

**South Asia Regional Workshop on Contingency Planning for
Management of Wheat Rust Diseases**

18-19 December, 2012

Venue: Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu, Nepal

Provisional Programme

Time	Activity	Speaker / Responsible Person
DAY-I (Tuesday 18 December)		
09:00-09:30	Registration	
9.30 – 10.45	<u>Session 1 – INAUGURAL SESSION</u>	Chairperson: Jaya Mukunda Khanal, Secretary, MoAD
09:35-09:45	Welcoming remarks	Ram Prasad Pulami, Joint-secretary MoAD
09:45-10:00	Overview of the workshop: Wheat rust diseases and contingency planning	Fazil Dusunceli, FAO
10:00-10:20	Introductory paper: Wheat production and Improvement in Nepal: Status, Organizational setting and prospects	Suroj Pokhrel, Director, Crop Development Directorate, DOA and J.J. Tripathi Chief, National Wheat Research Station, NARC
10:20-10:40	Chairperson`s inaugural remarks	Jaya Mukunda Khanal, Chairperson and Secretary, MoAD
10:40-11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11:00-12:30	<u>Session 2. COUNTRY REPORTS:</u> Status of wheat rust diseases and their management in the region	Chairperson:
11.00-11.20	- Bangladesh	
11.20-11.40	- Bhutan	
11.40-12.00	- India	
12.00-12.20	- Pakistan	
12.20-12.30	Discussions	
12.30-13.30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	
13.30 – 15.30	<u>Session 3- REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES</u>	Chairperson:
13.30-14.00	Challenges to wheat production in South Asia: regional perspectives	Arun K. Joshi (CIMMYT-Nepal)
14.00-14.30	Status of wheat rust diseases in the region: monitoring, research, and collaboration	Arun K. Joshi (CIMMYT-Nepal)
14.30-15.00	Mitigation of Stem Rust, Ug99 in South Asia through intra-country cooperative efforts	Akshat Medaker (BGRI / Sathguru Cons.)
15.00-15.30	Approaches to effective rust management in Nepal - <i>Status of wheat rust management in Nepal (Country report)</i> - <i>Successes in wheat rust management in Nepal</i>	<i>Sarala Lohani (NARC, Nepal)</i>
15.30-15.50	<i>TEA / COFFEE BREAK</i>	
15.50-17.30	<u>Session 4 –EXPERIENCES IN OTHER REGIONS AND APPROACHES TO CONTINGENCY PLANNING</u>	Chairperson:
15.50 -16.10	Status of wheat rust diseases and their management in Morocco	Abdelhamid Ramdani, Morocco
16.10-16.30	Status of wheat rust diseases and their management in Turkey	Zafer Mert, Turkey
16.30-16.50	Contingency planning efforts for management of wheat rusts in Syria and Ethiopia	Fazil Dusunceli, FAO
16.50-17.20	Principles of guidelines for contingency planning & rust management	Fazil Dusunceli, FAO

	including options for rapid surveillance and information sharing	
17.20-17.30	Discussions	
18.00 – 20.00	RECEPTION DINNER	
DAY -II (19 DECEMBER, 2012)		
9:00-10:40	Session – 5: WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS	Chairperson:
9.00-9.10	Introduction to discussions	Fazil Dusunceli, FAO
9.10-10.40	Working group discussions: Identifying common issues to work together	
10.40-11.00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11:00 – 13:00	Session 6: WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS (continued)	
13.00-14.00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	
14.00-16.00	Reports of working groups to plenary and discussions	
16.00-16.30	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>	
16:30 – 17:50	SESSION 6. CLOSING SESSION	Chairperson: Jaya Mukunda Khanal, Secretary MoAD
16.30-17.00	Summary of the workshop discussions	Fazil Dusunceli, FAO
17.00-17.30	Remarks/Vote of Thanks	
17.30-17.50	Closing remarks by the chairperson	
17.50	Closing	

Workshop Concept Note

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(Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Tahachal; Kathmandu – Nepal)

Introduction:

Wheat rust diseases threaten wheat crops in South Asia as well as in other important wheat producing regions. The global wheat rust disease programme of FAO foresees the strengthening of the work on management of wheat rust diseases in South Asia as well as in other regions at risk of wheat rust epidemics. During the `Regional Consultation on Improving Wheat Productivity in Asia` in Bangkok (26-27 April 2012) importance of wheat rust diseases for South Asia was highlighted and the need for regional collaboration was emphasised.

FAO aims to assist countries at risk of the wheat rust epidemics to strengthen national capacities and international collaboration through its Global Wheat Rust Diseases Programme. In this regard emphasis is also given to supporting efforts for management of wheat rust diseases in South Asia including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

In the context of preparing national contingency plans and promoting international cooperation FAO is planning a regional workshop in South with titled “South Asia Regional Workshop on Contingency Planning for Management of Wheat Rust Diseases” in Kathmandu – Nepal.

Structure of the workshop:

The workshop will cover following sections:

- Presentations on status and challenges of wheat rusts at regional level
- Country reports regarding status of wheat rusts, coordination, institutional arrangements and planning for management
- Discussions on management and contingency planning approaches
- Formulating recommendations for preparation of contingency plans

Expected Outcomes:

With the aim of providing a platform to strengthen coordination, collaboration for more efficient management of wheat rust diseases at the national and regional level, the expected outcomes of the workshop would include the following:

- Assessment of the status of wheat rust diseases and collaboration in the region,
- Evaluation of national institutional settings and coordination mechanisms for management of wheat rust diseases,
- Increased awareness for the need to improve preparedness, contingency plans and strategies for management,
- Evaluation of capacities, strengths, weaknesses and requirements for more effective management,
- Formulating recommendations for efficient coordination and contingency planning approach.

Expected participation from the countries:

As well as international participants, such as from CIMMYT and APAARI, 3 representatives are expected from each of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan and Nepal. These participants are expected to represent different stakeholders which are involved in or related to management of wheat rust diseases. In this respect the participants are expected to be from the institutions responsible for plant protection, agricultural extension, research and seed registration and multiplication institutions in their respective countries.

The participants are expected to actively contribute to the discussions to achieve the outcomes. In this regard each country delegation is expected to present a country report with regards to management of wheat rust diseases covering the following aspects:

- *Status of wheat rust diseases,*
- *Institutions involved, coordination and planning approaches for management,*
- *Surveillance and control arrangements,*
- *Research and technology transfer,*
- *Seed production system and availability of seeds of resistant cultivars,*
- *Areas that need improvement and recommendations for improved contingency planning.*

Logistical arrangements and information required from the participants:

All costs associated with the workshop, including the travel costs of the participants, will be borne by FAO. Arrangements will be made for hotel accommodation and airport transportation will be made by FAO Nepal office as well as the arrangements for visas to be collected upon arrival at the airport in Kathmandu. Electronic air tickets will be sent by mail to the participants.

In case of difficulties with regards to the arrangements you can reach the following:

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