

Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) organised trainings, participated in webinars, workshops, and meetings, worked on strengthening country fora, and published several outputs during the period October 2024 to March 2025.

### Knowledge Management

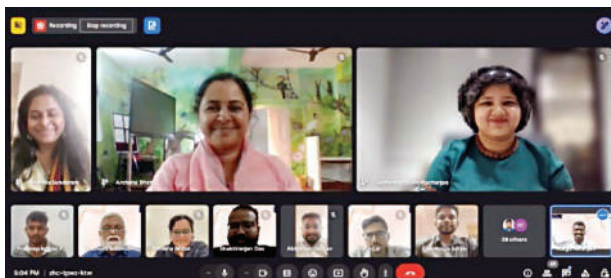
AESA, through its website, published nine blogs, four Good Practice Notes, three book reviews, six course reviews, fourteen meeting notes, and two face-to-face interviews. AESA uses Facebook, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), its WhatsApp channel, Instagram, and its email list to promote the exchange of knowledge on Extension and Advisory Services (EAS). AESA also manages knowledge for the Asia-Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services Network (APIRAS) ([www.apiras.net](http://www.apiras.net)).

AESA launched a dedicated LinkedIn showcase page titled “AESA Suggests” (<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/aesa-suggests/>), which provides carefully curated resources for professionals in the field of agricultural extension and development. The page features recommendations on insightful materials, must-read books, skill-enhancing courses, upcoming events, and job opportunities to help extension and development professionals and graduates advance in their careers.



### Capacity Development

AESA organised a thought-provoking panel discussion, “Beyond Traditional Roles: Career Options for Extension Graduates”, on 27 February 2025. The discussion explored how postgraduate students in extension can pursue non-traditional career options and the skills and competencies needed for such paths. The recording of this event is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGnFoRzJuyg&t=126s>.



AESA contributed to the webinar “Enabling Pluralistic Extension and Advisory Services (EAS) through Digital Innovation”, organised by the Office of Innovation (OIN), FAO, on 17 December 2024. Nimisha Mittal from the AESA Secretariat moderated the webinar’s panel discussion. This event showcased concrete solutions, shared experiences, and outlined forward-looking strategies for harnessing digital innovations to improve EAS and strengthen food systems.

Rasheed Sulaiman V and Nimisha Mittal represented AESA in the regional dialogue “Strengthening Capacities in AIS: Scaling the TAP (Tropical Agricultural Platform) Framework”, jointly organised by APAARI and APIRAS from 27 to 28 December 2024 in Bangkok. The meeting reflected on lessons learnt from the TAP-AIS (Agricultural Innovation Systems) project in the Asia-Pacific region, addressed regional gaps, and co-developed a roadmap for scaling the TAP Framework toward 2030, tailored to regional needs.



AESA Focal Points also have participated in the “National Young Professionals Development Program on New Competencies, Career Opportunities, and Research Priorities in Agricultural Extension”, organised by the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), India, during November 2024, December 2024, and March 2025, to train young extension scholars. The Bangladesh Agricultural Extension Network (BAEN) organised the final workshop of the Last Mile Programme (LMP), “Learning, Sharing and Engaging with RAS Stakeholders”, on 30 September 2024 in Dhaka.



The Network of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Sri Lanka (NAEASSL) organised a review workshop for the project “Building Capacity for Climate Resilience and Organic Farming among Vegetable and Fruit Growers in Sri Lanka”, implemented in collaboration with the World Vegetable Centre, MicroSave Consulting, and John Keells Holdings Plc, from 11 to 14 January 2025.



Mahesh Chander, AESA Country Focal Point (India), has been selected as a member of the Task Force set up by the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) to develop the next GFRAS strategy (2026–2030).

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