

**CEAPRED PARTICIPATED IN
FOOD SECURITY FORUM ORGANIZED BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
MANILA, 22-24 June, 2016**

BACKGROUND

The Food Security Forum organized by Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila on 22-24 June 2016 had two Major components:

- i) Techno-show on innovative food security initiatives
- ii) Key Themes and Plenary Sessions

The organizers had invited CAEPRED and ICIMOD to exhibit the climate resilient technologies being developed and demonstrated jointly under Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Program (HICAP)- Climate Smart Village (CSV) in Nepal. Mr Keshab D. Joshi, Program Director , CEAPRED and Mr. Laxmi D. Bhatta, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD participated in the Forum representing the respective organizations.

I) TECHNO-SHOW

In the show, key climate smart technologies developed and demonstrated by CEAPRED and ICIMOD in Nepal were displayed through videography, posters, pamphlets, brochure. Besides, key knowledge products related to food security, food-energy-water nexus, and agro-ecosystem produced by ICIMOD were also displayed in the show.



Visitor interacting at CEAPRED-ICIMOD Techno-show booth mant Manila.

Youths attracted to Climate Resilient knowledge products displayed by CEAPRED & ICIMOD at Techno-show, (youths collecting the knowledge material)

II) KEY THEMES AND PLENARY SESSIONS

The Forum's theme was , "Safe, Nutritious, and Affordable Food for All". The Forum discussed on transformations, trends, and future direction from food production to consumption:

PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE, HIGH-LEVEL TECHNOLOGY (HLT) TO END HUNGER

A closed session of Partner organizations was held on 22nd June to share their vision and strategy, and highlight the features of their innovative technology and products pertinent to food security. The main objective of this dialogue was to identify synergies and areas of cooperation such as knowledge, technology and finance, among the partner organizations in addressing multifaceted problems to end hunger and ensure sustainable food security.



LEADERS' ROUND TABLE: THE FUTURE OF FOOD

On 23rd June, the forum started with Leaders' Round Table on "The Future of Food". Two Panel discussion were held in this session. After the round table, panel discussions started on different themes.

SESSION 1: MEETING ASIA'S AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGES

The panelists discussed on different aspects of production and supply of food to end hunger. They stressed on making farming financially viable for all, small and large, farmers notwithstanding the climate and environment related problems, and the changing nature of farming like farm consolidation, feminization of agricultural workforce, and mechanization of agriculture.



SESSION 2: VALUE CHAIN FINANCING AND PROMOTION OF AGRIBUSINESS

During this session, the panelists focused on different aspects of value chain and taking stock of what is emerging

in policy, technology and financing arena of the agriculture sector in order to identify the policy imperatives to promote micro, small, and medium enterprises and partnership with corporate agribusiness.

FARMERS' ROUNDTABLE: VOICES FROM THE FIELD

The main objective of this roundtable was to listen to the views of the people directly involved in farming, agro-processing and related activities. A select group of farmers and small-scale agro-processors joined in the discussion to share their experiences and outlook on the challenges and opportunities in the agriculture sector.

SESSION 3: SUSTAINABLE FOOD ENTITLEMENT

In this session, the panelists focused on equitable and sustainable entitlement to food with particular emphasis on domestic and international markets, and related governance issues. They also discussed on the emerging platforms for exchange of food like virtual (online) market, supermarket, and farmer's market in order to identify the actions required to increase efficiency of supply chain, and promote investment in market infrastructure and logistics.

SESSION 4: SAFE, QUALITY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD: ARE WE EATING RIGHT?

In this session discussion was held on the growing concerns regarding safety, quality and nutritive value of food with increased use of harmful chemicals and substances during production and processing of food. Concerns were raised on reliance of the urban population on quick and processed meal exposing them more and more to unsafe and low-quality food. Panelists also highlighted on various facets of food safety to identify the policy actions and potential areas of investment required to promote quality and safe food at affordable prices.

ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

The last session was concluded with presentations on actions and recommendation by different panelists representing GASFP, IFAD and ADB. The Forum was concluded with remarks by Wencai Zang, ADB Vice President, Operations.

RELEVANCE OF THE FORUM FOR CEAPRED

The forum provided platform where we got opportunity to discuss our strategic vision as well as share our experiences and innovations with different government leaders, private sector actors, civil society organizations development experts, practitioners, and women and youth leaders to develop new approaches and investment while consolidating existing advances and achievements.