

Seed Summit on Enhancing the Seed Supply Chain in Eastern India

May 14 - 15, 2014, Hotel Maurya, Patna, Bihar

Agenda

Day 1: May 14, 2014	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration and Tea
Inaugural Session: Seed scenario in Eastern India	
10:00 – 11:00 (Chair: Dr. C.M. Khanda, CSISA)	- Welcome Address (Dr. R. K. Malik, CSISA) - Purpose and Scope of the Meeting (Dr. T. Yamano and Dr. A. Keil, CSISA) "Enhancing Seed Supply Chain in Eastern India" (Dr. S. Dass, National Seed Cooperation Limited, New Delhi) "Regional Cooperation in Seed Sector" (Dr. U.S. Singh, STRASA, IRRI)
The Policy Environment: Responding to the needs of the public and private sectors	
11:00 – 12:30 (Chair: Dr. U.S. Singh, STRASA)	"Policy Dimensions of India's Seed Market and Opportunities for Growth in Risk-Prone Ecologies," (Dr. D. Spielman, CSISA) "Enabling Seed Quality Assurance in Local Markets and Community Seed Systems" (Dr. Vilas A. Tonapi, IARI, Hyderabad) - Open Discussion – Where policy interventions are required (Dr. B.N. Singh, NFSM, and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, OUAT)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
Opportunities and constraints for the seed sector	
13:30 – 15:00 (Chair: Dr. P. K. Das, OUAT)	"Opportunities and Constraints on Seed Production" (Mr. D. Arya, Monsanto) "Seed Production and Promotion of Hybrid Rice in Eastern India" (Mr. A. Shekhar, Bayer) "Role of Seed Association" (Mr. D. Guho, West Bengal Seed Association) - Open Discussion (Dr. D. Swain, SC-Odisha and Mr. J. Guho, GMS Agritech)
15:00 – 15:30	Tea Break

Group Discussion- Break away groups	
15:30 – 16:30	• Prioritizing Breeding (Facilitator – Dr. A.K. Joshi) • Marketing/Procurement of OPVs vs. Hybrids (Facilitator- Dr. M.H. Dar) • Strategies to Enhance Varietal Turnover (Facilitator- Dr. A. Keil)
16:30 – 17:00 (Chair: Dr. A. McDonald, CSISA)	Feedback from the group discussion
18:00	Dinner
Day 2: May 15, 2014	
Adoption dynamics of new seeds - How to respond to the needs of farmers and encourage public-private partnership?	
9:30 – 11:00 (Chair: Dr. I.S. Solanki, IARI)	• “Distribution of Stress-Tolerant Rice Varieties - STRASA” (Dr. U.S. Singh and Dr. M.H. Dar, STRASA,IRRI) • “Role of National Seed Corporation” (Mr. A.K. Singh, NSC-New Delhi) • Findings from a Survey of Seed Dealers in Bihar and Eastern U.P. (Mr. A. Kumar, CSISA, and Ms. M. Mehar, CSISA) • Open Discussion (Dr. S. R. Prasad, DSR, and Mr. R.K. Ram, NSC-Patna)
11:00 – 11:15	Tea break
11:15 – 12:45 (Facilitator - Dr. A. McDonald, CSISA)	Action Plan for the Future • Action Plan Proposal (Dr. T. Yamano, CSISA)
12:45 – 13:00	Vote of Thanks (Dr. R.K. Malik, CSISA)
13:00	Lunch