CSIR-NEERI, represented by Dr. Shalini Dhyani, Principal Scientist, was invited by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok Office, to speak on "Opportunities for Science Policy in Crop Biodiversity Conservation" on 29 October 2025. UNESCAP is promoting crop diversity through its CropBio Project, which uses innovative space technology to develop geospatial databases and conduct crop diversity assessments in selected Southeast Asian countries. This initiative, in collaboration with the Aerospace Information Research Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences (AIRCAS) aims to build capacity for monitoring crop diversity to improve food security and make food systems more resilient to challenges like climate change. CSIR-NEERI's representation at the event highlighted its commitment to integrating science, policy, and sustainability in environmental research and development.

