

First Circular

National Conference

Rebooting the hill farming for future sustainability and livelihood

(RHFFSL 2023)

8 - 9 June, 2023



Venue

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Ribhoi, Meghalaya



Celebrating 50 years of Service

Important Dates

Submission of abstract: 20th May, 2023

Registration: 30th May, 2023



Organized by
Indian Association of Hill Farming &
ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam



INVITATION

Livelihood of people residing in Hill area is influenced by the same socio-economic and environmental changes that affect people in the rest of the ecoregions of the world, although impacts are often more profound, owing to the increased vulnerability and reduced resilience of the mountain ecosystems. Global economic pressure puts enormous pressure on the hill people to produce and earn more to sustain their livelihood. Global warming added additional dimension to the constraints of hill farming. Farmers' strategies to cope with global change still employ traditional patterns of risk management. Different altitudinal zones are continued to be used for herding and for growing a diverse of crops. Mountain people have less access to road and air transports



resulting in increase in transportation costs and poor accessibility. Steeper slopes on the farmland makes mechanization difficult and further adds to the cost of maintaining agricultural production systems.

Poor access to market, institutional credit, greater post-harvest loss of farm produce, shorter day length and growing season coupled with scattered marketable surplus, acidic soils having higher erosion potential pose greater challenges to the hill farmers. Due to these unique constraints, productivity is

on an average 28% lower in mountainous areas than in other disadvantaged areas and 40% lower than the farm productivity in plains. In Himalayan region

about 15.2% area is under permanent snow cover and rocky mountains and serves as a perennial source of water. In most of the mountain regions of

the World shifting cultivation is the dominant farming practice. But the current demand for the expanding

population in the hills, the land under shifting cultivation does not get enough rest to regain its productivity to feed the

hill population. Thus, to achieve the target of Zero hunger and poverty by 2030 as envisioned in the UNDP Sustainable

Development Goal, new innovations in agriculture have to play a very important role to address the problems of decline in the factor

productivity, soil health and water availability, increasing incidences of diseases and pests, energy crises, livelihood security of small holders and emerging challenges of climate change. Our natural resources will be at increasing risk from soil degradation, deforestation, contamination, biodiversity losses and population pressure in general and in fragile risk prime mountain region specially. The National Conference on Rebooting the hill farming for future sustainability and livelihood (RHFFSL 2023) aims at exploring ways and means of science and technology to address emerging matrix of the agricultural problems in holistic manner for sustainable development of hill and mountain ecosystem globally.

Indian Association of Hill Farming extends you a warm invitation for your active participation in the Conference to accomplish its objectives.

CATEGORIES OF CONFERENCE THEME PRESENTATIONS

- **Keynote Lectures:** Scientists across India, policy makers and administrators will be invited to deliver special lectures on the topics related to *Natural farming and ecosystem services, Hill agriculture sustainability and economics, Crop improvement and protection challenges, Innovations in livestock and fisheries, Farm mechanization, digitisation and secondary agriculture and Market oriented agricultural advisory services and agribusiness promotion*. Keynote lectures will be of **20 minutes duration**.
- **Lead Lectures:** Lead lecture will be of **10 minutes duration** that will cover emerging technologies and scientific advancements. Lead speakers of the symposium will be requested to provide 3-4 pages extended summaries of their presentation and brief biodata.
- **Contributory/ Oral Papers:** Limited number of papers will be selected by the committee for oral presentation based on importance of subject and its relevance to the sub- themes of the Conference. The speakers will be informed well in advance for making the presentation. The presentation will be of **5 minutes duration**.
- **Poster Presentations:** All the delegates will get an opportunity to present their contributory research papers through poster presentation. Materials for fixing the posters will be provided by the organizers. The size of the poster should be 48” (L) X 36” (W) with standard font size used for posters.

THEMES

- ❖ Natural farming and ecosystem services
- ❖ Hill agriculture sustainability and economics
- ❖ Crop improvement and protection challenges
- ❖ Innovations in livestock and fisheries
- ❖ Farm mechanization, digitisation and secondary agriculture
- ❖ Market oriented agricultural advisory services and agribusiness promotion

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the Conference.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts (Maximum 400 words, should include titles, authors name, affiliation and corresponding authors email ID of unpublished research works related to the conference themes are invited for

presentation(Oral and Poster). Abstracts, Keynote papers (Not more than 1000 words) and lead papers (not more than 1500 words) are to be submitted preferably through e-mail attachment at rffs12023iahf@gmail.com.

PRESENTATION

Abstracts in different theme areas will be selected for oral/poster presentation in each session. A maximum of 20 minutes to Keynote speaker 10 minutes will be allotted for lead speaker including discussion. The speakers are advised to make presentations accordingly. For poster presentation, the topic should be informative, attractive, and self explanatory. The size of the poster should be 48” (L) X 36” (W) with standard font size used for posters. Awards will be given for best posters and rapid-fire speakers based on quality and time management.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of abstracts /papers: Last date 20th May, 2023

Acceptance of abstracts/paper: Acceptance will be sent after screening

Date of registration without late fee: 30th May, 2023

REGISTRATION FEE

- Members: ₹ 4000/-
- Non Members: ₹ 4500/-
- Students/RA/SRF/YP: ₹ 2000/-
- Accompanying Persons: ₹ 2000/- (*No Welcome kit will be provided to Accompanying Persons*)

Extra ₹ 500/- for Late fee after 30th May, 2023

PAYMENT DETAILS

A/C Name: IAHF NATL. CONF-2023

A/C No: 41776155898

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ICAR Complex Umiam Branch, Umiam, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya

Note: Only online payment will be accepted



ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation in budget and luxury hotels at Umiam and nearby in the vicinity of the conference venue are available. The tariffs at the current rates are in the range of Rs. 3500/- to Rs. 6000/- per day for single/Double occupancy. Limited accommodation is available in various guest houses near the venue.

ROADMAP AND WEATHER

The seminar venue is well connected by road, rail and air route. The seminar venue is located 100 km from Guwahati airport, and 10 km from Shillong airport. The hired and shared taxi charges from Guwahati airport are ₹ 3000 and 1200, respectively. Weather during the seminar is expected to be warm with the temperature range of 20 °C to 30°C. Light Woolens cloth and umbrella are suggested for comfortable stay.

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