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The Future of Indian Agriculture: Policy Options for Competitive, Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

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: Shekhar Shah, NCAER
Welcome Remarks, Rajesh Chadha, NCAER
Welcome Remarks: Ejaz Qureshi, ACIAR
Project & Workshop Outline, Scott Davenport, Australian National University, and previously with the NSW Government Trade and Investment
Keynote: Siraj Hussain, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India:
Transforming Agriculture in a Rapidly Modernising Indian Economy: Issues and Challenges
Release of Rabi Outlook Report: Siraj Hussain
Report prepared by NCAER under the Project Commissioned by the National Food Security Mission, Ministry of Agriculture

10:00-11:00am Speech: Mark Rosegrant, IFPRI
Chair: Sisira Jayasuriya, Monash University, Melbourne
The Global Context in Food and Agriculture: Trends and Projections

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

2.00-3.30pm  **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

4:00-5:30pm  **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.