

Agenda

Time	Session Details	Facilitator
25 February 2025 Tuesday - Inaugural Programme		
09:30-09:35	Welcome remarks	Dr. Abid Hussain, Action Area Coordinator, ICIMOD
09:35-09:40	Training objectives and overview of the programme	Dr. Md. Younus Ali PC livelihood Project, SAC
09:40-09:50	Inaugural address by the special guest	Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid Director, SAC
09:50-10:00	Inaugural address by the special guest	Mr. Jamal Uddin Ahmed Director (ARD&SDF) SAARC Secretariat
10:00-10:10	Inaugural address by the chief guest	Ms. Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
10:10-11:00	Tea break and photo session	
Training Session		
11:00-12:00	Drying and dehydration technology of fruits and vegetables (Virtual mode)	Dr. Ferdous Chowhdury SSO (Post-harvest Tech. Divn.) Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) Gazipur, Bangladesh
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:00	Value addition opportunities near to the farm/or at farm gate/ postharvest infrastructure for agribusiness promotion	Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal
14:00-15:00	Processing technique for preparation of quality vacuum fried chips products (Virtual mode)	Dr. Ferdous Chowhdury SSO (Post-harvest Tech. Divn.) Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) Gazipur, Bangladesh
15:00 -15:20	Tea Break	
15:20-16:45	Value chain analysis and agri-food value chain management	Ms. Anu Joshi Shrestha, Rural Enterprise, and Value Chain Specialist, ICIMOD
26 Feb 2025 Wednesday		
09:00-10:30	Experience sharing (lessons learned) on the livelihood enhancement project. Areas of improvement of the project activities, observations and recommendations	Dr. Nowsher Ali Sarder, Former Consultant Livelihood Project, SAC
10:30-11:3	Challenges and opportunity of value addition for fruits and vegetables	Dr. Ganga Dutta Acharya Former SPS (PSPD), SAC

11:30-12:00	Tea Break	
12:00-13:00	Contemporary leadership challenges in food and agribusiness management/ value addition opportunities near to the farm/or at farm gate, Krishidoot, KCC	Ms. Sunita Nhemaphuki, CEO and Founder, R & D solutions Pvt Ltd.
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	Advancing value chain development from tradition to homegrown brands on value additions and market development	Mr. Jagan Nath Maharjan, Managing Director, Khajurico Pvt. Ltd.
15:00 – 15: 30	Tea Break	
15:30-16:30	Product promotion and market linkage and Challenges of the market linkage under the livelihood project	Dr. Younus Ali, Project Coordinator, Livelihood Project, SAC
27 February 2025 Thursday		
09:00-10:30	Ensuring quality control for value-added products	Mr. Araniko Rajbhandari, Director, Nepal Dairy Pvt. Ltd.
10:30-11:30	Doing less to do more: How specializing in one stage of the supply chain fuels innovation & growth in agriculture	Ms. Prakriti Gautam, Founder, Khetapati Organics Pvt. Ltd.
11:30-12:00	Tea break	
12:00-13:00	Organic and ecological certification: Its' challenges and opportunities in supply chain management	Mr. Ramesh Maharjan, Organic and ecological certification Manager Manager, The Organic Valley Pvt. Ltd.
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:15	Agro- processing in Nepal: prospects and challenges	Dr. Roman Karki, Senior Scientist, Chief, National Food Research Centre, Nepal Agricultural Research Council
15:15-15:30	Tea Break	
15:30-16:30	Agro-processing in the context of loss and waste of Agri-food	Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid Director, SAC
16:30-17:00	Concluding session and certificate distribution	Ms. Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
28 February 2025 Friday Field Visit - Agro processing sector		