

VENUE

The main conference will be in a major hotel in Kathmandu for scientists, policymakers, NGOs, regional and international delegates. A practical workshop will follow for regional and national practitioners.

TRAVEL


Kathmandu has excellent airlinks especially to India, Thailand and through the Middle East.

SUPPORT

This conference is supported by FAO.

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**Traditional and Indigenous knowledge:
A resource in developing livestock systems**

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AIMS

This meeting considers current and potential contribution of traditional and indigenous knowledge to developing livestock systems. This will include ethnobotany and ethnoveterinary knowledge, use of locally available feedstuffs and local animal genetics resources. Technical papers will cover all aspects in which livestock may be affected including breeding, nutrition and health. Systems will include cropping trees and fish.

The conference will appeal to many participants including scientists, policy makers, knowledge transfer experts and those interested in animal science, animal production, indigenous knowledge, ethnobotany, integrated production systems, human – livestock interactions, knowledge transfer and livelihoods inter alia.

PROGRAMME

The conference will be held in Kathmandu with an in-country workshop. It will include presentations, workshop discussions and relevant field trips. Themes will include:

- **Livestock development policies and strategies**
The success and benefits of livestock development projects, barriers to success, regional issues and uptake issues.
- **Current challenges to livestock production systems**
Climate change, environmental issues, loss of biodiversity, empowering small holders, buffer zone and natural resource conflicts.
- **Indigenous and traditional knowledge in livestock production systems**
Gender issues, use of ITK, the range of technologies involved, approaches to evaluation and evidence.
- **Knowledge exchange in livestock production systems**
Networking, benchmarking, attitudinal studies, barriers and drivers, strategies for KT farmer cooperatives, farm field schools (focus groups).

Additional topics will include:

- Gathering and evaluating indigenous knowledge
- Ethnoveterinary health management
- Poultry production systems
- Ruminant production systems
- New approaches to livestock extension, crop/livestock/tree and forest interactions

LOCATION

Nepal is an ideal location for this subject area given the importance of livestock and agriculture to the livelihoods of many families living in rural communities with limited resources. The country is also one of the most physically and culturally spectacular in the world. This conference is timed so that delegates can stay an extra few days to experience a national cultural festival that runs 6 and 7 November.

PUBLICATION

Both a book and CD of the proceedings will be produced and given to all participants and distributed electronically to all interested organizations on an open access basis.

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