



Announcement

Agricultural Economics Research Association (India)

23rd Annual Conference, 2015

**Inter- and Intra-Sectoral Dynamics for
Transforming Indian Agriculture**

2-4 December, 2015



Organisers

**ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education
Panch Marg, Off Yari Road, Versova
Mumbai-400 061**



About the Association

The Agricultural Economics Research Association (India), registered as a society in 1987, currently has 745 life members, 110 ordinary members, 115 institutional members and 25 honorary life members from India and abroad. The mandate of the Association is to promote quality research in agricultural economics on contemporary agrarian problems for informed policy decisions. AERA has been regularly publishing the journal 'Agricultural Economics Research Review' (AERR) twice a year since 1988. *Agricultural Economics Research Review* has been rated high by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India. To encourage Young Professionals, the AERA also publishes abstracts of Master's and Doctoral theses in AERR. The Association has been successfully organizing its annual conference on contemporary and emerging agrarian issues, the proceedings of which are published as a special conference number of the *Agricultural Economics Research Review*.

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About the Conference

Agricultural Economics Research Association (India) is organizing its 23rd Annual Conference on “**Inter- and Intra-Sectoral Dynamics for Transforming Indian Agriculture**” during 2-4 December, 2015 at CIFE, Mumbai. The main emphasis of this conference is on understanding the changing dynamics and linkages among the agricultural sectors towards accelerating agricultural productivity and growth in India.

Theme of the Conference : “Inter- and Intra-Sectoral Dynamics for Transforming Indian Agriculture”

Indian agriculture has undergone a structural transformation with paradigm shifts in production, marketing and trade. The most notable feature of this transformation is the shift in production portfolio and consumption basket from low-value to high-value food items. Most of the high-value food commodities such as horticulture, livestock and fisheries products are highly labour- and skill-intensive, perishable and market-dependent. This transformation has contributed in attaining food security and poverty reduction. These commodities have also emerged as drivers of growth sources in the Indian agriculture. This transformation is demand-driven with changing role of technology, modern inputs, institutions and policies for increasing the supply of high-value commodities. However, despite these achievements, the country still faces challenges in ensuring sustainable food and nutritional security, containing food inflation, generating gainful employment, increasing farm incomes, and ensuring livelihood security to a major proportion of its population dependent on the agricultural sector.

To address these challenges, a comprehensive understanding of forward-backward linkages of transformation processes, and leveraging its impact on agricultural growth and development in various sub-sectors of agriculture, viz. crop and horticulture, livestock, fisheries and other allied sectors, has become important. Since the emerging issues are more complex, the new strategies of transformation based on the principles of need-based diversification and sustainable intensification covering various sub-sectors and allied sectors of agriculture may have to be more comprehensive, dynamic, science-based, professional, focused, efficient, business-oriented, equitable socially and regionally, and involving all stakeholders. The inter-sectoral linkages for broad-based agricultural growth in terms of input-use (land, water, labour, capital, technology, market, risks and uncertainty, etc.) and sustainable output, income and consumption, nutrition, energy-use effects need greater attention and analysis.

The papers for AERA conference 2015 may have contributions towards deeper understanding of transformation processes of the agriculture sector, sub-sectors and allied sectors, individually as well as collectively; linkages within and between sectors and sub-sectors and draw lessons for sharing benefits of transformation processes, especially with due emphasis on smallholders, pastoralists, tribals, fisherman, agricultural labours and other vulnerable groups. The papers may provide future policy directions in the changing paradigm to accelerate the transformation of Indian agriculture for enhancing agricultural growth, ensuring food and nutritional security and contributing sustainable and resilient agriculture. The broad areas for contributing empirical papers are as under:

Sub-themes of the Conference

- (1) Growth and development aspects in transformation with reference to demand and supply; role of regions, states and centre in promoting growth and development; productivity; food and nutritional security; food safety; employment, income, profitability and competitiveness; sustainability of natural resources; climate change; energy security; risk and uncertainties and insurance products.
- (2) Agricultural trade, changes in the composition of agricultural export and import basket, geographical diversity of agricultural trade, tariff and non-tariff barriers in agricultural trade, evolution of agricultural trade policy, linkages between agricultural trade and food security, etc.

- (3) Delivery of supply and services for rapid transformation of agriculture covering land, seed and planting materials; water/ irrigation; plant and animal nutrition including fertilizers, bio-fertilizers, soil testing facilities, bio-pesticides, organic farming, feeds and fodder, vaccines, input-output grading and certification facilities; new sciences, technology and innovation with proper blending of traditional technology; credit; extension; information and modern communication technologies and agro-advisory services; value chain analysis; storage and infrastructure; processing, post-harvest management and value addition; linking farmers to markets; business models and farmer/ producer/ private/ corporate sector driven supply-service initiatives; farm mechanization and custom-hiring service initiatives.
- (4) Enabling environment for rapid transformation of agriculture covering investment in agriculture and allied sectors, AR4D, infrastructure including road and electricity supply, policies, development programs, partnerships, networks both national and global, institutions, improved governance systems, rural non-farm employment opportunities in production and service-oriented activities.
- (5) Overarching support to accelerated transformation covering capacity and skill development including gender issues and involvement of youth.
- (6) Papers on inter- and intra-sectoral priorities and linkages for accelerating sustainable agricultural growth and identification of drivers of past and current productivity growth and constraints to future growth; the policy, institutional, and investment factors that constrain the rapid productivity growth; identification of regions where the potential to transform agriculture and reduce poverty is substantial.

Besides covering macro perspectives and analyses, the paper writers may emphasize on case studies using micro-data/ evidence for a dedicated support to rapidly transforming Indian agriculture.

Last Date and Mode of Submission/Presentation of Papers

The papers should be submitted by Email (aeraindia@gmail.com) latest by **31st July, 2015** with one hard copy to be sent by post to AERA Office (F-4, A Block, NASC Complex, Pusa, DPS Marg, New Delhi-110 012). The length of paper should not exceed 15 pages, including tables, figures, annexures, etc. The Abstract of paper in 200-250 words should be submitted on a separate page. The papers received by the due date only shall be considered for publication in the Conference Issue of *Agricultural Economics of Research Review* either as a full paper or short note or postal presentation forms, as recommended by the Review Committee.

Dr R.T. Doshi Foundation in consultation with the Agricultural Economics Research Association (India) awards two prizes for the best and second best papers presented during the Conference.

Facilities for power point presentation will be made available at the Conference Venue.

Date and Venue of Conference

Dates: 2-4 December, 2015

Venue: ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (a Deemed University), Panch Marg, Off Yari Road, Versova, Mumbai- 400 061

About ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai

Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE) is a leading deemed university in India with specialization in 'Fisheries' and has a distinguished track record. In over 50 years of its existence, CIFE has emerged as global centre of excellence for higher education in fisheries and allied disciplines. CIFE, through its specialized academic, research and training programmes plays a crucial role in the conservation and management of

fisheries resources and sustainable development of aquaculture not only in India but in the neighbouring Afro-Asian countries also. The Institute is expanding its sphere of activities and has strengthened its collaborations and linkages with leading national and overseas fisheries institutions for enabling cutting-edge research and human resource development.

Transport, Boarding and Lodging

Delegates are requested to take a prepaid taxi and reach the allocated Guest Houses/hotel. The venue of conference is at CIFE, New Campus, Panch Marg, Off Yari Road, Versova, Mumbai- 400 061. Since the Institute has limited rooms in the Guest House, a few rooms have been booked in the nearby Guest Houses. Due to paucity of rooms, the accommodation will be provided on first-come-first-served basis on twin sharing and payment basis as per the rates fixed by the respective Guest Houses. The participants travelling with their families/spouse are advised to book hotels on-line, located near the conference venue. Participants are requested to ensure booking of accommodation well in advance and inform the same to the Organizing Secretary of the Conference. The tariff of the hotel ranges from ₹ 3000 to ₹ 5000 per night in 2 & 3 star categories of hotels. Delegates shall have the breakfast and dinner in the Guest Houses/Hotel at their own cost. Local conveyance charges to and fro the Guest Houses/Hotels and Conference Venue will be reimbursed at the reception counter of the Conference for three days.

Guest House Charges

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| 1. CIFE Guest House at Versova, Mumbai | : | Double bed room | : | ₹ 500/bed |
| 2. CIFE Guest House at Versova, Mumbai | : | Single bed room | : | ₹ 800 |
| 3. DRDO Guest House at Versova, Mumbai | : | | | ₹ 500/bed |

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(1) Hotel Mina International

255, S.V. Road, Jogeshwari (West), Mumbai - 400 102, India

Tel: +91-22-26772524 / 26772503 / 26799860 / 26799889

Fax No.: +91-22-26787783 Room Reservation: +91-9321677721 / 09

Email: info@hotelmina.com; <http://www.hotelmina.com>

Room Rent Approximate : ₹ 2500-3500/ room/ Double bed

(2) Ramee Guestline Hotel

462, A B Nair Road, Juhu, Mumbai - 400 049, India

Tel : +91 22 6693 5555/ 6715 9200

Fax : +91 22 2670 3344

<http://www.rameehotels.com>

e-mail : reservations@rameejuhu.com

Sales Manager : Ms.Vibhuti +91 9819101516

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Room Rent Approximate : ₹ 4000-5500/ room/ Double bed

Registration

The duly filled-in registration form along with registration fee (which cover conference kit, session tea and working lunch) may be sent through crossed demand draft / multicurrency cheque drawn in favour of 'Agricultural Economics Research Association (India)' payable at Delhi and may be sent to The Organizing Secretary, 23rd AERA Conference 2015, Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Panch Marg, Off Yari Road, Versova, Mumbai-400 061

Registration Fee for Delegates

	National	Foreign
Scientist	₹ 3500/-	US \$ 175/-
Student	₹ 2000/- (including dormatory accommodation)	US \$ 100/-

The bank details for e-transactions

Bank: AXIS BANK

Branch: Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063 (India)

IFSC/RTGS Code: UTIB0000096

Account No.: 096010100023870

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Address of the self-booked Hotel accommodation:

Registration Fee (a) Draft/Cheque Particulars _____

(b) Cash at the time of registration _____

Arrival Information

Date _____ Expected time: _____

Mode & details _____

Departure Information

Date _____ Expected time: _____

Mode & details _____

Place:

Date:

Signature

Note: The Members must send their Registration Form along with registration fee for booking the accommodation in the Guest Houses latest by 15th November, 2015 to Dr M. Krishnan (HOD, FEES, Division), Organizing Secretary, 23rd AERA Conference 2015, **Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Panch Marg, Off Yari Road, Versova, Mumbai-400 061** Ph. (O): 022-26345491 (M): 09766980045/ 0997045376. Email: aera2015cife@gmail.com

