

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 [\[Presentation\]](#)
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 [\[Presentation\]](#)
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; [\[Presentation\]](#)
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. Hayagreeva, 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**