

## Agro Trade & Investment Exhibition and Conference 2017 - PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

<b>Conference Program Day- I: Thursday - September 14</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Nepal Academy - Auditorium
<b>Time</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
10.00 AM	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Chief Guest: Dr. Suroj Pokhrel, Secretary, MOAD Speaker: Mr. Richard Howard, Country Director, ILO - Nepal Speaker: Mr. Sheshkanta Gautam, Executive Director, National Tea and Coffee Development Board Speaker: Mr. Sumit Kedia, President, Nepal Dairy Association Speaker: Mr. Birendra Rajkarnicar, MD, House of Rajkarnicar
11:00 AM	<b>EXHIBITION OPENING - TEA RECEPTION</b>
12.00 PM	<b>Private Sector Employers Interaction with Agro Employment Service Center</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Organic Certification and its Regulations - Speaker: Mr. Prashant B. Naikwadi, PSS Energy</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Polyhouse and Greenhouse - Speaker: Mr. Sunil Khule, PSS Energy</b>
3:00 PM	Tea-coffee Break
3:30 PM	<b>Technology and Agriculture: Way Forward - NEHUB Presentation</b> Moderator: Mr. Karmath Dangol, Co-Founder, Nepal Entrepreneurs' Hub Speaker: Mr. Ganesh Shah, Former Minister of Environment, Science and Technology Speaker: Pravin Raj Joshi, CTO, Rooster Logic Speaker: Brijendra Rochan Joshi, Co-founder, NEHUB
4:30 PM	<b>Fertilizers &amp; Pesticides - Misconcepts and Misuse</b> Speaker: Mr. Sagar C Shah, Panama Agriculture
5:30 PM	End of Program
6:00 PM	EXHIBITION CLOSING
<b>Conference Program Day- II: Friday - September 15</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Nepal Academy - Auditorium
<b>Time</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Current Status and Prospect of Nepali Tea and Coffee - Nepal Tea &amp; Coffee Development Board Presentation</b> Speaker: Mr. Gaurav Luitel, Planning Division, Nepal Tea & Coffee Development Board Presentation
10:30 AM	<b>Sustainable Tea Farming Model: Empowering Farmers and Educating Next Generation</b> Speaker: Samikchya Banskota, Co-owner, Banskota Group of Industries
11:00 AM	<b>Climate Smart Agriculture Practise: A Knowledge Sharing and Learning on Mountain Agriculture - ICIMOD + CEAPRED Presentation</b>
12:30 PM	<b>Rice Research and Development - an IRRI Presentation</b> Speaker: Mr. Bholu Man Singh Basnet, Consultant, IRRI
02:00 PM	<b>Financing for Agribusinesses: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges - NABIC Presentation</b>
02:05 PM	> <b>Objectives of Agri-finance Forum</b>
02:15 PM	> <b>Experiences and perspectives on financing for SME agribusiness financing from demand side perspective</b>
02:30 PM	> <b>Commercial bank experiences and perspectives on agri-financing</b>
02:45 PM	> <b>Opportunities for agri-financing through private equity investments</b>
03:00 PM	> <b>Experiences and learning from agricultural financing facilitation programmes</b>
03:15 PM	> <b>Comments on papers by panelists</b>
03:35 PM	> <b>Moderated open floor discussions</b>
04:05 PM	> <b>Summary remarks and closing of the session</b>
04:30 PM	<b>Commercial Tech Training : Dairy - Nepal Dairy Association Presentation</b>
05:30 PM	End of Conference Program
6:00 PM	EXHIBITION CLOSING

<b>Conference Program Day- III: Saturday - September 16</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Hotel Royal Singi
<b>Time</b>	Agro Investment Forum (By Invitation Only) - ILO Presentation
9:30 AM	<p><b>Opening</b>  Welcome Address – Mr. Prithvi Gyawali, MD Agro Solutions  Opening Remarks - Mr. Devendra Dhungana, Advocacy Officer, ILO  Opening Remarks – Birendra Rajkarnicar, MD, House of Rajkarnicar  Opening Remarks – Dr. Dilliram Sharma, Department of Agriculture, MOAD  Opening Remarks - Dr. Bimal K Nirmal, DG, Department of Livestock Services, MOLD</p>
10:00 AM	<p><b>Agri Investment Outlook - Opportunities and Growth</b>  Moderator: Mr. Ashutosh Tiwari  Panelists: Dr. Ms. Shabnam Shiwakoti Aryal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Development  Dr. Vidur Ghimire, National Programme Manager, NECTRADE Project, Ministry of Commerce  Panelists: Mr. Anand Bagaria, Managing Director, NIMBUS</p>
11:00 AM	Tea-coffee Break
11:30 AM	<p><b>Enabling Factors and Support Systems for Agro Investments</b>  Moderator: Mr. Suman Shakya  Panelist: Mr. Siddhant Raj Pandey, MD, Business Oxygen  Panelist: Mr. Parshuram Kunwar Chhetri, CEO, Janata Bank Limited  Panelist: Mr. Rajendra Maharjan, Assistant Director, Beema Samiti</p>
12:30 PM	<p><b>Solutions to Bottlenecks and Challenges in Agro Sector</b>  Moderator: Mr. Navin Hada, Aid Project Development Specialist (Agriculture), USAID  Panelist: Mr. Bhushan Shah, Deputy CEO, NABIC  Panelist: Mr. Pradeep Maharjan, CEO, Agriculture Enterprises Center, FNCCI  Panelist: Mr. Dambar Khanal, Director, R&amp;D Innovative Solutions</p>
1:30 PM	Lunch Break
2:30 PM	<p><b>Way Forward - Prospects for Agro Sectors</b>  Moderator: Ms. Sunita Nemhaphuki Khanal  Panelist: Ms. Samikchya Banskota, Co-owner, Banskota Group of Industries – Tea Sector  Panelist: Mr. Birendra Basnet, Managing Director, Nepal Krishi Bikas Company – Cereal Sector  Panelist: Mr. Sumit Kedia, Managing Director, Sitaram Milk – Dairy Sector  Panelist: Ms. Moushumi Shrestha, Director, Shreenagar Farms – Poultry Sector</p>
3:30 PM	Tea-coffee Break
4:00 PM	<p><b>Closing Session - Responses and Commentary from Participants</b>  Speaker: Participant 1  Speaker: Participant 2  Closing Remarks - Prithvi Gyawali, MD, Agro Solutons</p>
4:30 PM	End of Program
6:00 PM	EXHIBITION CLOSING