



National Seminar on Rural Youth in Family Farming: Need and Challenges

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The United Nations has declared 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming. This is a very important recognition for the multiple social, economic, environmental and cultural functions of family farming. Rural Family farming generates food and income for hundreds of millions of rural people, including the poor and marginalized fostering jobs for men, women and young people, both within their family farms and in related enterprises along food and agricultural value chains. It provides models of adaptability and resilience for more sustainable food production and is socially and culturally part of communities and territories constituting regions and as such underpins national food security in most countries safeguarding and protecting the environmental assets and natural resources, biodiversity and cultural heritage. Under the right conditions and with supportive policies, family farmers particularly the youth and women have proven to be innovative, productive and resilient, especially if they are supported to use agro-ecological practices that are based on their own resources and priorities. This makes youth in family farming key players in tackling the pressing issues of our time, such as hunger, climate change and biodiversity loss. Family farming includes all family-based agricultural activities, and it is linked to several areas of rural development. Family farming is a means of organizing agricultural, forestry, fisheries, pastoral and aquaculture production which is managed and operated by a family and predominantly reliant on family labour, including both men and women. Rural youth, smallholder and family farmers face numerous challenges in the prevailing times such as climate change and climate variability; lack of tenure security in a context of increasing competition for land and water (population growth, urbanization) and inadequate governance of land tenure; limited access to financial resources, inputs, technology, training, research and advisory services, and education, price volatility (energy, food, etc.) and limited access to markets among a few. The seminar is an attempt to bring together the stakeholders like researchers, academic institutions, industries, government agencies, farmers, NGOs etc. to address the need and challenges posed in the successful implementation of family farming in a holistic manner putting an added emphasis on current trends and aspirations of youth in relation to family farming. The seminar aims to provide a forum to raise the awareness of the needs and potential of youth in family farming, along with the constraints that they face, and ensure that they have access to technical support along with the creation of synergies for sustainability. The strengthening the legitimacy of farmers' organizations, youth clubs and their capacity to effectively represent and defend the interests of family farmers and sharing lessons learned and successful pro-family farming policies, and capitalizing relevant knowledge on family farming are the key features of the seminar.

THEMATIC AREAS

The seminar will focus on:

- Ø Role and aspirations of youth in family farming
- Ø Economic opportunities for youth in farming that provide alternatives to migration to urban areas
- Ø Challenges and mitigation strategies to the problems faced by youth in family farming
- Ø Role of ICTs/ Innovations in contributing to better family farming
- Ø Cases of innovative ideas/ strategies/ business proposals for improving family farm's productivity and production efficiencies
- Ø Advances in research methods vis-à-vis participation of youth in family farming

VENUE

The seminar will be held at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour (Bhagalpur). Sabour is a beautiful countryside located in Bhagalpur district of Bihar and is renowned for being one of the oldest agricultural education centres in the Indian subcontinent. Britishers established this Agricultural College in the year 1908. The Bihar Agricultural University was established on 5th August 2010 to serve as a leading centre of education, research, extension and training in the field of agriculture and allied subjects in the state. It is a matter of pride

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that the first post-graduate programme in Extension Education in the country was started from this college.

PARTICIPANTS

The seminar would be open to scientists of agricultural and allied subjects, officers of the Government departments, extension workers, SMSs of different KVKs, progressive farmers and officials of the Banks, national institutes, ATMA, NGOs, KVIC, DRDA, students, press and media personnel.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT/ FULL PAPER

The abstract may be submitted through e-mail and/or post along with a soft copy. The abstract should be typed in English on A4 size paper keeping double space in MS Word (Times New Roman, font size 12) along with Keywords. It must contain a clear title, name and affiliation of authors. The name of presenting author should be underlined and E-mail should be given at the end. There should not be any sub-headings, figures, tables or references in the abstract. The paper must be submitted through email to **bauseminar@gmail.com**. The participants may also submit full papers for consideration. The selected papers would be published in the book with ISBN. The detailed specification for preparing the poster paper (size 4.5'x3.0'), would be mailed to those authors whose abstracts are accepted for presentation.

Presentations

The seminar will cover both oral and poster presentations

Oral: Oral papers on specific topics related to each session will be invited through request and also accepted out of suggestions made. The full length paper will be required to be submitted latest by October 31st, 2014 for publication of proceedings and then release during the inaugural session.

Poster: Poster papers are invited for presentation in the seminar. Each delegate can present maximum of 2 poster papers as seminar author relating to broad theme area of the seminar.

Photography Contest

Use your camera to capture moments that speaks a simple but real story about youth involved in agri-entrepreneurship projects. Also send a supporting text of 150 words or less. It is necessary to register in the seminar for participating in the photography contest. **Deadline : 31st, October 2014**. Send your story to bauseminar@gmail.com with subject: Photography Contest. Best submissions will be awarded in the seminar.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACT/ PAPER

Submission of Abstract:	October 5, 2014
Confirmation of acceptance of abstract for sending full paper:	October 15, 2014
Full text of accepted paper:	October 31, 2014
Registration and accommodation fee:	November 15, 2014

REGISTRATION FEES

Type of Delegates	Amount (Rs.)
Professionals/ Scientists/ Teachers/ Govt. officials/ Executives	2000/-
\Banks / ATMA's / NGOs / Traders / Exporters / Private sector	5000/-
Students/ Progressive farmers/ Rural Youth	500/-

PAYMENT

All payment toward the sponsorship/ registration fee/ advertisement in publications related to the seminar is to be remitted through A/C payee Demand Draft drawn in favour of **“Organizing Secretary, National Seminar on Rural Youth”**, **A/C No.: 33950050079, IFSC: SBIN0011805** payable at Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar (SBI Branch Code: 11805) or cash may also be deposited at the time of registration.

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ADVERTISEMENT

During the seminar, a Souvenir/book will be published. Advertisements of your organization/activities are invited for publication in Souvenir/Book to popularize among the participants coming from Bihar and other parts of the country. The charges of the advertisement are given below:

Last outer cover full page (multi-coloured): Rs. 30000/- (Thirty thousand)	First & last inner cover (multi-coloured): Rs. 20000/- (Twenty thousand)
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COMMUNICATION

Sabour is well connected by rail as well as road for arrival and departure to all parts of the country. It is just 9 km and 25 km away from Bhagalpur and Naugachia railway station respectively. Patna, Bagdogra and Kolkata airport are located about 230, 250 and 430 km away respectively. Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour can be reached from Bhagalpur Railway Station by paid taxi/ auto-rickshaw, which is available round the clock.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation for the participants will be arranged on payment basis in the Guest House of the University and private guest house/hotels at Bhagalpur. For accommodation, please mention in registration form.

WEATHER

The weather of Bhagalpur district during December is cool and pleasant with temperature during the day ranging between 15°-22°C while the nights are cool. Warm clothes are necessary particularly during the night.

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