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April 8-9, 2015
The Claridges Hotel, New Delhi

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

08:30am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00-10:00am	Inaugural Session Chair: <i>Shekhar Shah, NCAER</i> Welcome Remarks, <i>Rajesh Chadha, NCAER</i> Welcome Remarks: <i>Ejaz Qureshi, ACIAR</i> Project & Workshop Outline, <i>Scott Davenport, Australian National University, and previously with the NSW Government Trade and Investment</i> Keynote: <i>Siraj Hussain, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India:</i> <i>Transforming Agriculture in a Rapidly Modernising Indian Economy: Issues and Challenges</i> Release of Rabi Outlook Report: <i>Siraj Hussain</i> Report prepared by NCAER under the Project Commissioned by the National Food Security Mission, Ministry of Agriculture
10:00-11:00am	Speech: <i>Mark Rosegrant, IFPRI</i> Chair: <i>Sisira Jayasuriya, Monash University, Melbourne</i> <i>The Global Context in Food and Agriculture: Trends and Projections</i>
11:00-11:30am	Tea

* NCAER Research Team: Devender Pratap, Anjali Tandon and Roopali Aggarwal.

- 11:30am-1:00pm **Plenary Session: NCAER-ACIAR collaborative research on agriculture issues**
Chair: *Mark Rosegrant*
- **Overview of NCAER-ACIAR collaborative policy projects and findings:** *Sisira Jayasuriya*
 - **Policy Analysis in an economy-wide framework: overview and preliminary findings:** *Peter Dixon*, Victoria University, *Rajesh Chadha*, NCAER and *Maureen Rimmer*, Victoria University
- 1:00-2:00pm **Lunch**
- 2.00-3.30 pm **Policy Session 1:**
Key policy Issues in Indian Agriculture
Chair: *Scott Davenport*
- **Carbon Sequestration and GHG Offsets in Indian Agriculture: strategies and cost-effective options:** *Alex de Pinto*, IFPRI
 - **Marginal Abatement Costs:** *Jyoti Gujral*, Quest Advisory
- 3:30-4:00pm **Tea**
- 4:00-5:30 pm **Policy Session 2:**
Chair: *Sanjeev Chopra*, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
Reform Priorities and Key Policy Research Issues
Panel/roundtable discussion
Panel: *A. Ganesh-Kumar*, IGIDR; *Bharat Ramaswami*, ISI; *Anil Sharma*, NCAER; *S. Sivakumar*, ITC; *CSC Sekhar*, IEG; *Shahid Ahmed*, JMI University
- 5:30pm **Victoria University–NCAER MOU signing ceremony**
Speakers: *Warren Payne*, Pro Vice –Chancellor, Victoria University, *Shekhar Shah* and *Peter Dixon*
- Celebrating Ten Years of the NCAER-ACIAR Relationship**
- Felicitating *Sisira Jayasuriya* and *Scott Davenport*
 - Acknowledging ACIAR’s steady partnership
- Speakers:** *Shekhar Shah*, *Rajesh Chadha*, *Sisira Jayasuriya*, *Scott Davenport* and *Ejaz Qureshi*
- Guest Speaker:** *Govinda Rao*, Non-Resident Senior Fellow at NCAER and Member of the 14th Finance Commission
Federal and Fiscal Reforms in India Post the 14th Finance Commission– The Implications for Agriculture
- Reception and Dinner**

Thursday, April 9, 2015

- 8:30-9:00am **Coffee and Light Breakfast**
- 9:00-10:45am **Technical Session 1:**
Modelling Issues for Policy Analysis in Indian Agriculture: Agriculture and Environment
Chair: *BN Goldar*, ICSSR National Fellow
- **IMPACT Model and extensions:** *Mark Rosegrant and Alex de Pinto*
 - **OECD-FAO COSIMO Model*:** *Shesadri Banerjee* NCAER, *Shashanka Bhide*, MIDS, Chennai
 - **Integrating Partial and General Equilibrium modelling approaches:** *Rajesh Chadha, Peter Dixon and Maureen Rimmer*
- 10:45-11:15am **Tea**
- 11:15am-1:00pm **Technical Session 2:**
Modelling Issues for Policy Analysis in Indian Agriculture: Agriculture and Environment
Round Table Discussion on way forward
Co-Chairs: *Peter Dixon and Maureen Rimmer*
Panel: *Parmod Kumar*, ISEC, Bangalore; *BN Goldar*; *Shashanka Bhide*; *Mark Rosegrant*; *Alex de Pinto*; *A. Ganesh Kumar*; *Basanta Pradhan*, IEG
- 1:00-2:00pm **Lunch**
- 2:30-6:00 pm **Project Steering Committee:** *S Sivakumar* and *Ramesh Chand*, NCAP
Project Review Committee: *Harry Clarke*, University of Melbourne; *A. Ganesh Kumar*; and *G. Mythili*, IGIDR
- 2:30pm-4:00 pm **Session 1**
Chair: *Ejaz Qureshi*
- 4:00-4:30pm **Tea**
- 4:30-6:00pm **Session 2**
Chair: *Ramesh Chand*

* COSIMO Model Team: *Laxmi Joshi*, NCAER and *Bhaskar Goswami*, FAO.