

## INDIAN AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK THE 2016 RABI SEASON AND MEDIUM-TERM PROSPECTS

**National Workshop**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2016,**  
**Conference Room-II, India International Centre, New Delhi**  
Supported by the Food and Agriculture Organisation

- 09:00-9.30 am **Coffee and Light Breakfast**
- 09:30-11:00 am **Technical Session: The Short & Medium-term Agricultural Outlook**  
**Welcome Remarks:** *Shekhar Shah*, Director General, NCAER  
**Chair:** *Sanjay Lohiya*, Joint Secretary, National Food Security Mission, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India
- **Project Outline:** *Rajesh Chadha*, Senior Research Counsellor, NCAER
  - **The 2016 Rabi Outlook:** *Shashanka Bhide*, Director, MIDS and *Laxmi Joshi*, Associate Fellow, NCAER
  - **The Medium-term Outlook:** *Parmod Kumar*, Professor, ISEC
  - **The India COSIMO (OECD-FAO) Model:** *Anusha*, Associate Fellow, NCAER
- 11:00-11:30 am **Tea**
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm **Policy Session I: Key Policy Issues in Indian Agriculture**  
**Chair:** *Shashanka Bhide*, Director, MIDS
- **Sugarcane:** *Anil Sharma*, Senior Fellow, NCAER
  - **Investment in Agriculture:** *Seema Bathla*, Professor, JNU
  - **State-level Scenario:** *Vinod Kumar Singh*, Director (Agri. Statistics & Crop Insurance), Department of Agriculture, Government of UP
- 1:00-1:30 pm **Release of the Rabi Outlook Report & Keynote Address**  
**Chair:** *Shekhar Shah*, Director General, NCAER
- Release of the Rabi Outlook Report by Shri Siraj Hussain**, Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India
- Report prepared by NCAER and commissioned by the National Food Security Mission, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare*
- Keynote Address**  
**“Agricultural Outlook and Major Concerns of the Sector”**  
*Shri Siraj Hussain*
- 1:30-2:30 pm **Lunch**
- 2:30-4:00 pm **Policy Session II: Key policy Issues in Indian Agriculture**  
**Chair:** *S. M. Jharwal*, Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University
- **Pulses:** *Nilabja Ghosh*, Associate Professor, IEG
  - **Oilseeds:** *B.V. Mehta*, Exec. Director, Solvent Extractors Assoc. of India
  - **State-level Scenario:** *Ram Gopal Sharma*, Joint Director (Input), Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan  
*P. Vanniarajan*, Deputy Director (Pulses & Oilseeds), Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu
- 4:00-4:30 pm **Tea**
- 4:30-5:45 pm **Policy Session III: Key policy Issues in Indian Agriculture**  
**Chair:** *Shekhar Shah*, NCAER
- **Climate Change and Food Security:** *J. S. Sandhu*, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR
  - **Horticulture:** *N.K. Krishna Kumar*, DDG (Horticulture), ICAR
  - **Food Subsidies:** *Prem Vashishtha*, Senior Visiting Fellow, NCAER
  - **State-level Scenario:** *P. S. Sabarwal*, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Government of Haryana
- 5:45-6:00 pm **Concluding Session**
- 6:00 pm **High Tea**