CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER PAPERS

Practices or policies that will improve nutrition on the following functions of the food system may be presented as papers during the parallel sessions and as poster presentations during the conference duration.

1. FOOD PRODUCTION – this will cover diversification and intensification of agricultural production which also includes nutrition-sensitive livestock and fisheries production, biodiversity for food and nutrition, biofortification, and urban and peri-urban agriculture.
2. FOOD HANDLING, STORAGE, AND PROCESSING – this will cover nutrition-sensitive post-harvest handling, storage and processing, and food fortification.
3. FOOD TRADE AND MARKETING – this will cover trade for nutrition, food marketing and advertising practices, food price policies for promoting healthy diets, and food labeling.
4. CONSUMER DEMAND, FOOD PREPARATION, AND PREFERENCES – this will cover income generation for nutrition, Nutrition-sensitive social protection, school food and nutrition and nutrition-sensitive humanitarian food assistance.
5. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES – this will cover nutrition-sensitive value chains, women’s empowerment and gender equality, and food loss and waste (prevention, reduction, and management).

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- The abstract should include the background and objectives of the study, methodology used, major findings, recommendations, and at least 3 keywords.
- It should not exceed 300 words in length using Times New Roman font, size 12, and single spaced.
- It should indicate Author’s complete name, institutional affiliation, and contact information such as mailing address, mobile/telephone number, and email address.
- It should indicate the sub-theme under which the abstract belongs: Food Production, Food Handling, Storage and Processing, Food Trade, Marketing, Consumer Demand, Food Preparation, Preferences, and Cross-Cutting Issues.
- The Program Committee will select from the abstract submissions, papers which can be presented during Parallel Sessions and as poster papers.

IMPORTANT DATES

30 SEP 2018 • Deadline of Abstract Submission
15 OCT 2018 • Notification of Acceptance
30 OCT 2018 • Deadline of Full Paper Submission

CONFERENCE FEES

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* The early bird and on-site registration fees include lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, and conference kit.
* The fees exclude accommodation during the conference duration.
* Kindly make your own reservation for accommodations.
* For accommodation needs, please contact Ms. Dominique R. Vida at (046) 483 1290 to 1292 or e-mail her at monique.vida06@gmail.com.
* Deadline for registration and payment is on 15 OCTOBER 2018.
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** Student participants are subsidized for the conference.
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International Conference on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems
Theme: Strategic Approaches to Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems in Southeast Asia
November 7-10, 2018
Development Academy of the Philippines
Tagaytay City, Cavite
Rationale

Food and nutrition security are essential to bring about universal sustainable development. Globally, however, insufficient food and nutrition systems remain an overriding challenge.

About 11% of the world population is affected by hunger (FAO, 2017). As reported, the number of undernourished people increased from 777 million in 2015 to 815 million in 2016.

In Southeast Asia, 20-34% of the people are undernourished. This is attributed to inefficient production of about 87% of the small farms in Asia.

In the Philippines, the poverty incidence is high at 21.6% while malnutrition rate is 15-24% (PSA, 2016). During the 1st National Conference organized by the UPLB Interdisciplinary Studies Center on Food and Nutrition Security, nutrition emerged as one of the major concerns of the country’s food security.

The 2013 Lancet Nutrition Series showed that implementing large-scale, proven, nutrition-specific interventions alone will only reduce stunting by 20% (Bhutta et al, 2013), leaving an 80% ‘black box’ which can only be addressed through nutrition-sensitive programming.

One key strategy to address food and nutrition insecurity is nutrition-sensitive agriculture (NSA). The NSA strategy seeks to maximize agriculture’s contribution to nutrition using an integrative approach to production, processing, retailing, and consumption of food (FAO, 2017). NSA aims to produce affordable, nutritious, culturally appropriate, and safe food in adequate quantity and quality to meet population requirements in a sustainable manner.

Recognizing the importance and benefits of nutrition-sensitive agriculture, the UPLB Interdisciplinary Studies Center on Food and Nutrition Security (UPLB-ISC-FaNS), in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), and the Cavite State University (CvSU) is holding an international conference on nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems with the theme Strategic Approaches to Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems. The conference will gather advocates and stakeholders of nutrition-sensitive agriculture to assess NSA programs and activities in the ASEAN region, including the Philippines.

It provides a venue to identify challenges and adopt best practices in implementing NSA. Overall, the conference will broaden the level of understanding on the role of agriculture to meet the nutritional needs of a population.

Objectives

The International Conference on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems seeks to:

- Create awareness about nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems
- Draw lessons from the experiences, opportunities, challenges, and issues in implementing nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems
- Establish a common ground to address the issues and challenges of nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems
- Recommend policies and strategies to enhance and support nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems

Program of Activities & Topics

**Day 1, 7 November 2018**

**Plenary Session 1:** UNDERSTANDING NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE IN ASIA AND THE PHILIPPINES

- Nutrition-sensitive agriculture in Asia and the Pacific
- Role of nutrition-sensitive agriculture in the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition
- Investing in rural livelihoods and smallholder farmers to increase food and financial yields

**Parallel Sessions:** NUTRITION-SENSITIVE FOOD SYSTEMS

- 10 minutes per topic, Open forum
  - Session 1. Food Production, Food Handling, Storage and Processing
  - Session 2. Food Trade, Marketing, Consumer Demand, Food Preparation and Preferences
  - Session 3. Cross-Cutting Issues (includes Crop insurance as social protection and nutrition-sensitive agriculture strategy and integrating gender concerns to generate improved agricultural productivity and better household nutritional status)

**Plenary Session 2:** OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE

- Investing in nutrition-sensitive agriculture research
- Governance aspects of nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- How to develop nutrition-sensitive agriculture interventions or programs

**Day 3, 9 November 2018**

**Plenary Session 3:** CASE STUDIES ON INTEGRATING NUTRITION INTO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- Home gardening for food production
- School gardening as a NSA strategy
- Agrobiodiversity and sustainable agriculture to achieve NSA
- Diversified/integrated farming systems for food and nutrition security
- Urban and peri-urban agriculture

**Parallel Workshops:**

IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES IN INTEGRATING NUTRITION IN AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

- Theme 1. Food Production, Food Handling, Storage and Processing
- Theme 2. Food Trade, Marketing, Consumer Demand, Food Processing and references
- Theme 3. Cross-Cutting Issues

**Presentation of Outputs:** 10 minutes per theme

- Theme 1. Food Production, Food Handling, Storage and Processing
- Theme 2. Food Trade, Marketing, Consumer Demand, Food Preparation and Preferences
- Theme 3. Cross-Cutting Issues

**Day 4, 10 November 2018**

**Plenary Session 4:** NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE IN IMPROVING FOOD QUALITY AND HEALTH

- Nutrition-sensitive post-harvest handling, storage and processing and Food loss and waste: prevention, reduction and management
- Food quality, safety and hygiene
- Nutrition-sensitive humanitarian food assistance
- Food policies for promoting healthy diets

**Optional Tour**

- Agri-eco tour
- Tagaytay City tour

*Participants will shoulder expenses for tour at reasonable price.*