Standing on the Threshold: Food Justice in India
17th-18th July 2012
AGENDA (NB: tentative)

Day1: 17th July 2012

Welcome and introduction of opening plenary panelists (Biraj Swain)

10:30 - 13:00

Opening Plenary: Food Justice-Gaining It
Maintaining It

Opening Remarks
Nisha Agarwal, CEO, OxfamIndia (Chair)

Keynote Address
MS Swaminathan, MP-Rajya Sabha

Introducing the Bulletin
Lawrence Haddad, Director, IDS and Lead Editor of the Bulletin

Panel Discussion
Prof KV Thomas, Minister of Consumer Affairs,
Food and Public Distribution
Shri Harish Rawat, Union Minister of State,
Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission

Special Commentator
P Sainath, Development Bureau Chief, The Hindu

Video Message
Olivier De Schutter, United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Bulletin Launch/Vote of Thanks
Biraj Swain, Campaigns Manager, OxfamIndia

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

14:00 – 17:00

Afternoon Plenary: New Roles, New Rules and New Alliances

Chair
Dr Ashok Gulati, Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP)

Panelists
Judicial activism and the progressive reading of Art 21 of the Indian Constitution
Harsh Mander, Supreme Court Commissioner on Right to Food

Riding the Tiger – Mainstreaming food and nutrition in media
Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Senior Journalist and Political Commentator

Agricultural Investments and Debt Waiver: Looking Beyond the Prism
R. Ramakumar, Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Discussants
Dr. D. K. Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution
Dr Amir Khan, Deputy Director, Strategy, Planning and Management, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Special Commentator
Ravish Kumar, NDTV India
Day2: 18th July 2012

10.00-13.00  Morning Plenary: From Margins to the Centre: Addressing Exclusion and Invisibility

Chair  Prof. Sukhdeo Thorat, Chair University Grants Commission

Panelists  

Addressing discrimination  
Dr RP Mamgain, Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies

Eastern India: The neglected zone or brimming with potential?  
Subrat Das, Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Budget accountability

A Just Food System for Women  
Prof Amita Shah, Director, Gujarat Institute of Developmental Research

Advisas and the Tribals-Their Land and Power  
Prof Felix Padel, IRMA and London School of Economics

Discussants  Dr Kaveri Gill, International Development Research Centre

Special Commentator  Asutosh, IBN 7

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

14.00-17.00  Closing Plenary: Prioritizing the Agrarian Agenda in the era of Climate Change

Chair  Vijay Paul Sharma, Dean-Centre for Management in Agriculture, IIM-Ahmedabad

Panelists  

India’s Climate Policy: Squaring the Circle  
D Raghunandan, Delhi Science Forum

Making small holders viable in climate change era  
Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Development

Defining India’s role in global Food Price Volatility  
MS Swaminathan, Rajya Sabha Member and Swarna Vepa, MSSRF

Discussants  Animesh Shrivastava, Senior Agriculture Economist, Agriculture and Rural Development Unit-SAFANSI

Special Commentator  Neelam Sharma, Doordarshan, Badi Charcha Host

Closing Remarks / Way Forward  
Avinash Kumar, Director of Policy and Advocacy at OxfamIndia & Vinod Bhanu, Executive Director of the Centre for Legislative Research and Advocacy

Final Vote of Thanks  
M Kumaran, OxfamIndia, and Hugh Cole, Oxfam GB

Every section will close with 30 minutes open house

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