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GLOBAL CONFERENCE

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Innovations to Impact:

Gender Transformative

Approach for

Sustainable

Agri-food System

Venue

ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (ICAR-CIWA)
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PREAMBLE

Women are the backbone of agri-food systems. Globally, women comprised 38 percent of all agricultural workforce in crop, livestock, fisheries and forestry production (FAO, 2023). In southern Asia, 71 percent of women are engaged in agri-food systems. These systems are a key source of livelihood support for young women of 15-24 years' age group (FAO, 2023). Women are contributing as farmers, agricultural workers and agripreneurs, although there is a considerable variation in their participation across the regions, socio-cultural-economic groups, agro-ecological regions and production systems. Their participation in agricultural production and post-production activities changes over time with economic growth and development, but their issues and associated outcomes continue to be directly influenced by prevailing and systemic gender inequalities in the societies. Women's access to essential assets and resources in agri-food systems such as land, inputs, services, finance and digital technology continues to lag behind that of their male counterparts. Women engaged in wage employment in agriculture earn 82 cents for every dollar that men earn. This disparity is further exacerbated by the limited decision-making power of women. Recognizing the immense potential of women in overall development of societies, the UN had devised the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, among which the 5th SDG advocates for gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls by 2030.

Realizing their profound significance, it is of paramount concern to reduce the gender gap in agriculture to ensure gender equality and increase food security. FAO estimates (2023) that closing the gender and wage gap in agri-food system would increase global gross domestic product by 1 percent and this would reduce global food insecurity by about 2 percentage points, reducing the food-insecure people by 45 million. Therefore, interventions must be designed to close gender inequalities and empower women and, when possible, should use transformative approaches at community and national level to address discriminatory gender norms and attitudes.



The global community is increasingly recognizing and committing to achieve more sustainable agricultural growth through national, regional and global initiatives and partnerships addressing gender issues in agriculture and allied sector. There is also a greater convergence of initiatives undertaken by international organizations such as UN Women, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Food Programme, GFAR, CGIAR and many National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS). Against this backdrop, a Global Conference on Innovations to Impact: Gender transformative approach for sustainable agri-food system is organized.

The Conference aims at bringing the policy makers, researchers, the academia, female and male farmers, innovators, entrepreneurs, industries, and other stakeholders in one platform to deliberate, exchange their knowledge and experiences, and derive the ways to mitigate the issues and challenges faced by women farmers, and strategies to bridge the gender gap for sustainable agri-food system.

Objectives

- To deliberate the emerging gender issues and policy support in agriculture and allied sectors for sustainable livelihood of farm families.
- To exchange the knowledge and experiences on enhancing role of women farmers in sustainable agri-food systems through innovative women-friendly technologies.
- To discuss the gender transformative approaches adopted by international, regional and national agencies for sustainable agri-food systems.



CONFERENCE THEMES

Theme 1: Gender issues and policy support in agriculture

- Socio-cultural lens on women in agriculture
- Gender gaps in access to land ownership and tenure security, resources and services
- Intersectionality in agricultural policies, exploring how intersecting factors such as age, disability and ethnicity affect women's experiences in agriculture
- Emerging gender issues and policy support in agriculture and allied sectors
- Gender gap in agricultural education, research and extension
- Women and rural migration

Theme 2: Gender-responsive agricultural production practices

- Gender-responsive practices in crop & horticulture sector
- Gender-responsive practices in Animal Husbandry, fisheries & aquaculture
- Nutrition-sensitive agricultural production fostering nutrition and health
- Integrated farming systems for sustainable agri-food systems
- Organic farming and women's empowerment
- Impact of climate change on women farmers and the need for gender-responsive adaptation strategies

Theme 3: Agri-innovations for Women in Agribusiness

- Access to technology, digital literacy and engagement of women with agri-tech innovations
- Technological innovations in gender-friendly tools & equipment
- Post-harvest processing and value addition for profitable agriculture
- Drudgery and occupational health hazards among farm women
- Application of digital technologies for smart agriculture

Theme 4: Women in Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Conservation

- Role and contribution of women in community-based conservation of natural resources, biodiversity and impact on sustainable resource management
- Women-friendly technological and adaptive solutions to climate change
- Climate-smart integrated farming systems

Theme 5: Institutional Innovations and Women-Agripreneurship

- Women farmer collectives, producer groups and she-preneurship
- Innovative women-led start-ups
- Women inclusive sustainable food value chain system
- Smart marketing approaches for sustaining women entrepreneurs
- Women farmer's access to financial services and products
- Policy and regulatory frameworks focusing on the need for policy reforms to support women agripreneurs and their access to markets and resources

Theme 6: Gender-transformative approaches in agriculture

- Gender-responsive budgeting and financing in agriculture
- Gender-transformative approaches for empowering women farmers
- Strengthening extension system for women farmers
- Women leadership in agri-food system
- Gender norms and equality

Participants

Researchers, scholars, scientists, professors, students, gender experts, UN representatives, representatives of CGIAR institutions, officials from different ministries (agriculture, rural development, women and child development, science and technology, human resource development), women ministers of governments, chief executive officers of private organizations, progressive farm women, representatives of NGOs, and farm women innovators will all be among the participants. It is anticipated more than 500 people would gather at the Conference.

Language: English will be the Official language of the Conference.

Expected Outcomes

- Fresh insights and wisdom from global initiatives, together with regional and worldwide accomplishments pertaining to the contribution of women in agriculture.
- Technological and non-technological innovations to address the needs of women in agriculture.
- Identification of research, education and extension needs pertaining to gender issues and women's challenges in agriculture and associated fields.
- Techniques to tackle gender-related concerns in agriculture on a regional and national scale.
- A framework for action, designed to empower and integrate women for sustainable agri-food systems and inclusive growth.
- Developing partnerships to consolidate the endeavour on gender mainstreaming in agri-food systems.
- Linking women farmers to research and development organizations.



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Participants have to register for the conference by filling in the registration form available in the conference website

✦ <https://gciigasa.icar-ciwa-tms.in/>

In case of any difficulty in abstract submission/ registration please feel free to write to gciigasa2025@gmail.com

The details of the registration fee for different categories of participants are given below:

Registration	Date of registration on or before	Indian Delegates (INR)	Foreign Delegates (USD)
Early-bird registration	Feb 20, 2025	9000	105
On-spot Registration	March 8, 2025	11000	130
Registration for online participation	Feb 25, 2025	7000	82
Early-bird registration (Research Fellow/ Student)	Feb 20, 2025	5000	60
On-spot Registration (Research Fellow/ Student)	March 8, 2025	6000	70
Registration for online participation (Research Fellow/ Student)	Feb 25, 2025	1000	11
Farmer/ SHG member/ FPO member	March 8, 2025	1000	-
Industry Partners	Feb 25, 2025	25000	-

* Banking charges on registration fee extra.

* Proof of enrolment (student identity card) is required to avail of this rate.

Conference Awards

Last Date for Application : Feb 25, 2025

Young Scientist Award	Women Farmers Empowerment Award	Best Oral/Poster Presentation Award
For eminent Scientist/Academician (age ≤ 35 years)	For women farmers engaged in Scientific/Sustainable agri- food system	For every Session (Separate awards for Scientist & Student)

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Please visit the website at <https://www.icar-ciwa.org.in> for sponsorship prospectus or contact for inquiries.

Why become a sponsor ?

- Meet decision-makers / gender experts / key players.
- Mark your presence in gender based global event in 2025.
- Share your vision of the industry's challenges and opportunities for the development of women sector.
- Present your innovations to address and meet sustainable Agri-food system.
- Expand your horizon and revamp your business to a new direction.

Sponsorships Categories

Platinum	INR 12,00,000	USD 14300
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Gold	INR 6,50,000	USD 7740
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The industries/organizations/institutions are also encouraged to sponsor lunch, dinner and registration kits for the global conference. (GST as applicable)

Sponsorship Matrix

Entitlements	Platinum	Diamond	Gold	Silver
Dedicated session (90 min)	yes	-	-	-
Broadcast of 30 second video during inaugural ceremony	yes	yes	-	-
Logo presence in official media room	yes	yes	yes	yes
Speaking opportunity	yes	yes	yes	yes
Exhibition space (Square meter)	48	36	24	18
Complimentary delegates	5	4	3	2
Complimentary accommodation	4	3	2	1
Logo placement	Privileged position	On all supports	On selected supports	On selected supports
Registration kit to sponsors (no.)	5	4	3	2

Exhibition

Industries/Organizations/Institutions are invited for showcasing their technologies/products at our exhibition, where lucrative firms will showcase gender friendly tools/machineries, nutri-smart food products, technologies and services to bridge gender gap in agriculture and allied sector.

Stall charges apply @Rs. 2,50,000 (two free registrations, Area: 3 m × 3 m).

* GST as applicable

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- 1 Last date for abstract submission
25 February 2025
- 2 Acceptance of abstract
25 February 2025
- 3 Conference date
8-10 March 2025



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ABOUT...



ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (ICAR-CIWA), located in Bhubaneswar, India, established in 1996 under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India. The institute generates and disseminates knowledge to promote gender-sensitive decision-making to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of women farmers. The All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Women in Agriculture with 13 centres in 12 states of the country is being coordinated by ICAR-CIWA. This AICRP addresses the region-specific issues related to women in agriculture with a specific focus on livelihood security, household nutrition, reduction of drudgery and occupational health hazards, and capacity building of agrarian families. A centre of All India Coordinated Research Project on Ergonomics and Safety in Agriculture' is also functioning at ICAR-CIWA with the mandate of application of ergonomic principles and anthropometric data for increasing productivity, reducing drudgery, and minimizing accidents and occupational health problems of workers in agriculture and allied sectors. ICAR-CIWA is dedicated to gender research to mainstream and empower women farmers so as to realize enhanced productivity, profitability and sustainability of agriculture.



The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Its goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With 195 members - 194 countries and the European Union, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. Over the years, the work of FAO in India has gone well beyond the realm of food production, covering issues like access to food and nutrition, livelihoods, rural development and sustainable agriculture. With the looming impact of climate change and outbreaks of new strains of pests the work of FAO has become even more complex, making it an important knowledge partner to assist the country with informed decision-making. At the same time, India also adds value to FAO work, providing technical expertise to other countries, and acting as an important source of development lessons.



The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is a body corporate and an institution of national importance constituted by an Act of Parliament of India. NDDB's creation is rooted in the conviction that our nation's socio-economic progress lies largely on the development of rural India. At its core, the Dairy Board was established to promote, finance, strengthen, and support producer-owned-producer-controlled organisations whilst also advocating for national policies that foster their growth and sustainability. Fundamental to NDDB's efforts are cooperative strategies and principles. NDDB also spearheads programmes for the development of dairy and allied industries, agriculture, and biologicals which are transforming India's rural economy by making dairying a viable and profitable economic activity for millions of milk producers while addressing the country's need for self-sufficiency in milk production. NDDB has been reaching out to dairy farmers by implementing various innovative income generating activities, providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities.



UN Women is the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress in meeting their needs worldwide. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It works globally to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life, focusing on four strategic priorities: Women lead, participate in and benefit equally from governance systems; Women have income security, decent work and economic autonomy; All women and girls live a life free from all forms of violence; Women and girls contribute to and have greater influence in building sustainable peace and resilience, and benefit equally from the prevention of natural disasters and conflicts and humanitarian action.



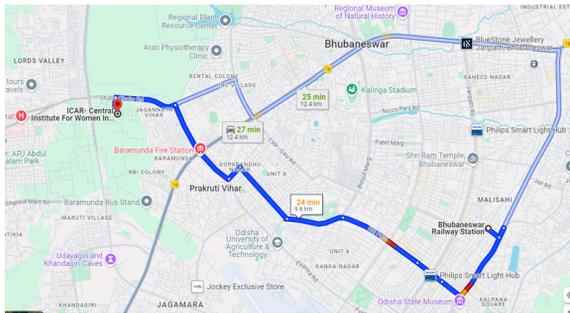
The World Food Programme (WFP) is an international organization within the United Nations that aims to achieve eradication of hunger and sustainable food security worldwide. Having been operating since 1963, WFP in India provides technical support to strengthen the government of India's efforts in enhancing the food security and nutrition of its population. In particular, WFP plays a key role in supporting the Government in making its food-based social protection systems more efficient, nutritious and inclusive, while also supporting other programmes that strengthen food security, nutrition, and livelihoods. WFP also empowers vulnerable communities to effectively tackle climate-induced challenges to food security and nutrition. As a technical partner to the Government, WFP tests innovative pilots, provide technical inputs, strengthen the capacities of government stakeholders, and generate evidence for scaling up proven solutions. WFP also facilitates the knowledge exchanges between India and other countries through exchange visits and sharing of best practices.



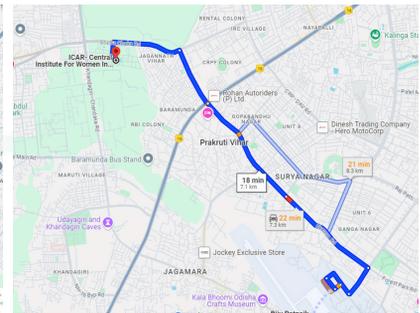
Research Association for Gender in Agriculture (RAGA) was established in the year 2008-09 under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 to promote knowledge and research on gender in agriculture. The Society is dedicated to explore, understand, and address researchable gender-related issues in agricultural and allied sector. RAGA aims to empower women in agriculture by promoting gender-focused research, developing gender-friendly technologies, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders. The Association has organized many important programmes including a global conference during 2012.

HOW TO REACH ICAR-CIWA

The ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (ICAR-CIWA) is located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. It is situated opposite Kalinga Studio Square near Baramunda, about 10 km from Bhubaneswar Railway Station and 8 km from Bhubaneswar Airport.



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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Puri

The Jagannath temple located at Puri about 65 km away from Bhubaneswar is one of the holiest char dham abodes of Lord Vishnu in Hinduism. The wooden images represent Jagannatha, his brother Balabhadra (Balarama), and his sister Subhadra represent the 10 avatars (incarnations) of Vishnu often show Jagannatha. The temple is one of the 108 Abhimana Kshethram of the Vaishnavite tradition.



Dhauri

Dhauri known for "Dhauri Santi Stupa", a peace pagoda monument which witnesses the great Kalinga War built by Japan Budhha Sangha and Kalinga Nippon Budhha Sangha. It is a place marked with the serenity of Daya River and lies at a distance of 8 km from Bhubaneswar. The dome structure of the Shanti Stupa possesses five umbrellas and they symbolize the five essential parts of Buddhism.

Konark

Konark Sun Temple is a 13th-century Hindu Sun temple at Konark about 35 km northeast from Puri city on the coastline in Puri and 65 km from Bhubaneswar. It was most famous of the few sun temples built in India and conceived as a giant stone chariot with 12 wheels. When viewed from inland during the dawn and sunrise, the chariot-shaped temple appears to emerge from the depths of the blue sea carrying the sun. Also called the Surya Devalaya, it is a classic illustration of the Odisha style of Architecture or Kalinga architecture.



Nandankanan Zoological Park

Nandankanan literally means "celestial garden" located 15 KM from Bhubaneswar covered with 437-hectare zoo and botanical garden in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. It is the only zoological park in India to become an institutional member of World Association of Zoos and Aquarium (WAZA). This is the first zoo in the World to breed White tiger and Melanistic tiger.

Lingaraj Temple

Lingaraj Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva and is one of the oldest and largest temples in Bhubaneswar. The temple is the major tourist attractions of the state. The temple represents the quintessence of the Kalinga architecture and culminating the medieval stages of the architectural tradition at Bhubaneswar. Bhubaneswar is called the Ekamra Kshetra as the deity of Lingaraja.



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