



CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION

for the Regional Conference on “*Strengthening Resilient Food and Agriculture Systems –
Implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR in the Agriculture Sector in Asia and the Pacific*”

15-16 March 2018, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

The **Regional Conference** is planned in order to facilitate multi-stakeholder deliberations to identify workable pathways for the agriculture sector to play a proactive role in implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR, the Paris Agreement and related SDGs to strengthen the resilience of food and agriculture systems and dependent livelihoods in Asia.

The Conference provides participants with opportunities to contribute papers and presentations for different sessions, as well as to display, share, and distribute their work-related information, videos and other communication materials such as standees, posters, banners, and such which contribute towards achieving the following objectives of the Regional Conference:

- Raise awareness on the importance of the agriculture sector in reducing risks and strengthening resilience and reinforce its commitments for more proactive role in the same.
- Strengthen the understanding of existing and emerging risks facing food and agriculture in light of rapid urbanization and the intertwined urban and rural risks’ context.
- Take stock of on-going efforts in Asian countries on DRR and CCA in the agriculture sector and share innovations.
- Identify priority actions and the ways forward for the agriculture sector to proactively implement the Sendai Framework for DRR (SFDRR), Paris Agreement and SDGs to safeguard food and nutrition security and strengthen resilience of agriculture dependent livelihoods against disaster and climate change.

Specifically, this ***call for contribution of papers and presentations*** is to inform the following parallel sessions of the Conference:

Day 1

This set of parallel sessions will focus on agriculture sub-sectors viz. farming, livestock, fisheries-aquaculture, and forestry through four parallel sessions. In each of these four sub-sector wise parallel sessions focus would be on understanding the evolving nature of risks and challenges to the specific sub-sector and identifying the priorities and pathways to addressing these risks and strengthening resilience of the four sub-sectors in light of the SFDRR.

Day 2

This set of parallel sessions will focus on innovations to support the implementation of identified priorities for resilient food and agriculture systems through three parallel sessions viz. (i) science and technology, (ii) risk financing and (iii) food and agriculture in an urbanizing world. In these three parallel sessions, the focus would be on understanding the nature of innovations needed and challenges in these three thematic areas for making food and agriculture systems resilient to disasters and climate change.

Select papers and presentations will be published in the form of compendium as part of conference proceedings.

Guidelines for contributions:

1. Papers

Length- **Not more than 5,000 words** and 10 pages including an abstract of not more than 300 words.

Format- MS Word, single spacing, Times New Roman Font, images (if used) to be high-resolution and labelled (with source), all tables / graphs / visuals / info-graphics (if used) to be labelled and source cited, internationally accepted standard referencing system to be used, and a table of contents comprising not more than three levels (chapter, section and sub-section) of titles to be included in the paper. Author details (name, designation, contact email, and short introduction) along with the lead author for communication (in case of more than single author) to be provided along with the paper.

Timeline- This call for papers is now open and the **deadline for submission of full papers is 25th February 2018**. The papers are to be submitted as an email attachment, with 'Asia Regional Conference Paper' in the subject line, to the email address provided below.

Copyright- If the paper or part of the paper has been published before in any form then it would be the author(s)' responsibility to take appropriate permissions and acknowledge the same in the paper submitted. It would be considered by the Regional Conference organizers that the author(s) of a paper submitted for this conference have taken all necessary permissions and provide consent to have their papers (if selected) included in the conference compendium.

Paper Themes: For the parallel sessions on **day one**, the focus would be on understanding the evolving nature of risks and challenges to the four agriculture sub-sectors (farming, fishing-aquaculture, livestock, and forestry) and identifying the priorities and pathways to addressing these risks and strengthening resilience of the sub-sectors. Papers submitted for these parallel sessions need to critically enquire into the following research questions:

- What is the nature of existing and emerging / anticipated risks to the four sub-sectors within the broader risk and vulnerability context of food and agriculture systems in Asia in the context of changing climate and intertwined nature of risks facing urban and rural areas?
- How is the nature and manifestations of these risks to the sub-sectors evolving especially in the backdrop of rapid urbanization in the Asian region, globally connected economies and market forces, transforming consumption / demand patterns, changing priorities of rural youth / producer families, as well as national economic development?
- What efforts / initiatives are on way to reduce risks and strengthen resilience in the sub-sectors? What are the lessons learned, opportunities and gaps for policy and programming? Further, what are the emerging priorities (at the policy, programme and actions levels) to strengthen these efforts? The Sendai Framework's four Priorities for Actions (viz. (i) understanding risks, (ii) strengthening risk governance, (iii) investing in risk reduction for resilience and (iv) strengthening disaster preparedness for effective response and to build back better in recovery) will be the guiding framework.
- How to build coherence in policies and investments pertaining agriculture development, food and nutrition security, DRR, and CCA as well as urban development to manage risks and strengthen

resilience in the sub-sectors (and agriculture sector at large) as countries deliver on their commitments for the SDGs, the SFDRR and Paris Agreement? Further, how should these policies be translated into a plan of action for the agriculture sub-sectors to implement the SFDRR and Paris Agreement?

The parallel sessions on **day two** will be on three thematic areas viz. (i) science and technology, (ii) disaster risk financing and (iii) food and agriculture in an urbanizing world. The focus of these parallel sessions would be on understanding the need and evolving nature of innovations in these three thematic areas as well as challenges therein for making food and agriculture systems resilient. Papers submitted for these parallel sessions need to critically enquire into the following research questions:

Science & Technology

- What role has science and technology played in reducing risks and strengthening resilience of food and agriculture systems and dependent livelihoods in Asian countries? i.e. how science and technology are used in risk assessment/strengthening the understanding of risks, strengthening risk governance, making the business case for investing in risk reduction and early warning, preparedness and disaster recovery in the agriculture sector in general and specifically in the four sub-sectors?
- What are the success factors of innovative use of science and technology for DRR and resilience building in the agriculture sector?
- What are the key technical know-how requirements and collaborative structures and processes needed to strengthen resilience in the agriculture sector? How to develop collaboration and partnership with the scientific and technology institutions in light of the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda?

Disaster risk financing

- What are the emerging models and innovative approaches for disaster risk financing in the agriculture sector and specifically in the four sub-sectors? What have been the lessons, opportunities and gaps?
- What role can social protection play in disaster risk financing in the agriculture sector? What would be the enablers and barriers for the same?
- What are the cost-benefits of disaster risk financing in the agriculture sector?

Food and agriculture in risky urbanizing world

- What are the risks facing food and agriculture systems, as well as food and nutrition security, in an urbanizing Asia? How is this issue being framed in government policy and programmes in Asian countries and how is this framing evolving regionally?
- How do food and agriculture systems drive changing patterns of hazards and risks in urban/peri urban areas?
- What should be the policies, programmes and actions for safeguarding food and nutrition security and strengthening resilience of agriculture systems in the context of rapid urbanization in Asia? And vice versa, what should be in place for enhanced resilience of food and agriculture systems to support sustainable urbanization?

2. Presentations

A presentation, accompanied by an abstract of 300 words can be submitted in lieu of a full paper. The full paper must be submitted no later than 2 weeks after the Conference to be included in the compendium.

Length- Not more than 15 slides for a maximum 20 minutes presentation.

Format- MS Power-point / Adobe PDF, single spacing, Times New Roman Font (size 18-24), images (if used) to be high-resolution and labelled (with source), and all tables / graphs / visuals / info-graphics (if used) to be labelled and source cited. Author details (name, designation, contact email, and short introduction) along with the lead author for communication (in case of more than single author) to be provided.

Timeline- This call for presentations is now open and the deadline for submission of the presentations accompanied by abstracts is **25th February 2018**. The presentations are to be submitted as an email attachment, with 'Asia Regional Conference Presentation' in the subject line, to the email address provided.

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Presentation Themes: Same as the paper themes provided above.

3. Materials for display, sharing and distribution

Limited exhibition space will be provided for display of information and communication materials (photographs, standees, posters, books, brochures, etc.). Relevant videos will be displayed throughout the Conference.

3.1 Videos

Genre- Audio-visual documentary, animation, shadow-sand art based, and such.

Length- Not more than 5 minutes.

Format- mp4 / wmv. Producer details (name, designation, contact email, and short introduction) to be provided along with the video.

Timeline- This call for videos is now open and the deadline for submission of the videos is **20th February 2018**. The videos are to be submitted on a CD, with 'Asia Regional Conference Video' clearly mentioned on the envelope, to the postal address provided.

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Video Themes: Same as the paper themes provided above.

3.2 Photographs

Format- jpeg / png. Producer details (name, designation, contact email, and short introduction) to be provided along with the photo.

Resolution- High resolution photo with a caption / explanatory details to be submitted.

Timeline- This call for photographs is now open and the deadline for submission of the photos is **19th February 2018**. The soft copies of the photos are to be submitted as an email attachment, with 'Asia Regional Conference Presentation' in the subject line, to the email address provided.

Participants whose photos have been shortlisted for display / exhibit at the conference would be **communicated over email by 26th February 2017**. These shortlisted participants would then have to make their own arrangements to produce the materials, transport the same to the conference venue, set it up at the space provided, and after the conference transport it back with the participants.

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Photo Themes: Same as the paper themes provided above.

3.3 Other communication materials

Type: standees, posters, banners, etc. FAO promotes paper-saving, less use of plastic and encourage participants to use eco-friendly materials.

Timeline- This call for communication materials is now open and the deadline for submission of the same is **19th February 2018**. The details (type of material, content, actual size to be used for display, and such) and soft copies of the communication materials are to be submitted as an email attachment, with 'Asia Regional Conference Presentation' in the subject line, to the email address provided.

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Themes: Same as the paper themes provided above.

To register for display/sharing/distribution of communication materials, please fill the form below and send together with the list and soft copies of materials (if available) to Huijeong.Cho@fao.org and agrisendai2018@gmail.com

1. Please provide us your registration number if you have already registered to the conference:

If you haven't registered, please visit... to fill the form before coming back to this form.

2. I and / or my organization would like to contribute to the Regional Conference by submitting the following materials which are aligned with the event's theme.

(Please check all the boxes where applicable).

Paper

Video

Photograph

Presentation

Other communication materials. Please indicate:

3. Description of the material(s):

Please provide separate details for every type of materials to be submitted.

4. Is the material produced especially for this Regional Conference?

Yes

No

5. Which topics/issues of the Regional Conference does it cover?

6. Name of authors/producers/staff/projects involved?