



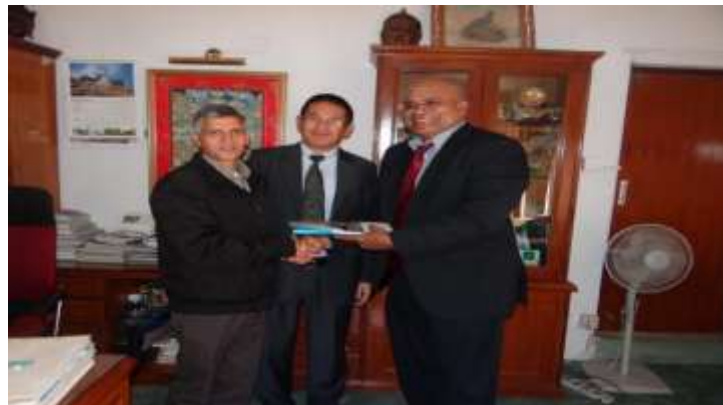
## News@CIRDAP

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### Building Bridges



Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau, Director General of CIRDAP met Mr. Kedar Bahadur Adhikari, Secretary, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development, Government of Nepal on 12 December 2016 and discussed on matters of mutual interest.



DG CIRDAP had a discussion on productive joint programme with the Chairman, Asia Network of Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources (ANSAB) in Kathmandu, Nepal on 12 December 2016.





DG CIRDAP had a meeting with Dr. J. Devi Prasad (AMRG), Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad, India on 21 December 2016 to discuss jointly organising a conference and conducting a regional study on agro-processing.



DG CIRDAP met Mr. Peter S Carberry, Deputy Director General (Research), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), India on 21 December 2016 to discuss collaboration between two organisations in mutually agreed areas.



Director General, CIRDAP met Mrs. V. Usha Rani, IAS, Director General, National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, India on 23 December 2016 and discussed offering Online Post-Graduate Diploma in Agri-business to CIRDAP member countries.

## **Courtesy Call on Ambassador of the Philippines to Bangladesh**

Director General of CIRDAP Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador Vicente Vivencio T. Bandillo, Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 15 November 2016. They discussed the APO-CIRDAP Workshop on Agriculture Insurance Systems held from 28 November-December 2, 2016 in Manila, Philippines. DG Tevita briefly informed H.E. Bandillo about his recent mission visits to some CIRDAP member countries (such as Indonesia, Myanmar and India) and the OECD Capacity Building Programme. DG emphasised the importance of improving the visibility of CIRDAP across its member countries.

## **EC Chairperson's Mission Visit to Bangladesh**

Mr. Meleti Bainimarma, Chairperson of CIRDAP Executive Committee and Permanent Secretary along with Mr. Jone Malupo Bacau, Director, Ministry of Provincial Development and National Disaster Management, Government of Fiji visited CIRDAP from 7-12 December 2016. During his mission visit to Bangladesh, Mr, Meleti had several meetings and exposure visits as follows:

### **Courtesy Call on Secretary, RDCD, Ministry of LGRD&C, Bangladesh**



Mr. Meleti Bainimarma paid a courtesy call on Dr. Prosanta Kumar Roy, Secretary, Rural Development and Cooperatives Division (RDCD), Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD&C), Government of Bangladesh on 08 December 2016 where DG CIRDAP, Mr. Jone Malupo Bacau and a Senior Official from Government of Bangladesh were also present.

### **Presentation on One House One Farm, Cooperatives Movement and CVDP**

Chairperson of CIRDAP Executive Committee along with others participated in the brief presentations on One House One Farm, Cooperatives Movement, and Community Village Development Programme (CVDP) presented by two Senior Officials from Government of Bangladesh on 08 December 2016 at CIRDAP headquarters, Dhaka.



### **Meeting with Director General, Dept. of Disaster Management, MoDMR, Bangladesh**

The team also met Mr. Reaz Ahmed, Director General, Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief to discuss the disaster management related issues and activities on 08 December 2016 at the Disaster Management and Relief Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

## Visit to the Project Area of One House One Farm

Led by the Chairperson of CIRDAP Executive Committee, a team visited to the One House One Farm project area in Basail, Tangail, Bangladesh on 09 December 2016.



## Visit to Rural Development Academy, Bogra

On 10 December 2016, they also visited the several projects including the Multi-storied Agriculture with Solar Powered Irrigation Model conducted by the Rural Development Academy (RDA).



## DG's Mission Visit to the Philippines

- DG CIRDAP met H.E. Ambassador and Assistant Secretary Bayani S. Mercado, Department of Foreign Affairs – United Nations and International Organizations, Manila. DG briefed about different programmes of CIRDAP as well as about the new strategic framework for 2017-2020 strengthening regional co-operation on rural development in Asia-Pacific region.
- Mr. Carlos Abad Santos, Assistant Secretary of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), National Development Office-Planning and Policy met DG Tevita during the conduct of the APO-CIRDAP Workshop on Agricultural Insurance Systems in Manila. He explained briefly about the role of NEDA in the government of the Philippines.
- DG Tevita also met Ms. Michiko Katagami, Principal, Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Concurrent Officer-In Charge of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Asian Development Bank (Headquarters), Manila. Ms. Katagami briefly explained about the ADB-knowledge management and sustainable development operational plan for agriculture and natural resources, promoting sustainable food security in Asia and the Pacific in 2015-2020.



- A dialogue was initiated with Mr. Nathaniel Don Marquez, Executive Director of the Asian NGO Coalition and its Chair Emeritus, Rev. Fr. Francis B. Lucas of the Catholic Media Network. To-date, a draft Memorandum of Understanding was being evolved for a renewed partnership between CIRDAP and the ANGOC.

## **CIRDAP – SAC Joint Mission for Strategic Planning for Post Disaster Restoration of Agriculture in Nepal**

Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) and Ministry of Agricultural Development, Government of Nepal organised a Joint Mission for Strategic Planning for Post Disaster Restoration of Agriculture in Nepal during 11-17 December 2016. The mission focused on identification of priority areas of interventions that SAARC and CIRDAP can mobilize through the regional initiatives.



The Consultation Meeting was inaugurated on 16 December 2016. A Senior Officer from the Ministry of Agricultural Development, Government of Nepal was present as Chief Guest. Director General of CIRDAP interacted with the Government officials and other delegates, and shared his experiences on earthquake.

Experts from the Ministries of Agriculture, Federal Affairs and Local Development, Home Affairs, Livestock and Fisheries, SAARC Secretariat, SAC, International and National NGOs, and CIRDAP attended the mission exercise. The mission was consisted of several events, such as, discussion meeting with high officials of the Ministries of Agriculture and Federal Affairs and Local Development of Government of Nepal; field visits to the earthquake affected areas of Gorkha, Tanahun and Lamjung districts on 13, 14 and 15 December respectively and briefing session in the last day.



## APO-CIRDAP-DAR Workshop on Agricultural Insurance Systems

The APO-CIRDAP-DAR Workshop on Agricultural Insurance Systems was held from 28 November to December 2, 2016 in Metro Manila, Philippines. It was attended by selected participants coming from the member countries of the APO and CIRDAP.



The opening programme was inaugurated by the DAR Undersecretary for Support Services Office, Ms. Rosalina L. Bistoyong. Opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau, Director General of CIRDAP, Mr. Carlos A. Sayco, Jr., Senior Fellow, Productivity Programmes of the Development Academy of the Philippines – National Productivity Organisation, and Mr. Norman R. Cajucom, the Senior Vice President of the Department of Agriculture - Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (DA-PCIC).

The invited resource persons, Dr. Olena Sosenko, Mr. Peter Book and Mr. Mayank Dubey, delivered their lectures. The participants presented their country papers for knowledge generation and sharing relevant to the themes of the Course. Further, the workshop was co-facilitated by Mr. Tomas A. Cabuenos, Jr., Project Manager of Sustainable Development Solutions, Philippines.

Field visits were organised for participants outside Metro Manila. The field visits provided empirical evidence how agriculture insurance in the Philippines was institutionalized having its high and low tides in terms of policy implementation.

## CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on Social Audit in Rural Development Programmes



With the support from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, an international training programme on Social Audit in Rural Development Programmes was organised in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) from 09-18 November 2016 at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India.

The programme was attended by participant from 12 countries, namely: Abid Bin Abdul Jalil from *Malaysia*, Nguyen Thi Yen from *Vietnam*, Rhea Marie P. Betque from the *Philippines*, Elitrisiana Modesianne from *Indonesia*, Jeremaia Navuniwai Buakula from *Fiji*, Sai Soe Htay from *Myanmar*, Ekanath Bastola from *Nepal*, Charupa Khongchana from *Thailand*, N C Ekanayake from *Sri Lanka*, Abdul Hafiz Yaqubi from *Afghanistan*, Abdul Karim from *Bangladesh*, and Khogen and Neerja Upadhyaya from *India*.

The resource persons took sessions in the following Module:

- Module I: Poverty and Rural Development Scenario
- Module II: Social Security Programmes Tool of Transparency and Accountability Measure
- Module III: Transparency and Accountability Measures
- Module IV: Social Accountability Mechanisms and Social Audit
- Module V: Field Visit for Understanding Social Audit

Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran, Director a.i, Training Division, CIRDAP presented the Status of Poverty and Rural Development in CIRDAP Member Countries, and all the twelve member countries were made aware of each status according to the data presented especially on the Human Development Index.

Field visits were organised for understanding of Social Audit. On the first day, participants were taken to the Sub District/Block Headquarter (Mandal) of Momiampat to conduct mock social audit on Toilet Construction Project. The second day of field visit was to the Naretpally Mandal for observing of the actual conduct of social audit.

Director General of CIRDAP delivered his valedictory address and handed over the certificates to the participants. The valedictory session was also attended by Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran, Director ai, CIRDAP and Dr. C. Dheeraja, Associate Professor, CWEPA, NIRD&PR, and Course Coordinator.

### **APO-CIRDAP Training Course for Women Productivity Tools and Techniques for Improving Productivity of Micro and Small Agro-food Processing Business**

The APO-CIRDAP Training Course for Women Productivity Tools and Techniques for Improving Productivity of Micro and Small Agro-food Processing Business was successfully held from 7-11 November 2016 at the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad, India. It was attended by 24 participants coming from the member countries of the APO and CIRDAP.

The training programme was inaugurated on 7 November 2016 by Dr. W.R. Reddy, Director General, NIRD&PR. APO and CIRDAP representatives made their remarks on behalf of the agencies they represented.



The lectures delivered in the training course have provided two distinct perspectives but equally important in terms of increasing productivity among women in the society. They emphasized the significance of women participation in planning and capacity building that would unchain them from the stereotype perceived roles as wives, mothers, and homemakers. The role of the state was also underlined, which is

about creating favorable environment and systems. The hard realities about women being hindered by culture and religion have to be addressed creatively to unleash the natural skills and resilience of women in the universal goals of achieving economic development that may begin right at their homes, communities with the vision of being able to co-exist with the bigger markets.

### **CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on Smart Agriculture**



Supported by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, CIRDAP in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) organised an international training programme on Smart Agriculture at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India from 12-21 December 2016. There were 14 participants from Bangladesh, Fiji, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

### **The 49<sup>th</sup> Editorial Board Meeting of APJORD held**

The 49th Editorial Board Meetings of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development (APJORD) was held on 27 November 2016 at AVS Reddy Conference Hall (General Staff Meeting Room). Several agenda regarding APJORD were discussed in the meeting.



### **Second Meeting of the Review Committee on Strengthening CIRDAP: Vision 2016-2020**

The Review Committee on Strengthening CIRDAP: Vision 2016-2020 met for the second time on 04 December 2016; prepared report taking into consideration the challenges of CIRDAP; and circulated for further review. The committee is expected to meet again during 15-16 January 2017 to finalize the report.



### **New Staff joins CIRDAP**



Mr. Shishir G. Saha joined CIRDAP as Finance Assistant on 15 December 2016. Prior to joining CIRDAP, he worked for the Bangladesh Land Developers Association as Deputy Manager (Accounts). He has experience on Financial Management.

### **Intern at CIRDAP**



Ms. Farasha Khan Sayeed, an undergraduate student of the Development Communication, Independent University, Bangladesh, joined CIRDAP on 26 October 2016 as Intern for the duration of three months. She has been assigned to work on compiling information for CIRDAP infoRD portal.



## Staff Participation

- Four nominated persons from CIRDAP viz. Mr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman, Assistant Programme Officer, Engr. Waliul Hasnat, Computer Programmer, Dr. Usharani Boruah, Librarian, Mr. M. M.H. Kawser Rudro, Assistant Information and Communication Officer, and Mr. Mohammad Abu Saleh Siddique, Publication Assistant participated in the Celebration of 32<sup>nd</sup> SAARC Charter Day and International Year of Pulses 2016 held on 08 December 2016 at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) auditorium.
- Publication Assistant of CIRDAP also participated in a session on Emerging New Technologies of the '5th National WUB ComTech Festival' organised by World University of Bangladesh (WUB) on 24 November, 2016 at the Panthapath Campus auditorium of the University in Dhaka.

### Recent Publication

- Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development (APJORD), December 2016 Issue
- CIRDAP Calendar 2017
- CIRDAP Diary 2017



### ITEC Fellowships offered by Government of India

Under the ITEC programmes, CMCs may avail the Civilian Training Programmes offered by various Indian institutes for the financial year 2016-17 (April 2016 to March 2017). The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, will bear the course fee, board and lodging and out-of-pocket allowance of the qualified nominee(s). The applicants may be advised to visit the website of ITEC (<http://itec.mea.gov.in>) or CIRDAP website ([www.cirdap.org](http://www.cirdap.org)).

## Forthcoming Programmes

- CIRDAP – MARDI – AARDO Round Table Conference on Agricultural Insurance - A Climate Change Adaptation Tool in African, Asian and Pacific Regions, 06–10 February 2017, MARDI, Selangor, Malaysia.
- CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on Rural Technology, 12–21 February 2017, MARDI, Selangor, Malaysia.
- CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on Human Resource Development for Rural Development, 6-15 March 2017 at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India.

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