

CIRDAP Webinar Series - 2026

Sl No.	Webinar Theme	Speaker	Date & Time	Number of Participants
1	Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation (NAMCSSTC): key initiatives and contributions	<p>Ambassador Diar Nurbintoro Director, Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation (NAMCSSTC) Central Jakarta, 13220, Indonesia</p> <p>Mr. Syafi Satya Sakti Assistant Director for Programme, NAM CSSTC</p>	January 15, 2026 (Monday) 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (12:00 p.m. Indonesia time)	40
2	Empowering Smallholders: Seed System Innovation for Rural Growth	<p>Swati Nayak, PhD Scientist and South Asia Lead- Seed System and Product Management Rice Breeding Innovation Department CGIAR International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</p>	January 22, 2026 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (10:30 a.m. India time)	46
3	Empowering Local Governments through Gender Responsive Budgeting -Nepal Experience	<p>Mr. Jaya Krishna Shrestha Director, Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), Nepal</p> <p>Ms. Nigma Tamrakar Independent Consultant on Gender, Social Inclusion and Women Empowerment</p>	February 2, 2026 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (10:45 a.m. Nepal time)	50
4	Strengthening the last mile delivery ecosystem through Agri-Entrepreneurship model in the villages in Asia and Africa	<p>Rahul Arun Tidake Consultant Global Agri-Entrepreneurship Academy</p>	February 16, 2026 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (10:30 a.m. India time)	57

		IFC, Global Agri-Entrepreneurship Academy (GAEA), India		
5	Green Building Infrastructure in Rural Development: Green Principles, Renewable Energy Adoption, Sustainable Infrastructure Development, and Behavioral Change Initiatives PPT -1: Centre for Development of Smart and Green Building (CeDSGreeB) Outlook Towards Net Zero Emission Building PPT-2: Mobilizing the Finance Support for Acceleration of Green Building Development	Dr. Sentagi Sesotya Utami Director of Center for Development of Smart and Green Building (Cedsgreeb) Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia. Dr. Rachmawan Budiarto Manager, Director of Center for Development of Smart and Green Building (Cedsgreeb) Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia	March 5, 2026 11 am Dhaka time (12:00 PM Jakarta time)	157
6	Gross National Happiness and its Operationalization in Bhutan	Her Excellency Dasho Karma Hamu Dorjee, Ambassador of Bhutan, Royal Bhutanese Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh	March 16th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (11:00 a.m. Bhutan time).	127

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Sl No.	Webinar Theme	Speaker	Date & Time	Number of Participants
1	The Rural Development (RDR) Report 2023	Prof. Dr. Mohammed Helal Uddin, Designation: Executive Vice Chairman, Microcredit Regulatory Authority. Country: Bangladesh	January 27, 2025 (Monday) At 12 pm Bangladesh Time	70

2	Why do Organized and Unorganized Marketing Channels Co-exist? A Case of Milk Marketing in Nepal	Binoy Goswami, PhD Designation: Associate Professor Faculty of Economics South Asian University Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, Country: India	February 12, 2025 (Wednesday) At 11 am Bangladesh Time	47
3	Artificial Intelligence in improving farmer's livelihood	Name: Sachin Hegdekudgi Designation: CEO, Roots Goods Private Limited Country: India	February 20, 2025 At 11 am Bangladesh Time	41
4	Celebrating International Women's Day – (8 March) Women in Agriculture and Rural Development – Empowering Change	Dr. Jaqueline Hughes Designation: Secretary General, World Agriculture Forum SDG Room, Royel Institute of Tropics (KIT), Mauritskade 64 1092 AD Amsterdam, Country: Netherland.	March 10, 2025 (Monday) At 3 pm Bangladesh Time (9 am in UK time)	55
5	Financing for Nutrition in Asia: Current Trends and Way Forward	Lalita Bhattacharjee, PhD Designation: Consultant, Results for Development (R4D) Nutrition Advisor, Nutrition Development Foundation Thailand Senior Nutritionist, FAO -UN (Retd) Country: Thailand	April 17, 2025 (Thursday) 11:00 AM Bangladesh Time 12:00 PM Thailand Time	65
6	National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR)	Dr. G Narendra Kumar IAS Designation: Director-General National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India Country: India	April 24, 2025 (Thursday) at 12:00 pm Bangladesh Time (11:30 am in India time)	40

7	Secondary Agriculture: How to make a beginning – Policies, Programmes and innovations	Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Designation: Chairman, Prime Minister Committee on Doubling of Farmers' Income, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. IAS Officer (Retd.) Country: India	May 8, 2025 11:00 AM Bangladesh Time (10:30 am in India)	77
8	Strengthening Grassroot rural innovations: Experiences, Challenges and Future Road map	Prof. Anil K. Gupta Designation: CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow 2018-21; Honorary Secretary GIAN Founder, Honeybee Network, SRISTI, GIAN & NIF; Visiting Faculty, IIMA & IITB, Academy Professor, AcSIR Country: India	September 1, 2025 12:00 PM Bangladesh Time (11:30 AM India Time)	79
9	How can we make Agri-Cooperatives sustainable, enterprising & profitable: Success story of Mulkanoor Cooperative, India	Shri AligiReddy Praveen Reddy PRESIDENT-CHAIRMAN Mulkanoor Cooperative Rural Credit and Marketing Society Ltd., Mulkanoor Village, India	October 16th, 2025 11:00 AM Bangladesh Time 11:30 AM Myanmar Time 10:30 AM India Time	80 faculty members joined from University of Cooperative and Management, Thanlyin (UCMT), Myanmar. Total 127
10	Education and Entrepreneurship through Agriculture: The Taylor Schomaker Model	Ms. Taylor Schomaker, Schomaker Farms, 1103 Leddy Rd, SAGINAW MI 48609, Michigan, USA	Thursday, 6 November 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (12:00 a.m. /midnight, Michigan USA time)	135
11	Scientific Poultry House Management: Taiwan Innovations and Learnings	Shang-Ho Bruce Yang, PhD Professor and Director Graduate Institute and Bio-Industry Management Professor, International Bachelor Program in Agribusiness and International Master Program in	Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (1:00 p.m. Taiwan time)	39

		Agriculture, National Chung Hsing University		
12	Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF): key initiatives and contributions.	Ms. Arpana Pratap Director Blue Economy Pacific Islands Development Forum Secretariat 56 domain Road Suva, Fiji, P.O Box 2050, Government Buildings, Suva, FIJI	December 4, 2025 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m. Bangladesh time (5:00 p.m. Fiji time)	101
13	Agriculture Development in Kenya: Learnings for Asia and the pacific'	Dr. Agnes Oywaya-Nkurumwa Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Extension Egerton University, Kenya.	December 11, 2025 (Thursday) At 12:00 p.m. Bangladesh time (9:00 a.m. Kenya time)	73

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SL No.	Webinar Theme	Speaker	Date & Time	Number of Participants
1	International Women's Day (8th March)	Dr. N.V. Madhuri, Designation: Head, Centre for Gender Studies and Development (CGSD) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD-PR) Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. Country: India	March 7, 2024 11 am Bangladesh Time	85

2	Empirical and Qualitative Study of Nutrition Security in India	Dr. Ruchira Bhattacharya Designation: Assistant Professor, Head in-Charge, NIRD-PR Delhi Branch New Delhi Country: India	4 th April 2024 11 am Bangladesh Time	38
3	The Role of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIHAS) in the Integrated Sustainable Agricultural, Rural and Food Tourism Development.	Dr. Ali KianiRad Designation: Associate Professor. Director General (Head) Agricultural Planning, Economic and Rural Development Research Institute (APERDRI) , Ministry of Agriculture Jihad (MAJ) Country: Islamic Republic of Iran	22 nd April 2024 11:30 am Bangladesh time (9:00 am in IR Iran time).	64
4	Rural Development in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - SGD and Malaysia Rural Development Policy	Ms. Nazlinda binti Zamani, Principal Designation: Assistant Secretary, Strategic Planning Division, Ministry of Rural and Regional Development. Country: Malaysia	9 May 2024 10 am Bangladesh time (12 pm Malaysian time)	59
5	Celebrating World Oceans Day Webinar title: One Ocean, Three Approaches, Five Issues, Seven Solutions	Sunil Murlidhar SHASTRI FRSA Designation: Consultant, Educator and Speaker Ocean and Environmental Governance Country: United Kingdom	10th June 2024, 11 am Bangladesh Time	56
6	The advantages of Agricultural Intensification for Family Farming	Dr. M. Ebrahimpour, Designation: Associate Professor, member of Agriculture and Rural Development Research Department, Agricultural Planning, Economic and Rural Development Research Institute (APERDRI) Country: IR IRAN	17 September 2024 12 pm Bangladesh Time	20
7	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	Dr. Nuanchan Singkran Designation: Associate Professor. Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University,	29 September 2024 11 am Bangladesh Time	67

		Country: Thailand		
8	Celebrating International day for Disaster Risk Reduction <i>Natural disaster reduction and a proposed management framework</i>	Dr. Nuanchan Singkran Designation: Associate Professor. Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Country: Thailand	14 October 2024 11 am Bangladesh Time	55
9	Small Enterprises to strengthen Rural Economy: Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. S. Glory Swarupa Designation: Director General, National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), An organization of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India Country: India	November 19, 2024 (Tuesday) at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	65
10	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics: Five Decades of Excellence in alleviating poverty in South Asia	Dr. Sreenath Dixit Designation: Principal Scientist and Strategic Advisor Office of the Director General International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Patancheru, Telangana. Country: India	December 5, 2024 (Thursday) at 11 am Bangladesh Time (10:30 am in India)	36

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1	Identifying the Gender-Nutrition intersections in India: Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence	Dr. Ruchira Bhattacharya Designation: Assistant Professor, Head of Charge, NIRD-PR Delhi Branch New Delhi Country: India	27 th February 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	38
2	Best Practices of Integrated Rural Development/ Rural Development policies.	Dr. Muhammad Israr Designation: Secretary and IRD Expert CIRDAP Agriculture, livestock, fisheries and Cooperative Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Country: Pakistan.	28 th February 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	40
3	International Women's Day <i>i) Violence Against Women in Nepal: Current situation, challenges and efforts to minimize</i> <i>ii) 2023 theme of International Women's Day</i>	Ms. Anju Dhungana, Designation: Senior Women Development Officer, Ministry of Federal Affairs & General Administration, Country: Nepal. Ms. Hurain Jannat Designation: Communication Officer, CIRDAP Country: Bangladesh.	8th March 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	47
4	International Day of Forest <i>(FORESTS AND HEALTH)</i>	Dr. Muhammad Israr Designation: Secretary and IRD Expert CIRDAP Agriculture, livestock, fisheries and Cooperative Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Country: Pakistan.	21 st March 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	38

5	Water associated diseases - how to monitor aquatic bodies for ensuring community health?	Dr. Grinson George Padinjakara Designation: Principal Scientist (Fisheries Resource Management), Fishery Resources Assessment Economics & Extension Division, CAR- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Kerala, Country: India	7 April at 11 am Bangladesh time	43
6	Earth Day	Dr. Muhammad Israr Designation: Secretary and IRD Expert CIRDAP Agriculture, livestock, fisheries and Cooperative Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Country: Pakistan.	22nd April 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	37
7	The idea of registering for the World Goat Day is a cultural action with an economic purpose to honor rural and nomadic livelihoods	Dr. Farhad Mirzaei, Designation: Livestock Production & Management (Ph.D) Animal Husbandry Economics (M.Sc), Animal Science(B.Sc) Member of Department of Animal Production Management, Animal Science Research Institute, Karaj. Country: Iran	3 rd August 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	25
8	Environmental Assessment and sustainable regional development in Bangladesh	Dr SM Zobaidul Kabir Designation: Deputy Secretary, GOB & Adjunct Research Fellow The University of Newcastle, Australia Country: Bangladesh	5 th June 23 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	24
9	Celebrating the World Ocean Day	Prof. Wong Poh Poh Designation: Visiting Associate Professor	8th June 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	27

	<i>Planting mangroves for multiple benefits</i>	School of Social Sciences, University of Adelaide, South Australia, Australia Country: Singapore		
10	Lomani Gau Initiative: Community-based climate change adaptation for Gau"	Prof. Joeli Veitayaki Designation: Acting Campus Director, USP Samoa Campus University of the South Pacific (USP), Country: Fiji	27th July 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	22
11	Celebrating the World Humanitarian Day	Ms. Rakhi Barua Designation: Senior Programme Coordinator Centre for Disability in Development Country: Bangladesh	31 August 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	31
12	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	Dr. Muhammad Israr Designation: Secretary and IRD Expert CIRDAP Agriculture, livestock, fisheries and Cooperative Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Country: Pakistan.	27th September, 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	40
13	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction <i>The Landslide Early Warning and Mitigation in Thailand</i>	Mr. Tinnakorn Tatong Designation: Inspector General, Department of Mineral Resources, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment (MoNRE). Country: Thailand.	13 Oct. 2023 at 6 pm (Bangladesh Time).	12
14	Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women. <i>Rural Women's Organization for Development: A Case of BARD Experiment</i>	Ms. Saifun Nahar Designation: Deputy Director & Project Director: RWSEEDE Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) Country: Bangladesh	15 October. 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	22

15	Celebrating the World Fisheries Day <i>Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture: Impact of Climate Change and Mitigation Measures</i>	Dr. Grinson George Padinjakara Designation: Principal Scientist (Fisheries Resource Management), Fishery Resources Assessment Economics & Extension Division, ICAR- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Kerala, Country: India	27 November 2023 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	77
16	Sustainable Development Goals 'and Rural Development	Ms. Nancy Shackell, Ph.D. Designation: Senior Research Scientist, Ocean Ecology Section Ocean and Ecosystem Sciences Division DFO, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4A2, Country: Canada	18th of December 2023, 6 pm Bangladesh time (9:00 am in Dartmouth, NS, Canada time).	12

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1	Innovations in Asia: Making Organic Agriculture More Sustainable	Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain, Senior Designation: Program Officer, Agriculture Division Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, Country: Japan	13 January 2022 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	25
2	Celebrating International Women's Day <i>Gender Equality in CIRDAP Member Countries.</i>	Dr. Usharani Boruah Designation: Librarian, CIRDAP Country: Bangladesh	8 March 2022 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	26
3	Celebrating the World Water Day	Dr. Grinson George	22 nd March at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	30

	<i>Water-Quality based Risk Assessment Framework for Open-access Aquatic Resources using Citizen Science & Satellite Remote Sensing</i>	Designation: Senior Program Specialist (Fisheries), SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka. Country: Bangladesh		
4	Celebrating the World Ocean Day <i>Ocean in a changing world: how we can help</i>	Dr. Suchana Apple Chavanich Designation: Professor Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Country: Thailand	8th June at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	15
5	World Rural Development Day (Proposed by CIRDAP) <i>World Rural Development Day: What is it, why does it matter and how to get involved?</i>	Dr. Cherdsak Virapat, Designation: Director General (DG), CIRDAP Country: Bangladesh	14th July, 22 at 9.30 am Bangladesh time.	27
6	Carbon sequestration of public parks and urban greening improvements in a megacity	Dr. Nuanchan Singkran Designation: Associate Professor. Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Country: Thailand	7 th August at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	33
7	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	Mr. George C. Babu Designation: Agriculture Specialist Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP), Ministry of Agriculture Country: Sri Lanka	29 th September 22 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	38
8	Webinar on International Day on Disaster Risk Reduction: Disaster management in Bangladesh and in Thailand <i>i)Topic 1 : Comprehensive Approach to Urban Earthquake Resilience of Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan Area in Bangladesh</i> <i>ii)Topic 2: Flood risk assessment and management for a large river basin</i>	Prof. Dr. Mehedi Ahmed Ansary Designation: Professor Department of Civil Engineering, BUET Country: Bangladesh Dr. Nuanchan Singkran Designation: Associate Professor. Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Country: Thailand	13 October 2022 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).	69

9	<p>Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women</p> <p><i>SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing: The Situation of rural women.</i></p>	<p>Dr. Usharani Boruah Designation: Librarian, CIRDAP Country: Bangladesh</p>	<p>15 October, 22 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).</p>	<p>44</p>
10	<p>Climate Smart Water Management in the Context of Pakistan</p>	<p>Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Malik Designation: Director (Retired), Freelance Consultant and Master Trainer Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Country: Pakistan</p>	<p>2nd November 22 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).</p>	<p>25</p>
11	<p>Celebrating the World soil day</p> <p><i>The use of Vetiver Grass for Protection of Soil Erosion in Bangladesh</i></p>	<p>Dr. Mohammad Shariful Islam Designation: Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, BUET Country: Bangladesh</p>	<p>5 December 2022 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).</p>	<p>21</p>
12	<p>Governance To Good Governance – Need & Role of Social Accountability Tools</p>	<p>Dr. K.Prabhakar, Designation: Assistant Professor Centre for Good Governance & Policy Analysis (CGGPA), National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad Country: India</p>	<p>21st December 2022 at 11 am (Bangladesh Time).</p>	<p>27</p>

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1	Pandemic disease prediction and management: A case of the outbreak of COVID-19 in Thailand	Dr. Nuanchan Singkran, Designation: Professor, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Country: Thailand	16 September 2021 at 19:00 pm (Bangladesh standard time)/20:00 pm (Bangkok time)	31
2	Indian Youth Development Index and Global Youth Development Index with particular reference to CIRDAP Member Countries	Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran Designation: Professor, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Country: India	27 September 2021 Time: 7 pm Bangladesh time (6.30 pm India time)	21
3	Issues of Agricultural Extension Services in India	Dr. Binoy Goswami, Designation: Assistant Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi Country: India	3 October 2021 4.00 p.m. Bangladesh standard time (3.30 p.m. Indian time)	26
4	Resilient strategies for aquaculture and fisheries to face the extreme weather shocks	Dr. Grinson George Designation: Senior Program Specialist (Fisheries), SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka. Country: Bangladesh	9 October 2021 7.00 p.m. Bangladesh standard time.	25

5	<p>Celebrating the International Day on Disaster Reduction:</p> <p><i>Disaster Management in Bangladesh</i></p>	<p>Prof Dr. Mehedi Ahmed Ansary, Department of Civil Engg., BUET</p>	<p>13 October 2021 10.00 a.m. Bangladesh standard time</p>	33
6	<p>Celebration of International day of Rural Women (15th October) 2021</p>	<p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <p>i)Mr. Mohammad Arfe Elahi Designation: Chief Technology Officer a2i project, Government of Bangladesh</p> <p>ii)Ms. Rossukhon Rose Makaramani, Designation: Associate Professor, Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University (SSRU), Country: Thailand</p> <p>iii)Mr. George C. Babu, Designation: Agriculture Specialist, Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP), Ministry of Agriculture, Country: Sri Lanka.</p> <p>iv)Ms. Rakhl Boruah, Country: Programme Coordinator, The Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Country: Bangladesh</p>	<p>17 October 2021 16.00 hrs. - 18.00 hrs Bangladesh standard time</p>	71

7	<p>Celebrating the World Soil Day:</p> <p><i>The innovation solutions to soil for long-term food security and sustainable ecosystem</i></p>	<p>Dr. Bunjirtluk Jintaridth,</p> <p>Designation: Expert in Acid Soils, Land Development Division</p> <p>Country: Thailand</p>	<p>09:30 AM Astana, Dhaka Bangladesh time), or 10.30 am (Thailand time)</p>	40
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