable Financing:**

Difficulties in getting core funds for managing a network (time, travel, communication, human resources)

- **At least one full time staff:**

Need a full time programme office

- **Not sure how far the existing arrangements will work**

AESA with host (CRISP) support and cost sharing with other organisations

- **Sustaining the same level of engagement once people change**

Alignment of priorities over a period of time

Articulation of the value of these partnerships is challenging



Opportunities

- **Relentless engagement/outreach** over a long period of time with successive regional institutions and donors has started to establish connections
- **Knowledge products** has brought a visibility and credibility-being appreciated at different platforms and being used as reference material
- **Leveraging on the country forums: win-win:** case study documentation on IFAD projects with BAEN, proposal development for ADB with NAEASSL in close collaboration with AVRDC, MANAGE in India, etc
- **Involvement during planning stages of new project** at country level (IFAD funded GAFSP-Global Agriculture and Food Security Program)-*preliminary conversations*

Future Plans

- Handhold/Mentor/existing and new CF
- Continue/Strengthen KM
- Organise Training of Trainers
- Promote NELK
- Organise webinars-relevant themes
- Support curricula reforms in other countries
- Engage in policy consultations
- Respond to increasing demands for support
- Raise more resources
- Organise governance meetings (at least once in two years)
- Generate evidence on impact of EAS



Thanks for your attention!

