

3rd International Conference on Food Security and Value Chain Systems (ICFSVC-2026)

The 3rd International Conference on Food Security and Value Chain Systems (ICFSVC2026), themed “Innovative Pathways for Sustainability and Resilience,” was held on 11– 12 February 2026 at Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan. The conference brought together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and industry representatives to discuss sustainable solutions for food security and agricultural transformation. As agriculture remains central to Pakistan’s economy and global development, the conference served as an important platform for sharing knowledge, showcasing innovations, and strengthening collaboration in agri-food value chains.

ICFSVC-2026 aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13: Climate Action, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. The discussions addressed Pakistan’s key challenges, including food insecurity, climate change, water scarcity, soil degradation, and the need for digital and AI-driven agricultural innovations. The conference also emphasized value addition, export competitiveness, and empowerment of youth and women in agribusiness and rural entrepreneurship, aligning with Pakistan Vision 2025. A total of 110 abstracts were received from 13 countries, of which 52 were selected for oral presentations after a rigorous peer-review process. Participants from Asia, Africa, and Europe attended the event, while keynote speakers from six countries shared global perspectives on sustainable agriculture and value chain development.

Key recommendations included strengthening inclusive and transparent governance in agri-food markets, promoting public-private partnerships in climate-vulnerable regions, developing blended-finance models for climate-resilient agriculture, integrating indigenous knowledge, and advancing digital governance and soil-health initiatives. The conference fostered research collaborations, policy dialogue, and industry partnerships, while providing a platform for young researchers. Overall, ICFSVC-2026 generated actionable insights and partnerships for building resilient and sustainable agri-food systems.

