National Workshop on
INDIAN AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK
THE 2017 RABI SEASON AND DOUBLING FARMERS’ INCOME
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Conference Room- II, India International Centre, New Delhi

09:30-10:00 am  Registration and light breakfast

10:00-10:45 am  Inaugural Session
Welcome Remarks: Shekhar Shah, Director General, NCAER
Introductory Remarks: Rajesh Chadha, Senior Research Counsellor, NCAER
Chair: Shekhar Shah
Keynote Address: Sudha P. Rao, Principal Adviser, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India
Release of Rabi Outlook Report: Sudha P. Rao

10:45-11:30 am  Rabi Outlook Report 2017
Chair: Shashanka Bhide, Director, MIDS, Chennai
Presentation: NCAER Team
Panellists: Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, CACP, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India; and Shyam Bahadur Khadka, India Representative, FAO
General Discussion

11:30-12:00 pm  Tea

12:00-01:15 pm  Technical Session I: Doubling Farmers’ Income
Chair: S.K. Mukherjee, Senior Economic and Statistical Advisor, DES, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India
Presentation: NCAER Team
Panellists: Shailja Sharma, Member Secretary, CACP; and Nilabja Ghosh, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
General Discussion

1:15-2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00-3:30 pm  Technical Session II: Agricultural Issues: National and Industry Perspective
Chair: B. Rajender, Joint Secretary (Crops) & Mission Director, National Food Security Mission, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India
National Perspective: Parmod Kumar, Professor, ISEC, Bangalore; Rajiv Siwatch, Deputy General Manager, NABARD
Dairy Sector Perspective: G. S. Rajorhia, Vice President, Indian Dairy Association
Discussants: Suresh Pal, Director, NIAP, New Delhi; and Seema Bathla, Professor, JNU
General Discussion

3:30-4:00 pm  Tea

4:00-5:00 pm  Technical Session III: Agricultural Issues: State Perspectives on Crop Insurance, Credit, Irrigation, Soil Health and Markets
Chair: Sudha P. Rao
State Representatives: P. S. Sabharwal, Deputy Director (Agriculture), Gurgaon, Haryana; N. R. Hayagreela, Assistant Agricultural Officer, Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Odisha
Discussants: Shashanka Bhide
Anil Sharma, Senior Fellow, NCAER
General Discussion

5.00-5.10pm  Vote of Thanks: Rajesh Chadha

5.10 pm  High Tea