



## **International Workshop**

### **Agricultural Trade Liberalisation and Domestic Market Reforms in Indian Agriculture**

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**The Claridges Hotel, New Delhi**

### Agenda

**Registration**            9.30am – 10.00am

**Inaugural Session:** 10.00 to 11.15 am

**Chair:** Mr. R. Gopalan, Additional Secretary, Government of India, Department of Commerce (5 minutes)

**Welcome Remarks:** Dr. Shashanka Bhide, Senior Research Counsellor, NCAER (5 minutes)

**Project Backdrop:** Prof. Sisira Jayasuriya, La Trobe University, Melbourne (10 minutes)

**Remarks by the Chief Guest:** Mr. John McCarthy AO, Australian High Commissioner to India: (10 minutes)

**Keynote:** Prof. G.K. Chadha, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (15 minutes)

**Key Issues in Indian Agriculture:** Dr. S.M. Jharwal, Principal Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (10 minutes)

**Welcome and Remarks from ACIAR:** Dr. Simon Hearn, Senior Advisor, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research and the Project Manager (10 minutes)

**Chair's Comments:** (10 minutes)

**Vote of Thanks:** Prof. Donald MacLaren, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne

**Tea / Coffee:** 11.15 to 11.30 am

**Technical Session - I: Domestic Agricultural Markets:** 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

**Chair:** Mr. U.K.S. Chauhan, Joint Secretary, Agricultural Marketing

Each presentation would be for 15 minutes followed by Discussant's Comments for 5 minutes, General Discussion for 5 minutes and Closing remarks by Chair for 5 minutes.

**Presentations:**

1. Current Status of Select Indian Agricultural Markets: Primary Survey: Mr. Abhishek Akhouri, Dr. Shashanka Bhide, Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Dr. K. Elumalai, Dr. Parmod Kumar, Mr. Devender Pratap and Ms. Anjali Tandon

Discussant: Prof. T. Haque, Former Chairman, CACP, Government of India

2. De-Regulation of State Trading Enterprises - Some Research Issues: Professors Steve McCorrison (Exeter University, U.K.) and Donald MacLaren

Discussant: Dr. Shashanka Bhide, Senior Research Counsellor, NCAER, New Delhi

3. Agricultural Market Integration in India: Prof. Sisira Jayasuriya, Dr. Jae Kim and Dr. Parmod Kumar

Discussant: Dr. Rashmi Banga, Senior Economist, UNCTAD, Delhi

**Lunch:** 1.00 to 2.00 pm

**Technical Session -II: Competition and Regulation Issues in Agricultural Markets:**  
2.00 to 3.30 pm

**Chair:** Mr. Augustine Peter, Economic Advisor, Competition Commission of India

Each presentation would be for 15 minutes followed by Discussant's Comments for 5 minutes, General Discussion for 5 minutes and Closing remarks by Chair for 5 minutes.

**Presentations:**

1. Pro-Competition Reform: Observations for Australia and Opportunities for India: Mr. Scott Davenport, Director, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Australia

Discussant: Prof. Ramesh Chand, National Professor, NCAP, New Delhi

2. Competition and Regulation issues in Indian Agricultural Markets: Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Mr. Scott Davenport and Dr. K. Elumalai

Discussant: Ms. Jyoti Gujral, Lead Specialist Advisor, IDFC, New Delhi

3. Forward Markets in Agricultural Commodities: Prof. Susan Thomas, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai

Discussant: Dr. J.B. Singh, Senior Consultant, NCDEX Institute of Commodity Markets and Research, New Delhi

**Tea / Coffee:** 3.30 to 3.45 pm

**Technical Session - III: Domestic Agriculture and Global Trade** 3.45 to 4.45 pm

**Chair:** Mr. Dinesh Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

Each presentation would be for 15 minutes followed by Discussant's Comments for 5 minutes, General Discussion for 5 minutes and Closing remarks by Chair for 5 minutes.

**Presentations:**

1. Rising Global Food Prices: Implications for India: Prof. Ramesh Chand

Discussant: Dr. Hari K. Nagarajan, Senior Fellow, NCAER, New Delhi

2. Agricultural Trade Liberalisation in General Equilibrium Framework: Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Mr. Devender Pratap and Ms. Anjali Tandon

Discussant: Prof. Charan Wadhva, Professor Emeritus, CPR, New Delhi

**Panel Discussion:** Liberalising Domestic Agricultural Markets in India: 4.45 to 6.15 pm

**Chair:** Prof. Sisira Jayasuriya, Department of Economics and Finance, La Trobe University, Melbourne

7 minutes each by the Panellists. There would be a general discussion for 15 minutes followed by Chair's closing remarks for 5 minutes.

**Panellists:** Prof. Ramesh Chand, Mr. Scott Davenport, Mr. Bharat Desai (Senior Executive Vice President, Business Analysis, Reliance Industries Limited), Ms. Jyoti Gujral, Prof. Sisira Jayasuriya, Prof. Steve McCorrison, Prof. Donald MacLaren, Mr. Augustine Peter and Prof. Charan Wadhva

**Closing Remarks:** Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Senior Fellow, NCAER

**Cocktails and Dinner (at the Claridges Hotel):** 7.00 pm

All participants are cordially invited.