

**Aga Khan Foundation – International Food Policy Research Institute
Workshop on Women in Agriculture in South Asia
12th to 14th August 2008**

**National Agriculture Science Centre, Dev Prakash Shastri Road (Todapur)
Pusa, New Delhi**

Programme Schedule

Tuesday, 12th August – Workshop Inauguration

- 6.00 pm Invocation Song by Ms. Shubha Mudgal
6.15 pm Welcome Address by Dr. Joachim Von Braun, Director General, IFPRI
6.30 pm Lighting of the Lamp by Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury, Honorable Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India
6.40 pm Inaugural Address by Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury
7.00 pm Vote of thanks by Dr. Abad Ahmad, Chairman, Aga Khan Foundation (India)
7.15 pm Bharatnatyam dance performance by 'Spanda'
Aakash – attempts an exploration of the concept of space through movement. Using shlokas from the Vedas, the dancer discovers, explores and celebrates space.
Charishnu – In times of turmoil, we seek independent paths. Charishnu is about unity in diversity and the joy of journeying together.
Dance Composition: Ms. Leela Samson; Composer: Madhup Mudgal
8.00 pm Dinner

Wednesday, 13th August, 2008:

Registration and Tea: 9.00 to 9.30 am

9.30 am to 12.30 pm: Plenary Session (Venue: Symposium Hall, National Agriculture Science Center, Dev Prakash Shastri Road, Pusa, New Delhi)

Chair: Dr. Joachim Von Braun, Director- General, International Food Policy Research Institute

Presenters: Access to Productive Resources and Services – Professor Aasha Kapur-Mehta, Indian Institute of Public Administration

Access to Markets and Market Opportunities – Ms. Ratna Sudarshan, Institute of Social Studies Trust

Improved Access to Food and Impacts on Nutrition – Dr. Agnes Quisumbing, International Food Policy Research Institute

12.30 to 1.30 pm - LUNCH

1.30 to 5.45 pm – Thematic break-away sessions

Theme 1: Access to Productive Resources and Services

Session 1 Access to Land and Water (1.30 pm to 3.15 pm)

Chair Dr. NC Saxena

(Tea Break from 3.15 to 3.45 pm)

Session 2 Agriculture Labour and Employment Opportunities (3.45 to 5.45 pm)

Chair: Dr. Kanchan Chopra, Director, Institute of Economic Growth

- Theme 2: Access to Markets and Market Opportunities**
 Session 1 Market Linkages and Business Development Services (1.30 to 3.15 pm)
 Chair: Mr. S L Rao
- 3:15 pm to
 3:45 pm TEA BREAK
- Session 2 Role of Women in Agriculture Value and Commodity Chains (3.45 to 5.45 pm)
 Chair: Mr. M. Srinivasa Rao, Head of New Initiatives, ITC Agri Business Division
- Theme 3 Improved Access to Food and Impacts on Nutrition**
 Session 1 Impacts of Womens Involvement in Agriculture on Food Security and Nutrition (1.30 pm to 5.45 pm)
 Chair: Dr. Agnes Quisumbing, IFPRI

Thursday, 14th August 2008:

9.30 am to 1.30 pm – Thematic break-away sessions continue

- Theme 1 Access to Productive Resources and Services**
 Session 3 Extension, Training and Knowledge Services (9.30 to 11.30 am)
 Chair: Mr. N K Das, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

(Tea break from 11.30 to 11.45 am)

- Session 4 Agriculture Credit and Financial Services (11.45 to 1.30 pm)
 Chair: Ms. Reema Nanavaty, Director, Economic and Rural Development, SEWA Foundation

- Theme 2 Access to Markets and Market Opportunities**
 Session 3 Agriculture Diversification for small and marginal farmers (9.30 to 1.30 pm) *(Tea break from 11.30 to 11.45)*
 Chair: Mr. Deep Joshi

- Theme 3 Improved Access to Food and Impacts on Nutrition**
 Session 2 Improved Access to Food and Impacts on Nutrition (Impacts and Challenges) (9.30 to 1.30 pm) *(Tea Break from 11.30 to 11.45)*

Chair: Dr. Veena Shatrugna, Deputy Director, National Institute of Nutrition

2.30 - 5.00 pm Final Plenary Session

- Chair: Dr. P.K. Mishra, Secretary (Agriculture), Government of India
 Panelists: Mrs. Anne Marchal, First Secretary and Head of Development Cooperation, European Commission
 Mr. Vijay Mahajan, Chairman, BASIX India
 Ms. Vinita Bali, Managing Director, Britannia Industries *(to be confirmed)*
 Mr. William Bissel, Fab India Organics *(to be confirmed)*
 Dr. Ashok Gulati, IFPRI
 Dr. Christopher Gibbs, AKF