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Workshop Theme : eAgriculture
Organizer: BIID
Country: Bangladesh
Date: June 12, 2017
Venue: Room L1, ITU Montbrillant
Time: 11.00 – 13.00

Join Us

Workshop Title and Theme

eKrishok: Making ICT Works for Agricultural Sector to Empower Farmers and Agro-SMEs

BIID will share eKrishok experiences on how ICT can facilitate business development services to the farmers and agro-businesses, primarily small & medium sized enterprises and foster growth. The multidimensional perspective of eKrishok will be shared through a presentation. A2I/PMO, Bangladesh will also present a brief on the ongoing initiatives in the field of eAgriculture. Panelists and experts will contribute in the session on the topic and presentations. A quick Q&A session will be moderated by the session Chair.

Session's link to WSIS Action Lines

C7 of the PoA of WSIS categorically identified agricultural sector as one of the major focus area to address and emphasized on integration of ICT enabled services to empower the farmers and agro-businesses. BIID session will highlight the potentials and scopes to improvize the ongoing efforts.

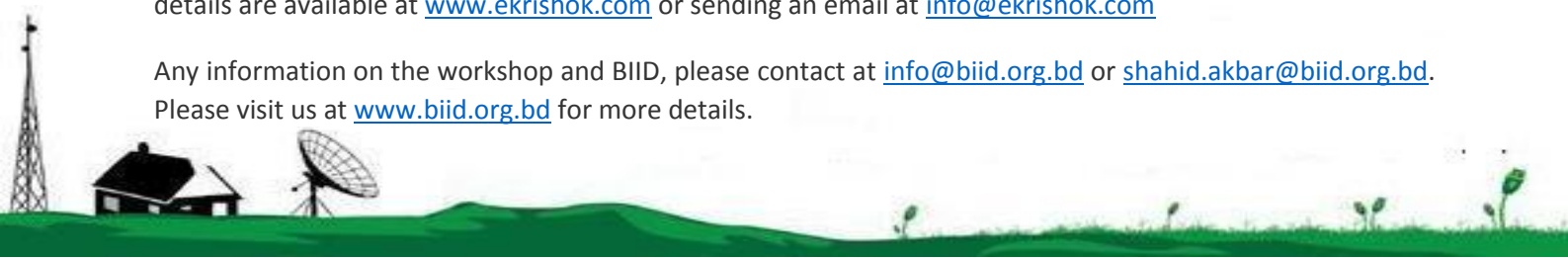## Session's link to Sustainable Development Process

SDG 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 12 identified various aspects of agricultural, nutrition and gender issues which directly and indirectly links the BIID session. eAgriculture can foster access to information and new technology to farmers and businesses to manage their farms smartly and improve their livelihood including addressing nutritional challenges and gender equality.

Brief on eKrishok

Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID) introduced eKrishok (Electronic Farmer) in 2009 as an ICT enabled solution to facilitate extension services to the farmers and business development services to the agro-businesses, primarily to the micro, small and medium (MSME). BIID considers *Farmer is an entrepreneur and farming is Business.* Based on this principle, a service basket designed for ekrishok ranging from information to market linkage, business planning to profitability calculator. These services address the access to information challenge exists in the existing eco-system and enable target groups to avail the services by using mobile phone and internet. eKrishok has been recognized by FAO, ITU, CTA and Government of Bangladesh as one of the most innovative and sustainable eAgriculture initiative. More details are available at www.ekrishok.com or sending an email at info@ekrishok.com

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Program Schedule

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11.00 am	Guests Take seat
11.00 am - 11.10 am	Introduction of Panelists and Guests
11.10 am - 11.25 am	Keynote by **Md Shahid Uddin Akbar,** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID)
11.25 am – 11.40 am	Presentation by **Md. Shakhawatul Islam,** Innovation Associate, Access to Information (A2I) Programme, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh
11.40 am – 11.55 am	Presentation by **Dr. Margaret Bernard,** Senior Lecturer in Computer Science, Department Computing & Information Technology & Deputy Dean (Graduate Studies, Research and Innovation), Faculty of Science and Technology, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad
11.55 am – 12.05 pm	Contribution by **Prof N K Goyal,** President, CMAI Association of India, Chairman Emeritus TEMA, India
12.05 pm – 12.20 pm	Question Answer by Audience
12.20 pm – 12.30 pm	Speech by Chief Guest H.E. Tarana Halim, State Minister, Post and Teecom Division, Bangladesh (TBC)
12.30 pm – 12.35 pm	Closing Remarks by Moderator and Vote of Thanks