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“Family farming at the heart of sustainable food systems”.

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Program synopsis:

Bangladesh is a self-sufficient country in the food sector. In fact, is among the 10 countries of the world in this regard. This position pride has been achieved due to the diligent planning and strategizing by the successive Governments for the development of the agricultural sector. The role of the family farming community is widely acknowledged as one of the key forces behind the Bangladesh success story. Agriculture is the main occupation for most of the people in this country. Apparently, this sector is the largest source of employment in Bangladesh. However, despite the success, there are still a number of nagging issues that hinder Bangladesh from realizing the full potential of the family farming sector. Family farmers suffer the lack of land ownership and poor access to capital. Poor information content in relation to all aspects of their occupation, gender discrimination, lack of capacity development opportunities are seriously hindering the capacity of family farmers to contribute to the sector.

This program talks to guests representing a diverse range of stakeholders to establish briefly the historical perspective of family farming in Bangladesh, Government’s policy and programs, the farmer’s perspective and ways for development of family farming sector.

Guests in the program:

1. Obaidul Haque, Sara Bangla Kirisak Jote (farmers’ organization)
2. Rita Bromo, Executive Member, Sara Bangla Kirisak Society (farmers’ organization)
3. Rowshan Moni, Deputy Executive Director, Association for Land Reform and Development, ALRD
4. Robert Simpson, FAO Representative in Bangladesh
5. Dr. Imamnun Nabi Khan, FAO Bangladesh