

Managing Sustainable Transitions in Agriculture: Newer Directions for Research and Civic Action

16-18 Nov 2023, IRMA

Detailed Schedule

DAY 1: 16 NOVEMBER 2023

10:30 - 11:00	Welcome Tea	Auditorium
11:00 - 13:00	Inaugural session	
11:00 - 11:10	Inviting dignitaries to the dais followed by Welcome by Prof Umakant Dash, Director IRMA	Prof Umakant Dash, Director IRMA
11:10 - 11:25	Book launch of “Farming Futures: Reimagining Producer Organisations in India” and Release of compendium “Towards Learning Alliances in Agroecology” by dignitaries on dais and authors	Brief introductions of books by Dr Ajit Kanitkar and Prof C. Shambu Prasad
11:25 - 11:35	Agricultures in the time of Three Emergencies	Dr A R Vasavi, NRAS and Punarchith
11:35 - 11:45	Experimentation and Innovations in Agroecology	Shri Sarvadaman Patel, Bhaikaka Farm
11:45 - 11:55	Gujarat's Natural Farming Science University	Dr C K Timbadia Vice Chancellor GNFSU
11:55 - 12:05	Civil Society Perspectives on Scaling Agroecology	Shri Apoorva Oza, Agha Khan Foundation
12:05 - 12:25	Keynote address “A New Paradigm for Sustainable Transitions”	Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, Padmashri
12:25 - 12:35	Special Address	Dr. Meenesh Shah Chairman, NDDB/IRMA
12:35 - 12:45	Vote of thanks	Dr Richa Kumar, IIT Delhi
13:00 to 14:00	LUNCH by Raskum Producer Company	

Session 11 MPH 14:00 - 15:30	Track 1: Framing agroecological transitions Chair: Dr Richa Kumar, IITD	Institution
Sachin Oza and Astad Pastakia	<i>Potential of Farmer Producer Organisations to Enable Transition to Organic Farming</i>	DSC Foundation, Ahmedabad
Abhilasha Singh and Upasna Sharma	<i>Sustainable transitions in India: a proposed framework</i>	IIT Delhi
Santana Gopal Komandur	Rejuvenating Agriculture by Transforming Irrigation Science and Practice.	CEC, Hyderabad
Ishan Agrawal, Laxmi Sharma and Saheb Bhattacharya	<i>Making sense of sub-regional diversity for successful and just transition towards Regenerative Agriculture in Central India Tribal Region.</i>	FES

Session 12 ETDC LH 14:00 - 15:30	Track 1: Framing agroecological transitions Chair: Dr C Shambu Prasad, IRMA	Institution
Adrija Chaudhuri	<i>Exploring Agrarian Knowledge in India.</i>	<i>Socratus</i>
Anupam Kumar	<i>Just Fitting in or extending a systemic hope – digital technification of agriculture and its intersectionality with sustainable food futures.</i>	<i>IIT Delhi</i>
Aditya Maruvada and Karishma Bhushan	<i>The Relevance of Rural Aspirations To Sustainable Transitions: A Ground-Up Study.</i>	<i>IFMR</i>
Thomson Kaleekal and Radhika Kutty Narayanan	<i>Reforming Traditional Socio-Technical Barriers to Promote Transition of Coastal Agro-Ecological Systems in Kerala.</i>	<i>CSIDS, Kochi</i>

15:30 – 16:00	TEA BREAK	
Session 13 MPH 16:00 to 17:30	Track 7: Building alternative agricultural markets and marketplaces Chair: Dr Preeti Priya	Institution
Abhishek Saxena, Pallavi GL and Shambu C. Prasad	<i>Coexisting with the ‘mainstream’: challenges of managing ‘alternative’ producer organisations in agricultural production and marketing .</i>	<i>IRMA</i>
Arnab Chakraborty et al	<i>“Rice Nursery Entrepreneurship” for climate adaptation: Managing localised sharing economies in the Eastern Indo-Gangetic plains.</i>	<i>CIMMYT</i>
Sonam Mahalwal	<i>Interlinkages of farms and forests through NTFP commodity chain: A case study of the Sahariya Adivasi in central India.</i>	<i>Ambedkar University, Delhi</i>
Ekta Jaju	<i>Connecting Small Holder Organic Farmers to export Markets.</i>	<i>ONganic Foods Pvt. Ltd.</i>

Session 14 ETDC LH 16:00 to 17:30	Tracks 7&8: Building alternative agricultural markets and marketplaces & Pedagogy of transitions, pedagogy for transitions Chair: Dr A R Vasavi	Institution
Nidhi Sehrawat	<i>Soil moisture: socio-cultural contexts and material perceptions in Indo-Gangetic plains</i>	<i>Development Alternatives</i>
Debashish Sen et al	<i>Transitions from Socio-Technical Interactions in Smallholders’ Farms: Learnings from the Experiences of System of Crop Intensification and Natural Farming from Rainfed India.</i>	<i>People’s Science Institute & Pragati & IRMA</i>

Ankit Kumar, Asmita Chaudhari, Sonal Chaudhari and Aditya Min	<i>An Innovative Co-created curriculum for Natural Farming: Experiences of collaboration of the Gujarat Natural Farming Coalition .</i>	IRMA
Swaran V, Srijit Mishra et al	<i>Understanding the Context and Complexities in De-centralised Small Millet Processing: Learnings from an Action Research.</i>	WASSAN & IGDR
18:00 - 19:00	Panel Discussion 1: Managing Sustainable Transitions in Central India Speakers: Pramatesh Amabasta, BRLF; Asmtia Kabra, AUD and Maya Ratnam, Ahmedabad University	Moderated by P S Vijayshankar, SNU (MPH)

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9:00 - 10:30	Panel Discussion 2: Ensuring Gender Equality in Sustainable Transitions in Agriculture.	Moderated by Shilpa Vasavada, MAKAAAM (MPH)
	Speakers – Sumi Krishna, IAWS; Narendranath Damodaran, PRADAN; Sabarmatee, Sambhav; Seema Kulkarni, SOPPECOM	
10:30 - 11:00	TEA BREAK	

Session 21 MPH 11:00 - 12:30	Track 3: State capacity and policy Chair: P S Vijayshankar	Institution
Diwakar Kumar	<i>Citizen Science and its Impacts on Implementation of Soil Health Card & Good Governance in Gujarat.</i>	JG University, Gujarat
Srijit Mishra	<i>Inclusive and Sustainable: Millet for Millions through lessons from Odisha.</i>	IGIDR
Khushboo Khosla	<i>"Putting under the sustainability transition lens - engagements of Science with an agricultural sustainability challenge"</i>	IIT Delhi
Himanshu Upadhyaya	<i>Revisiting the Early Debates on Mixed Farming (1920-1980).</i>	APU

Session 22 ETDC LH 11:00 - 12:30	Track 3: State capacity and policy Chair: Dr Madhulika Banerjee	Institution
Rupsa Ghosh	<i>Creating Pathways for Sustainable Future through Collaborative Research between Civil Society Organizations and Academia in India.</i>	RCRC, Srijan
Sukhpal Singh	<i>Promoting Agroecological Models for Sustainability: Policy and Institutional Analysis of India's Organic and Natural Farming Initiatives.</i>	IIM Ahmedabad
Pooja Prasad	<i>Addressing vulnerability or spreading inequity? State planning of irrigation investments for climate resilience in semi-arid drylands.</i>	IIT Delhi

12:30 to 13:30

LUNCH

Session 23 MPH 13:30 to 15:00	Track 1: Framing agroecological transitions Chair: Dr Richa Kumar	Institution
Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, Rohit Vashishat et al	<i>Sustainable Agriculture Made Easy: CETARA-NF's Self-Certification.</i>	YS Parmar University, HP
Nirzaree Vadgama	<i>Urban Natural Farms: A framework to enable urban food gardens.</i>	CropIn Technology

Ravindra Adusumilli and Gijivisha Khattry	<i>Exploring Agroecological Transitions in India: Present and Future.</i>	WASSAN
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Session 24 ETDC LH 13:30 to 15:00	Track 2&6: Decolonising sustainable transitions research & Theorising social movements Chair: Dr C Shambu Prasad	Institution
Anita Pinheiro	<i>Decolonising sustainability transitions research: Analysing transitions to alternative protein sources from an Indian perspective.</i>	Ashoka University
Aneesh Mohan, Shubha Khadke and Shambu Prasad C	<i>Can networks drive a social movement for agroecological transition? Experiences of the Rajasthan Natural Farming Alliance (RNFC).</i>	IRMA
Kavitha Kuruganti	<i>Civil Society Collaborations for Scaling Out of Agro-Ecology.</i>	ASHA Kisan Swaraj
Sudha Nagavarapu et al	<i>Gale mein nahin, dimaag mein phasta hain: Overcoming historical derision and contemporary challenges to forge a community-oriented millet initiative.</i>	SKMS

15:00 - 15:00

TEA BREAK

Session 25 MPH 15:30 to 17:00	Track 4: Exploring power, inclusivity and intersectionality Chair: Dr A R Vasavi	Institution
Punam Behl	<i>Creating new possibilities for women's empowerment through natural farming in Himachal Pradesh.</i>	University of Reading
Caroline Fazli	<i>Reflections on agroecology and social justice in Malwa-Nimar.</i>	University of Bath
Prarthana Lumba and Stutilina Pal	<i>Gendering the Climate Crisis in Rural India; Resilience & Harvesting Traditional Knowledge.</i>	SRIJAN
Soumik Banerjee	<i>Embedded Agroecology -Shifting Cultivation.</i>	Keystone Foundation

Session 26 ETDC LH 15:30 to 17:00	Track 4&6: Exploring power, inclusivity and intersectionality & Theorising social movements Chair: Dr Manzoor Akram	Institution
Amita Shah, Yagnik Jignasu and Hasmukh Joshi	<i>Agro-Ecology and Equity in India: The Status of and Issues in Soil-Water Conservation across the States.</i>	CDA
Sumit Soni and Roshmi Handique	<i>Recognizing the role of gender in managing sustainable transition in Agriculture.</i>	FWWB
Syamkrishnan P Aryan, et. al.	<i>Balancing Act: An Empirical Tool for Evaluating Short-term Trade-offs in Agro-ecological Transitions.</i>	WELL Labs

Ramasubramanian Ob, et al.	<i>Decolonising Sustainability Transition research.</i>	<i>Samanvaya Social Ventures</i>
17:30 - 18:30	<p>Panel Discussion 3: Newer Directions for Research and Civic Acton for Sustainable Transitions in Agriculture</p> <p>Speakers – Kapil Shah, Minhaj Amin, G Muralidhar and Nachiket Udupa</p>	Moderated by C. Shambu Prasad, IRMA (MPH)
19:30 – 21:30	GALA DINNER	

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6:30 – 9:00	Field visit to Bhaikaka organic farm of Sarvadhman Patel (optional)
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Session 31 MPH 10:00 to 11:30	Track 5: Valuing agroecology Chair: Dr Hippu SK Nathan	Institution
Sudhindra Seshadri	<i>Re-assessing agriculture's contribution to the national GHG inventory: A just transitions approach.</i>	Independent Researcher
Aakriti Srivastava, Prerna Agarwal and Jaya Kritika Ojha	<i>Reimagining Pastoral Production Systems: A Comprehensive Ecosystem Development in the Desert Bioregion of India.</i>	Bahula Naturals, Samakhya
Srajesh Gupta and Siddhartha Dabhi	<i>Leveraging Carbon Funding to Scale Natural Farming – Opportunities and Challenges.</i>	AKRSP(I)
Karishma Bhushan Shelar and Syamkrishnan Aryan	<i>Enabling an Equitable Transition Towards Regenerative Agriculture: A 'Ladder Economics' Approach.</i>	WELL Labs

Session 32 ETDC LH 10:00 to 11:30	Tracks 1&5&7: Framing agroecological transitions & Valuing agroecology & Building alternative agricultural markets and marketplaces Chair: Dr Sunil Sangwan	Institution
Venky Ramachandran	<i>Pace Layers for designing alternative markets and marketplaces.</i>	Independent Researcher
Siva Muthuprakash KM et al	<i>Understanding the farm economics of farmers under different stages of transition from conventional farming toward agro-ecological farming in Madhya Pradesh.</i>	VikasAnvesh Foundation
Gopi Sankar Gopikuttan and Gopal Naik	<i>Creating alternative marketplaces for smallholder farmers: Lessons from the case of warehouses.</i>	Azim Premji University, & IIM Bangalore

11:30 – 12:00	TEA BREAK	
Session 33 MPH 12:00-13:30	Tracks 5&8: Valuing agroecology & Pedagogy of transitions, pedagogy for transitions Chair: P S Vijayshankar	Institution
Nikhit Agrawal	<i>Uncertainties in paddy stubble burning prevention: rethinking modernization amid climate change in Indian agriculture</i>	UCLA
Ramanjaneyulu G V	<i>Agricultural Education: Time for Transition.</i>	CSA

<p>Syamkrishnan P Aryan, Karishma Shelar and Aditya Maruvada</p>	<p><i>Enabling agro-ecological transition: On-farm and off-farm income diversifications for incentivising small-holder farmers.</i></p>	<p>WELL Labs</p>
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<p>13:30 to 14:30</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>	
<p>15:00 - 17:00</p>	<p>Panel Discussion 4: Deepening and scaling Natural Farming Transitions, moderated by G Muralidhar</p> <p>Speakers –Jayen Mehta, MD, GCMMF, Ajay Vir Jakhar, BKS; Gayatri Lobo, ATECF, Deepak Chamola GIZ, Pramel Gupta NCNF, SM Vijayanand (online) ex Secy RD</p>	<p>Auditorium</p>
	<p>Valedictory Session: Ideas for strengthening or creating an Agroecological Sustainability Transitions Network IRMA and NRAS</p>	