INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND IAAS-ALUMNI MEET-2027 (ICTAE-IAASAM-2027)

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE AND ALUMNI MEET

Transformation of agricultural education means sowing seeds for strengthening the agricultural sector in the future. The famous Dr MS Sawaminathan ever said 'If agriculture goes wrong nothing else will have a chance to go right. Agriculture education is not just about growing crops, but it is about correcting the right way of agricultural life. Universities and higher agriculture education institutions are producing only trickle of technology and innovation, consequently, country is severely challenged to invest in knowledge producing and validation industry to transform the socio-political economy of the country. Transformation of agricultural education is crucial in navigating the complex landscape resulting in the changing scenario of higher education dynamics. By elevating the agricultural education quality, a highly skilled work force capable of continuously enhancing the productivity of the agricultural sector can be cultivated.

Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (https://iaas.tu.edu.np/) under Tribhuvan University (https://tu.edu.np/) was established in 1957 as one of the five institutions. It is a pioneer and oldest federal agricultural and animal husbandry related teaching institution. IAAS focuses on the teaching of agriculture, animal husbandry, and veterinary science. IAAS has operated four constituent campuses, four affiliated colleges and a strong scientific research team, comprising 75 faculties, 150 staff and more than 450 undergraduate students, 120 postgraduates and 15 scholars per year. The IAAS believes that higher agricultural education must move beyond classroom. The institute has proven its academic excellence through competent human resource development (~50 PhDs, ~2200 masters, 22000 undergraduates etc). IAAS is the place that challenges disciplines, converge the innovation and agricultural leaders are prepared for the future. The future belongs to those who can connect knowledge with diplomacy, economy with technology, and local realities with global realities. The dream of 'Prosperous Nepal' rest firmly on the heart of this ambition lies agriculture sector that feeds the nation and secure livelihood of most of the people of the nation. Paradigm shift on the agriculture knowledge industry is essential across the three pillars: Enhance, reimagine and converge.

IAAS alumni meet is a formal gathering of former students; staff graduated from IAAS. This typical IAAS alumni meet-27 is the first of this kind of event ever happened before. It is a good opportunity to reconnect with old classmates, seniors, friends, and professionals across the globe after a long period of time. Sharing of alumni community exposures from across the globe after stepping out of this institution may serve as great models for current students, researchers and professionals of the country.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE AND ALUMNI MEET

Connecting both importance of transforming the agricultural sector and alumni engagement the IAAS, Tribhuvan University announce, 'International Conference on Transforming Agricultural Education and Alumni Meet-2027' (ICAET-IAASAM-27) with three broad purposes:

a) Visualization of the IAAS and its impacts on agricultural development
b) Exploration of common interest for collaboration for transformation of agricultural education
c) IAAS alumni meet, acknowledgement, and their contribution for the glory of IAAS

IAAS Alumni Meet-2027 (IAASAM-27) have intended far beyond the simple gathering and reunion of agricultural graduates, faculties, staff with common interest. It will serve the moments to connect for personnel, professional, and institutional growth. The IAASAM-27 will spark meaningful conversation, open doors to collaboration, and strengthen the institutional bond. Most importantly, alumni meet is about the reveal of experience, forming a new connection and revitalization feeling of graduate life.

Alumni meet will serve the social and strategic network and this IAASAM-2027 becomes the strategic forum for a) career networking, b) philanthropy c) institutional imaging and d) lifelong learning.

IMPORTANT DATES AND VENUE (ICTAE-IAASAM-27)

- Conference location: Horticultural Center, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Submission of abstract: November 1, 2026
- Confirmation of abstract acceptance: November 15, 2026
- Submission of full paper: December 15, 2026
- Confirmation of full paper acceptance: January 15, 2027
- Date of poster submission: 1 February 2027
- Date of Conference: 6-7 February 2027

MAJOR THEMES (ICTAE-IAASAM-27)

- Agricultural education transformation from the student perspective
- Agriculture governance and policies
- Agri-business and entrepreneurship in agricultural education
- Interdisciplinary approach of agricultural education
- Global collaboration and research and outreach network
- Educational innovation and digital learning
- Gender and social inclusion in agricultural education
- Agricultural alumni and its role in fostering collaboration
- Building agriculture and training capacity of higher agriculture academic institutions

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE (ICTAE-IAASAM-27)?

The international conference on agricultural education transformation and IAAS alumni meet 2027 is open to academicians, researchers, scientist, scholar, IAAS alumni, professional, policy makers, practitioner, producers, graduating students, corporate, representatives, bankers, and other stakeholders engaged in the rural and development.

PRESENTATIONS

Thematic presentation*:* Presenters are being invited to present lead papers/thematic papers in different sessions. Two-three lead/thematic presentations are allowed in each of thematic sessions for a maximum of 30 minutes of presentation and follow-up Q&A.

Oral presentation: A maximum of five presentations is included in each of thematic sessions allowed to present a maximum of 15 minutes of presentation and follow-up Q&A.

Poster presentation: Students and others are allowed to showcase their findings in the form of posters in each thematic session. The presented poster will be judged with specific criteria and will be awarded.

EXPECTED OUTPUT (ICTAE-IAASAM-27)

Expected output of the international conference in agricultural education transformation and IAAS alumni meet 2027 (ICAET-IAASAM-27) provide insight into the evolving landscape of agricultural education emphasizing:

- Identification of policy, evidence, and research gaps
- Setting of process and strategies for agricultural education transformation
- Stakeholder consultation for higher education institution governance and policies
- Understanding of common pitfalls of agri-entrepreneurship
- Exchange of evidence-based successful ideas for interdisciplinary collaboration
- Network building for global collaboration and research and innovation for agriculture education
- Exchange of ideas of tools and techniques of educational innovation and digital learning
- Fostering cross-sectoral collaboration between academia, industry, and the community

- Integration among research, extension, and education in relation to agriculture
- Findings of a new curriculum agenda to tackle the challenges of agricultural education
- Common ideas of fostering start-up culture among the agricultural graduates and researchers

REGISTRATION

Scan for registration and registration link
Registration deadline: January 15, 2027
Registration fees*

SN	Category of participants	Registration fee (NRs)	
		Early Bird	On spot
1	Registered international delegates	4000	5000
2	Registered national delegates	2000	2500
3	Faculties	2000	2500
4	Students	1000	1200
5	Each accompanying person	1000	1200
6	Farmers and associated members	1000	1200

**Registration fee includes conference kit, breakfast, lunch and networking dinner*

Payment: It can be made following account via eSewa, Khalti and Connect IPS

- Name of account holder: **Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, TU IAAS**
- Name of the bank: Global IME Bank Limited
- Branch: Rampur, Chitwan
- Account number: 01801010012463
- Swift Code: GLBBNPKA
- Mention "Conference IAAS" in the remarks line.

ABOUT THE VENUE

The name Kirtipur comes from the Sanskrit terms *Kirti* (glory) and *pur* (city) as well as Kirat Kingdom of Yalamber's dynasty. The colloquial term used for the city is Kipoo. **Kirtipur** is a Municipality enriched with Newari culture. It is located at south-west of the part of Kathmandu Valley. It is one of the 5 dense municipalities in the valley, the others being Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Madhyapur Thimi. It is one of the most famous and religious places to visit. Many people visit this place not only for its natural environment but also for its temples. The city was listed as a UNESCO tentative site in 2008.

Originally a Newar foundation, Kirtipur is still a center of Newar culture. It has been merged with surrounding villages to form the municipality of Kirtipur with a population of around 67,000. The southern part of Kirtipur is surrounded by Champa Devi Hill. On the Nepali New Year (April 15), people around Kathmandu Valley hike up to the hill. It has many temples, gumbas (Buddhist monasteries), and churches. Due to the presence of TU, Kirtipur is a popular area for out-of-town students and professors to rent houses, and they are major contributors to the local economy.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

The details will be published in next circular. The participants will get a special discount in partner hotel. Accommodation will be provided nearby event location for invitee and key note speaker. All other participants have to book the hotels or accommodate in their own. A transportation service will be provided in the ring road of Kathmandu Valley.

GUIDELINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Abstracts are limited to 250 words, MS Word, Times New Roman font 12
- Title, authors, affiliation, corresponding author
- Mention the corresponding author's mail ID
- Do not include an illustration or bibliography in the abstract

- Include five keywords
- Indicate in your mail whether it is for an oral presentation or a poster

Format for full paper: The accepted papers will be published in the proceedings of the conference. Follow the clearly defined manuscript structure as standard. Title, author's details and affiliation, corresponding author(s) detail, abstract, keywords, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusion, acknowledgement (optional), and references (APA Style 7th Edition).

Proposed program structure

Day 1 (February 6, 2027)

7.00-8.00 AM	Spot registration, welcoming and breakfast
8.00-12.00 AM	Opening session and remarks from invited speakers
12.00-13.00 AM	Lunch
13.00-17.00 PM	Keynote presentations (4-5)
17.00-19.00 PM	Networking dinner

Day 2 (February 7, 2027)

7.00-8.00 AM	Breakfast
8.00-12.00 PM	Parallel sessions (4 Themes)
12:00-13:00 PM	Lunch
13.00-15.00 PM	Panell discussion on transforming higher agricultural education in Nepal
15.00-16.30 PM	Round table meeting with IAAS Alumni and IAAS Dean Office
16.30-17.00 PM	Brief closing session

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Collaborative partner

The ICTAE-2027 offers a strategic partnership platform for government institutions, developing agencies and private sectors to support infrastructure, research, and capacity building. The ICTAE-2027 also seeks technical and financial collaboration and support from the organization.

- Food and Agriculture Organization, Nepal
- International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- Muktinath Krishi Company
- Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of America (NAPA)
- IAAS Alumni
- Heifer International

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