

Proceedings of the 3rd meeting of Consortium Advisory Committee of NAIP sub-project “Harmonizing biodiversity conservation and agricultural intensification through integration of plant, animal and fish genetic resources for livelihood security in fragile ecosystems” Under Component 3 (SRLS) Project Code: 30036 GEF funded, held on 24.3.2011 at MPUAT, Udaipur

The Third meeting of Consortium Advisory Committee (CAC) of the NAIP sub-project on **“Harmonizing biodiversity conservation and agricultural intensification through integration of plant, animal and fish genetic resources for livelihood security in fragile ecosystems” Under Component 3 (SRLS) Project Code: 30036 GEF funded**, was held under the chairmanship of Dr. B. P. Singh on 24.3.2011 at MPUAT, Udaipur. The meeting was attended by other CAC members and CoPIs from all consortium partners and RA/SRFs of the project working in all three districts, the list of participants is attached as Annexure – I.

The meeting was organized as per the following Agenda items/programme:

1. Welcome: Dr. S. K. Pareek, CPI, and Member Secretary
2. Opening remarks: Chairman CAC
3. Presentations on progress of the project: Dr. S. K. Pareek, CPI and Member Secretary
4. Remarks by the Chairman Remarks by the CAC members
5. Concluding remarks by Chairman, CAC
6. Any other item with the permission of chair
7. Vote of thanks: Dr. I. S. Bisht, CoPI

The meeting started with the welcome address by Dr. S. K. Pareek, CPI and Member Secretary, NBPGR, New Delhi. Dr. Pareek welcomed the chairman Dr. B. P. Singh and other CAC members, namely Dr. Y. K. Gupta, Dr. B. D. Sharma, Smt. Anita Sharma, Shri Sunda Ram Verma, and CoPIs of the project. He expressed his happiness on the progress of the project and congratulated all Co PIs and other consortium partners for their dedicated efforts and willing support to the programme. He thanked all project partners and requested them for their continued and willing support for this much needed cause in the best interest of the nation. All the project activities are focusing on on-farm conservation and agricultural intensification aimed at enhancing the livelihood security of communities living in these backward and harsh terrains of Chamba, Udaipur and Adilabad.

Dr. B.P. Singh, Chairman CAC, in his opening remarks, congratulated Dr. Pareek and the entire project team for the excellent work being carried out. Dr. Singh said that he and all other members of CAC were participating in the 2nd National Workshop and reviewed the progress of the project in three districts namely Chamba, Udaipur and Adilabad covering all three components viz., plant, animal and fish. He said that I along with the other members express our appreciation to the project team for doing the excellent work in these difficult conditions. The all project partners are working as a family. The results received so far are encouraging and still lot to be done and I am confident that this project will develop a replicable model. He further emphasized that efforts to conserve and utilize the bio-resources need to be strengthened through emphasis on quality of these resources which are associated with them. The farmers are the focal point under this project and technological interventions should always be farmer- friendly with minimum risk involved.

Dr. S. K. Pareek made an elaborate presentation on the project covering the concept of the project, target areas, objective and activities, monitoring indicators, outcome, output, and deliverables. He also presented a detailed report (March to December 2010) on the progress made (objective-wise and activity-wise covering biodiversity conservation and agricultural interventions) under the project in all three components (plant, animal and fish) in three districts Chamba, Udaipur and Adilabad. He

presented a detailed account of the workshops and trainings organized, participation of farmers, women, line- departments and other stakeholders, key innovations, partnership and linkages with the line-departments and other stakeholders, procurement status, finance (budget utilization), reporting and coverage by press and media.

After the presentation of progress by CPI, Dr. B. P. Singh, Chairman, members of CAC and other participants had in-depth discussions and based on deliberations and suggestions, following recommendations /suggestions were made:

Recommendations

1. Baseline survey report should serve as a benchmark. Based on baseline data 3-4 benchmark indicators must be identified for each component in each cluster/district (which will not change later), based on these parameters, the progress of each component will be reported and monitored periodically.

(Action: all concerned)

2. One person has been identified in each district for providing online information for monitoring and evaluation of the project:

Chamba: Dr. J. C. Rana (Plant component), Dr. P. K. Viz (Animal component)
Dr. K. K. Lal (Fish component).

Udaipur: Dr. N. K. Dwivedi (Plant component), Dr. Anand Jain (Animal component),
Dr. K. K. Lal (Fish component)

Adilabad: Dr. Someshwar Rao (Plant component), Dr. K. N. Raja (Animal component),
Dr. P. Punia (Fish component).

(Action: all concerned)

3. Each consortium partners should have one scientist identified for reporting to the CAC through CPI.

(Action: all concerned)

4. Dr. S. L. Mehta desired that one day meeting should be organized where he would like to participate and interact with all the CoPIs of NAIP Biodiversity project.

(Action: NBPGR)

5. Identity cards of the farmers and resource persons should be created and distributed in each district.

(Action: CSKHPKV, Palampur; MPUAT, Udaipur; ANGRAU, Hyderabad)

6. All the practices of good agronomic managements be followed along with the integrated nutrition management based on soil test report in on-farm demonstration of landraces and farmers' varieties.

(Action: all concerned)

7. While assessing the yield potential of the local bio-resources, the cost of production and the associated risk factor should be minimum and ascertain.

(Action: all concerned universities)

8. For characterization and evaluation at farmer's field and research stations specific observations are to be recorded for uniqueness of germplasm, registration of farmer's varieties and GI status to important landraces.

(Action: all concerned)

9. It was decided that using the funds for group meeting a meeting of plant component be organized involving all CoPI's dealing with plant component to develop the strategies for getting GI status, registration of farmer's varieties, Biodiversity register, village level seed gene bank, quality evaluation, documentation of ITK, IPR issues and exploring market avenues etc along with up scaling of interventions and their horizontal spread.

(Action: all concerned)

10. Similar efforts be made for animal component under the leadership of Dr. B. K. Joshi (PL Animal Component) at Karnal. The team should workout enhancement in improvement of animal component through increasing the intervention levels, upscaling of desired interventions (fodder component needs to be addressed), horizontal spread of such interventions.

(Action: Dr. B. K. Joshi, P/L AGR)

11. Similar efforts be made for fish component also under the leadership of Dr. J. K. Jena (PL Fish Component) at Lucknow. The team should workout enhancement in improvement of fish component through increasing the intervention levels, upscaling of desired interventions, horizontal spread of such interventions.

(Action: Dr. J. K. Jena P/L FGR)

12. Some of the important activities which are already initiated in the project are welcome step. The activities such as creation of biodiversity register, (the project should have linkages with State Biodiversity Board and NBA) community seed bank and museum in each district, training of resource persons, and procurement of seed (local landraces) by respective universities to develop seed chain, seed production at farmers' fields are the priorities and value addition through quality evaluation.

(Action: all concerned universities)

13. In September the Co PIs of one consortia can visit any other consortia where good work is going on as part of a learning process. Similarly a small group of farmers may also be invited to visit different districts. It mean that the innovative farmers from one districts should visit other two districts.

(Action: all concerned)

14. Mr. Sundaram Verma, CAC Member suggested that Biodiversity competition should be held at village level for school children in order to create greater awareness among school children for biodiversity in their surroundings.

(Action: all concerned)

15. The proper documentation of farmers data, input supplied along with all relevant records be maintained systematically in each district.

(Action: all concerned)

16. A film of 7-10 minutes should be made this year as success story in each district.

(Action:all concerned)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants by Dr. I. S. Bisht, CoPI of the project

(S.K. Pareek)
CPI

(B.P. Singh)
Chairman, CAC

List of Participants**CAC Members**

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| 1. Dr. B. P. Singh | : | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Y.K. Gupta | : | Member |
| 3. Dr. B. D. Sharma | : | Member |
| 4. Smt. Anita Sharma | : | Member |
| 5. Sh. Sunda Ram | : | Member |
| 6. Dr. S. K. Pareek | : | Member Secretary & CPI |

NBPGR: Lead Institute

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| 7. Dr. I.S. Bisht | : | CoPI |
| 8. Dr. S. K. Malik | : | CoPI, |
| 9. Dr. J. C. Rana | : | CoPI |
| 10. Dr. N. K. Dwivedi | : | CoPI |
| 11. Dr. S. K. Yadav | : | CoPI |
| 12. Dr. Archana Singh | : | RA |
| 13. Sh. Firoz Ahmad | : | RA |
| 14. Dr. Pancha Ram | : | SRF |
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CSKHPKV, Palampur

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| 17. Dr. T. R. Sharma | : | CoPI |
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| 21. Dr. P. Punia | : | CoPI |

NBAGR, Karnal

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| 22. Dr. Anand Jain | : | CoPI |
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| 29. Dr. S. R. Maloo | : | CoPI |
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| 33. Dr. F. L. Sharma | : | CoPI |
| 34. Dr. Shashi Jain | : | CoPI |
| 35. Dr. Siddhartha Hisyan | : | |
| 36. Mr. B. L. Dangi | : | SRF |
| 37. Mr. Amit Purohit | : | SRF |
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