



NAPA Book Project Call for Expressions of Interests

For a book tentatively entitled as, “Sustainable, Safe and Healthy Food in Nepal: Principles and Practices of Food Security”

The **Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals in Americas (NAPA)** (www.napaamericas.org) invites contributions as author(s)/co-author(s) from academics, researchers, and practitioners to chapter(s) under one of the chosen theme areas of the book to be published by NAPA to support the food security in Nepal.

Themes:

1. Food sustainability
2. Food sufficiency
3. Food safety
4. Food for healthy living

Timelines

- Deadline for submission of expression of interest: **June 30, 2017**.
- Letter of acceptance sent to the author(s) on or before **July 31, 2017**.
- Deadline for full chapter submission: **November 30, 2017**.
- Book Publication Project Committee will notify further deadlines at later dates.

Rationale for the proposed book:

Food is a universal prerequisite for sustaining life and an essential determinant of healthy living. At the same time, if it is not safe to eat, it can create a grave danger to human life. These three aspects of food security constitute the key components of a complex food system. Nepal’s food supply chain is even more complicated due to diversity in geographic, agro-climatic and socio-economic conditions across the country. Moreover, the vast majority of the people, who live in rural areas mostly under subsistence economy, are facing serious challenges in sustaining their livelihoods ensuring food security in the midst of the increasingly globalized world economy.

The current state of food system in terms of nourishing the people of Nepal is less than optimal. In order to nourish the country’s ever growing population, a sustainable food production, processing, preservation, distribution, marketing, accessing and consumption of food in sufficient, safe, healthy and equitable manner is essential. The whole gamut of these processes that are largely controlled by the market infrastructure and forces can also be considerably influenced by healthy public policies, programs, services and innovative technologies.

Realizing the need for a holistic approach with comprehensive package of knowledge on principles and practices for the development of a sustainable food system in Nepal, NAPA has

decided to publish a book on this subject. While NAPA is exploring institutional partners to accomplish this task successfully with highest international standards, the book will be written by experts and practitioners primarily by Nepali Diaspora and also by other scholars from Nepal and abroad.

Target readership:

1. Planners, policy makers and decision makers at various levels of the government
2. Non-governmental organizations program officers
3. Agricultural officers and food economists
4. Faculty and graduate level students of food security and food systems
5. Civic leaders and intellectuals
6. Food industries, retailers and suppliers and
7. Food hospitality stakeholders

Terms and conditions:

There is no remuneration for authors or publication team for their contributions to the book. All the contributions made will be valued in the spirit of diaspora contributions to Nepal as a way of their commitment and love to the country, while the scholarly work would be contributing to benefit global community.

The interested authors and co-authors, who commit to the task of writing a book chapter, should respond to this ***call for expressions of interests*** by an email sent to the Member Secretary of the book publication project committee at: bpp.napa@gmail.com, submitting the required information in the template provided below.

Template Form for Expressions of Interests by Author(s) must include the following information:

1. Name of the author(s):
2. Contact information of the author(s):
3. Highest educational qualifications of the author(s) and other relevant qualifications and experiences, respectively:
4. Areas of expertise relevant to theme sufficient, safe and healthy food
5. Abstract of the chapter (maximum of 500 words)
 - Theme area, Chapter title, Objectives, Method/Data sources, Expected results/Findings, Conclusion, and Keywords (up to 5).
6. A 2-page resume of each author/co-author with a list of publications relevant to the chapter.
7. Brief outline of the book chapter (maximum of one page):

For further information regarding the theme areas, table of contents and /or any other queries, interested authors and co-authors are requested to contact the project committee member-secretary by email at: bpp.napa@gmail.com.

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