

INTRODUCTION

Agriculture has been the prime sector of the Nepalese economy. The agricultural development policy and program issues related to natural resources, investment, subsidy/taxes, public/private services, agro-industries, marketing and pricing, and trade are of paramount importance for economic growth and people's welfare. So, Nepal Agricultural Economics Society (NAES), established in year 2005, has taken onus to pursue these issues, and suggest solutions to the stakeholders. NAES is dedicated to serve on skills and knowledge for agricultural advancement and make arrangement for exchange of views.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of NAES are to:

1. enhance co-operation among the agricultural economists and agricultural scientists to enhance and protect their professional rights and welfare;
2. assess the agricultural policies, development status and problems of farmers and relevant stakeholders for suggesting innovative solutions to all the concerned;
3. suggest to the public and the private agencies on emerging agricultural development issues including marketing system, quality and prices of agricultural inputs and products for the welfare of producers, entrepreneurs and consumers;
4. provide research and consultative services to institutions and individuals;
5. enable members to carry out subject-related consultations and services;
6. support and execute agricultural research on technical, social and economic aspects.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

NAES carries out the following activities:

1. Arrange offices, fund and personnel to carry out different activities of the Society;
2. Organize conferences, seminars, workshops, trainings, talk programs and interactions among the members and related professionals;
3. Carry out research and consultancy services in the field of agricultural economics and allied aspects;
4. Arrange training programs for the members on new developments in the field;
5. Network with other organizations for professional development and welfare;
6. Regularly publish Journal and other occasional/issue papers;
7. Raise membership and funds;
8. Maintain library and other resource centers;
9. Mobilize funds, get audit and maintain transparency;
10. Conduct other works to fulfill the Society's objectives.

ORGANIZATION

The NAES holds general assembly every year. The assembly elects an eleven-member executive committee, appoints auditor, and makes policies. The executive committee members include: President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Directors (three), Treasurer and Members (four). The three directors are: Research and Human Resources Development; Planning, Co-ordination & Monitoring; and Information, Publication and Public Relations. The NAES has three advisors to provide valuable suggestions for effective performance of the Society.

FUNDS

The sources of funds of the Society are:

1. Membership fees and donations;
2. Institutional grants;

3. Receipts from sales of its publications, and advertisements in the journals;
4. Income from conferences, workshops, seminars, trainings etc.;
5. Consultancy services.

PUBLICATIONS

NAES publishes the Nepalese Journal of Agricultural Economics. The journal has a policy to emphasize the agriculture, agro-industry, marketing and trade, and livelihoods in the Himalayan conditions. NAES brings out other publications on topical issues.

MEMBERSHIPS

The individuals who have M. Sc. in Agricultural Economics or at least B. Sc. Ag. (with major in Agricultural Economics) or M. A. (Economics or Statistics) with three years of work experience in Agricultural Economics are eligible to apply for NAES membership. NAES has the following types of membership:

1. Regular Membership;
2. Life Membership;
3. Associate Membership (non-resident Nepalese in agro-economic studies, teachings and businesses);
4. Honorary Membership (individuals in scientific institutions or enterprises in recognition of their contribution to agricultural development);
5. Institutional Membership.
NAES profile provides information about the members, and rules for memberships.

Networks

NAES promotes networking with other agricultural economics and related societies in Nepal, South Asia and beyond.

"NAES for sustainable & equitable economic development"

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