

NABARD Launches First Ever Centre for Climate Change in South East Asia at BIRD , Lucknow

NABARD launched the Centre for Climate Change the first of its kind in South East Asia for accelerating concerted climate action by various stakeholders in government, private, financial and non -government actors. The Centre would help NABARD in enhancing its capacity building efforts manifold. Besides, the new institution would also extend professional support to stakeholders for designing climate related projects and take up collaborative studies and action research projects in area of climate change. It would also support capacity building and project preparation effort in developing countries in the region as also in Africa.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD said “A total of 35 climate change projects, with financial outlay of Rs. 1592 crore, supported by NABARD, are in various stages of implementation in different States”. NABARD is the National Implementation Entity (NIE) for three important climate funds, viz. Adaptation fund of UNFCCC, Green Climate Fund and National Adaptation fund for Climate Change. NABARD, through BIRD, has been engaging itself in capacity building of various stakeholders involved in Climate Change actions. He advised the newly launched “Centre for Climate Change” to address capacity building needs of stakeholders, undertake policy advocacy, promote national and international collaborations by bringing in the knowledge, technology and finance for addressing the challenges and opportunities emerging from climate change.

Speaking at the occasion, Shri. S. K. Pattanayak, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Govt. of India, dwelt on the adverse impact of climate change on Indian agriculture and rural livelihoods. He said that several measures such as promoting micro irrigation, soil health cards, integrated farming models, traditional farming would help de-risk farmers.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate

Change, GoI said that MoEF&CC is playing a lead role in addressing the climate change impacts in the country and has been providing required support to State Governments and framing policies in the areas of climate change related actions.

Dr. Konrad Uebelhoer, Director, GIZ, lauded the proactive role being played by NABARD in climate action.

Shri. H. R. Dave, Deputy Managing Director, NABARD said that Centre for Climate Change at BIRD would be a focal point for capacity building of stakeholders not only in India but also in developing countries. He appreciated the technical collaboration offered by GIZ, Germany during formative stage of the Centre.

The inaugural function was followed by the stakeholders' consultations to generate ideas on technical collaboration for Climate Change, Broadening stakeholders' engagement-financial & non-financial, Training and capacity building and Networking for Knowledge Management, which was attended by senior officials of State Governments, RBI, International Organizations, Banks, Research Institutes, Academic Institutions, NGOs and Corporate sector.



Inauguration of the Centre for Climate Change



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