



National Young Professionals Development Program on New Frontiers in Agricultural Extension

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

April 22-26, 2024

National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad

Program Objectives

- To explore the scope and untapped global opportunities in agricultural extension
- To identify possible job opportunities, essential skills and ways to develop better competencies

DAY 1: April 22, 2024

Session I: Inaugural Program and Introduction to the Training and Qualitative Research Methods in Agricultural Extension

This session focuses on applications of qualitative research methods in agricultural extension and explores the techniques and tools to employ the theoretical advancements in agricultural extension by addressing the competencies required to facilitate research-theory and evidence-building processes.

| Duration | Particulars | Speaker/Activities |
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| 09.15-10.00 | Registration | Team MANAGE |
| 10.00-11.00 | MANAGE Video | |
| | Self-Introduction of Participants & Training Facilitators | Ice-breaking session |
| | Professional Specialization and Excellence in Agricultural Extension | World Cafe |
| 11.00-11.30 | Group Photo, Networking and High Tea | |
| 11.30-13.00 | Agricultural Extension: Time for Step Beyond Next Step | Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch Break | |

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| 14.00-15.30 | Qualitative Research Methods and Opportunities | Dr. Ipsita Sapra Associate Professor, School of Public Policy and Governance Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad |
| 15.30-16.00 | Tea Break | |
| 16.00-17.30 | New Curriculum in Agricultural Extension: Better Opportunities and Way Forward | Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE |
| DAY 2: April 23, 2024 | | |
| Session II: Gender Research in Agricultural Extension and Policy Engagement | | |
| This session delves into the multifaceted aspects of gender equality in agriculture, focusing on equality, social inclusion, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and policy engagement within extension practices. It will explore how gender considerations influence the design, implementation, and outcomes of extension programs, as well as the role of policy frameworks in addressing gender disparities within the agricultural sector. | | |
| 09.15-09.30 | Recap of Day 1 | |
| 09.30-11.00 | Research on Gender in Agriculture: Equality, Social inclusion, M & E | Dr. Meghajit Sharma Shijagurumayum Alliance of Biodiversity International and CIAT Bengaluru |
| 11.00-11.30 | Tea Break | |
| 11.30-13.00 | ICTs & Digital Innovations in Agricultural Extension: Navigating New Frontiers | Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch break | |
| 14.00- 15.30 | New Competencies for Agricultural Extension | Dr. Rasheed Sulaiman Director Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), Hyderabad |
| 15.30- 16.00 | Tea break | |
| 16.00-17.30 | Policy Engagement for Agricultural Extension | Dr. Rasheed Sulaiman Director Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), Hyderabad |
| 17.30-18.00 | Tea break | |
| 19.00-20.00 | Pre-Dinner Session on Exploring Policy Pathways: Engagement Opportunities and Key Competencies | Dr. Suchiradipta Bhattacharjee Policy Engagement Specialist International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Anand, Gujarat |
| DAY 3: April 24, 2024 | | |
| 08.00-13.00 | Visit to Center for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) promotes sustainable agriculture through partnerships with Farmers, FPOs, Governments, NGOs, and Markets. Operating primarily in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, | CSA, Hyderabad |

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| | Maharashtra, and Punjab. CSA directly supports over 25,000 farmers and indirectly benefits more than 50,000 farmers across villages. A field visit to CSA will showcase their efforts in promoting Community Extension Systems. | |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch break | |
| 14.00-18.00 | Visit to Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) The centre is a Knowledge Centre with the components of Knowledge Creation, Knowledge Dissemination, and Knowledge Application to grow in the areas of Research & Development, Training, Services, Outreach, and Business respectively. C-DAC is also actively contributing through ICT for social development initiatives, particularly in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain technology, Machine Learning (ML), and Big Data in Agriculture. Participants can learn about various software applications developed specifically for agricultural purposes | C-DAC, Hyderabad |
| 18.00-20.00 | Exploring Hyderabad | |
| DAY 4: April 25, 2024 | | |
| Session IV: Advances in Social Science Research This session delves into the importance of effective documentation in agricultural extension practices and identifies the competencies required for knowledge management. This session also explores the synergies between social science research, knowledge management practices and advancements in agricultural extension research. | | |
| 09.00-09.15 | Recap of Day 3 | |
| 09.30-11.00 | Social Science Research & Knowledge Management | Dr. Krithika Sundaram Manager, Social Science Research and Documentation Shroff Foundation, Gujarat |
| 11.00-11.30 | Tea break | |
| 11.30-13.00 | Research Priorities in Agricultural Extension | Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch break | |
| 14.00-15.30 | Advances in Agricultural Extension Research | Dr. P. Sethuraman Sivakumar Principal Scientist, CTCRI Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala |
| 15.30-16.00 | Tea break | |
| 16.00-17.30 | Participants Presentation | |

DAY 5: April 26, 2024**Session V: Agricultural Extension Strategies to Climate Change and Policy Imperatives**

This session delves into the critical intersection of agricultural extension strategies and climate change adaptation, emphasizing the policy imperatives and actionable approaches needed to address climate-related challenges in agriculture.

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| 09.15-09.30 | Recap of Day 4 | |
| 09.30-11.00 | Agricultural Extension in the Times of Climate Change: Community, Markets and Policy | Mr. Srajesh Gupta Manager Climate Change Research AKRSP, Gujarat |
| 11.00-11.30 | Tea Break | |
| 11.30-13.00 | Monitoring & Evaluation: Competencies for Extension Professionals | Dr. P. V. K. Sasidhar Professor School of Extension and Development Studies IGNOU, New Delhi |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch break | |
| 14.00-15.30 | Sharing Insights | Participants |
| 15.30-16.00 | Tea break | |
| 16.00-17.30 | Take Home Message and Action Plan | Participants and Team MANAGE |

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