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In Collaboration With

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

Bangkok, Thailand

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, Sheikh Kamal Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural Uuniversity, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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About Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU)

- Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University is the oldest agricultural institution in Bangladesh and South Asia. It is situated in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. It was established on 11 December 1938 as Bengal Agricultural Institute (BAI) and later upgraded to university in 2001 renaming it as Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University. The faculty of Agribusiness Management at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University was inaugurated in 2006. The faculty of ABM is designed and structured to prepare the scholars for successful career development in the public, private and international world.

About Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

- AIT is the oldest Graduate school in the region. It has been providing training, education and leading action research in areas of environment, development, technology and management. It initiated the first graduate programme on Climate Change and Development in the region. It also has been actively involved in research and teaching on climate change (both adaptation and mitigation).

Background

Urban agriculture is playing an important role in achieving global food security as it produces about 15-20 percent of world's total food supply. One of the keys to food security is sustainable agriculture. Urban agriculture is the practice of cultivating, processing and distributing food in and around urban and peri-urban areas. The growth of urban agriculture is a result of a global increase in migration from rural to urban areas. The residents of urban areas are generally more vulnerable to food insecurity as most of them rely on external sources for their food and are thus exposed to supply risks frequently. In these circumstances, urban agriculture may provide the solution to food security issues in urban and peri-urban areas especially for undeserved communities. The potential contribution of urban agriculture differs between developed and developing countries. In developed countries, urban agriculture is limited because of the lack of space and the absence of economic activities; however, in the developing countries, urban agriculture has considerable potential to improve food security. This conference aims to draw upon the multi-disciplinary nature of this topic to explore critical issues at the intersection of urban agriculture and food security.

Objectives of the Conference

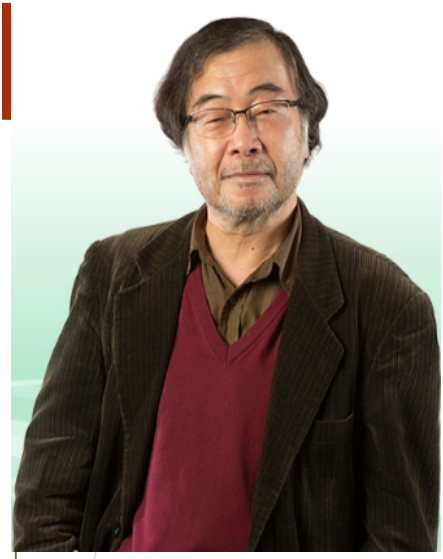
The conference will bring together academics, researchers, and practitioners from different national and international universities, research institutions, civil society organizations, public agencies and private sector. This conference is an excellent platform to present research findings, engage with topical issues, and collaborate with like-minded individuals to address critical issues in urban agriculture and food security. This forum will offer ample opportunities to build networks for future collaborative research.

Call for papers

The conference welcomes research from all disciplines that incorporates the theme of the conference. We are especially interested in special lectures, panel and papers that are unique in their emphasis on observation and insight into the theme or any particular subtheme. We invite papers exploring the links between the urban agriculture and food security, how food security can be achieved by the urban agriculture especially in urban areas. Theoretical and empirical papers shedding light on the opportunities and constraints of urban agricultural production, impact of urban agriculture, coping strategies of urban farming from climate change, use of ICT in urban farming, and impact of Covid-19 on urban agriculture are welcome. Papers are invited from academics, researchers, government officers, practitioners, and students on contemporary issues in urban agriculture and food security be fitting any of the conference tracks as mentioned below, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Challenges in urban farming
- ✓ Climate change and farmers
- ✓ Food security and sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- ✓ ICT and farmers;
- ✓ Disasters and farmers; and
- ✓ Covid-19 and its impact on agriculture
- ✓ Poverty and nutrition
- ✓ Agricultural productivity and value chain
- ✓ Others

Keynote Speaker/ Guest Speaker/Foreign Delegate



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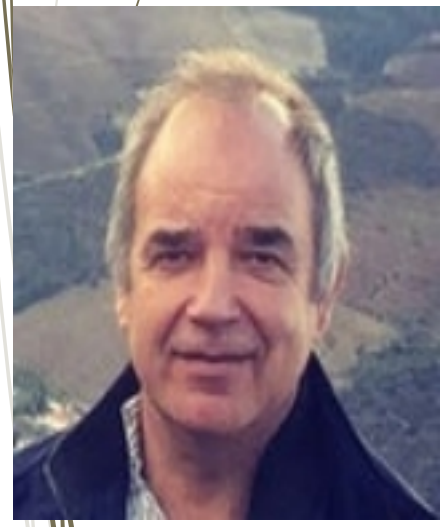

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Guidelines for Abstract and Paper Submission

a) The acceptable word range for the abstract is 300 – 500 words. The abstracts which do not meet this word limit will be sent back to the author(s) to be revised. The limit excludes keywords and authors' biography.

b) Your submission should be in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman font, 12pt, with 1.5 spacing and in English.

c) We encourage you to send an informative abstract (complete abstract) which is the paper's background, purpose, methodology, results, and conclusion.

Abstract can be submited to https://agfoodsecurityconference.com/submit-abstract/
(Last Date: June 15, 2020)

Skype/Video Conference Presentation Allowed. In absentia presentation will be allowed for exceptional circumstances. The conference will be held virtually in the event of COVID-19 travel disruptions.

Guidelines for Full Paper Submission

a. The acceptable word range for the final paper will be 3000-5000.
b. It should be in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman font, 12pt, with 1.5 spacing and in English(UK). It should follow the American Psychological Association(APA) style.
c. Name, Designation, Affiliation and Contact Details (Phone and Email Address) of the Author. In case of more than one author the paper should carry the name and affiliation of all the authors and should clearly indicate the corresponding author with phone number and email address.
d. Checked for spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Full Papers can be sent to uacsau@gmail.com by September 20, 2021 for Publication only in the Journal /Conference Book.

Opportunities for Publication

- Abstracts will be published with an ISBN number publication.
- Further, the conference offers publication opportunities for selected papers:
- (i) In an editorial book with Springer
- (ii) In Peer Reviewed Journals : Special issue on Regional Science Policy and Practice (Publisher -Wiley) and some other International Journals like the Food Policy (Publisher- Elsevier).

Half Day Trip to National Assembly and Histrical Places will be arranged.

Registration fee

Sl. No.	Category	Bangadeshis	SAARC countries	Foreigners (other than SAARC countries)
1.	M.S./Ph.D. Students	BDT 800.00	USD 20	USD 30
2.	Academicians/ Others	BDT 1000.00	USD 30	USD 50

***Note: Registration fee includes Conference Kit, 3 Breakfasts for foreign Participants, 2 Lunch and tea/coffee during session breaks.**

Travel & Accommodation

- Free accommodation and food will be provided to a limited number of participants during the conference, provided they request for the accommodation during registration.

A limited number of travel grants will be awarded to the potential presenters.

Important Dates

Last date of submission of abstract (through e-mail)	**15 June, 2021**
Last Date of Intimation of Selected Abstracts (through email)	20 June, 2021
Last date of submission of Application for travel grants and registration fee wavier.	25 June, 2021
Last date of submission of Registration Form	30 June, 2021
Last date of Submission of Full Paper (for Publication only)	20 September, 2021

About the Venue

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, Sheikh Kamal Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural university, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Nearest Airport: Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka (about an hour by car from the venue)

Place of Attractions nearby: National assembly building, easy excess to National Martyrs' Memorial, Dhanmondi-32 (museum in the house of the father of the nation), IDB Bhaban (largest computer city in Bangladesh), Bashundhara city shopping complex and lot more.

Climate: Daytime temperatures usually **26-32° C in Dhaka during the August. The average length of the day is 13.4h and the average relative humidity is 72%.**

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How to Register

1. Offline Process : Participants can fill up the registration form (attached) and send it to **uacsau@gmail.com** (Payment method details will be provided via return email).
2. Online Registration and payment link will be provided in the following link: **https://agfoodsecurityconference.com/**
3. Participants registering through offline mode can pay the registration fee through: Mobile Banking, Online or Bank Deposit/NEFT.

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Registration Form

1. Name:_____

2. Designation:_____

3. Institute/ University/College:_____
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4. Moblie No.:_____

5. Email:_____

6. Title of the Paper and ID: _____
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7. Status of the Participant:

i. M.S./Ph.D. Students from Bangladesh/SAARC Country/ Others
ii. Academicians from Bangladesh/SAARC Country/ Others
iii./Others from Bangladesh/SAARC Country/ Others

8. Desire Payment method: Mobile Banking, Online or Bank Deposit/NEFT.

9. Would you like to attend the trip to the National Assembly and Histrical Places?

10. Whether do you need accommodation? Yes/No

11. Whether do you need travel grant? Yes/No (Only for Foreign participants)