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A Quarterly Newsletter by Centre for Climate Change, Bankers Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow India



Message of Director, BIRD

This gives me immense pleasure to launch the quarterly newsletter of the Centre for Climate Change (CCC) established by NABARD at BIRD, Lucknow. All of you are

aware that climate change has become real and tangible, affecting people’s lives worldwide. India is ranked fourteenth vulnerable nation to climate change impacts in Global Climate Risk Index 2019. The country is more vulnerable to impacts of climate change in view of the high population depending on agriculture and high dependence on climatic parameters.

I firmly believe that Newsletter will play a pivotal role in dissemination of information and awareness generation which are the foundations of strengthening our systems and improving our approach to deal with Climate Change. May this initiative build the capacities of stakeholders and make them truly “ProClimate”. I am also "Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year. May 2019 bring joy, peace and prosperity to our families, to our country, and to our beautiful planet."

Mrs. T.S. RAJI GAIN
Director

About Centre for Climate Change

Keeping in view the need for focused attention on capacity development in the areas of climate finance among the stakeholders, NABARD has taken the lead in establishing the Centre for Climate Change at BIRD, Lucknow. The Centre for Climate Change setup by NABARD was formally inaugurated on 20 July 2018 at BIRD by Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD in the presence of other dignitary.

Vision- To be a Centre of Excellence on climate change with focus on channelizing and mainstreaming of climate finance for adaptation and mitigation actions



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Mission- Building human capacity to address the climate change adaptation and mitigation needs through awareness creation, knowledge sharing, training, capacity building, policy advocacy, advisory, action research and consultancy services.



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Brief Introduction about Training Programmes conducted by CCC, BIRD



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Centre for Climate Change is strengthening the capacity of stakeholders i.e. officials of line departments from state governments, banks (public, private and cooperative), Non-Banking Financial Institutions, Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), and NGOs. The capacity building programmes are conducted on project formulation, green financing, environmental & social impact assessment, gender mainstreaming etc. Since its launching, the Centre has conducted 10 programmes with 247 participants. The main titles of these programmes are:



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Write Shop on "Project Formulation: Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation" at Dehradun

- Project Formulation - Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for NGOs and State Govt. Officials (Write shop mode) at Lucknow, Dehradun and Chandigarh
- Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation (ITEC), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India sponsored programme on Project Formulation - Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Programme on Green Financing
- Training of Trainers (ToT) Program one on Green Financing
- Programme on Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) & Gender mainstreaming in Developmental projects at Lucknow and Pune

These programmes are participative and interactive in nature. Live case studies, group discussion on identified issues and group processes for arriving at alternate strategies form part of the methodology. Participants are encouraged to bring with them their own case studies from the field which can be shared with others.



Study Tour by BIRD Faculty and NABARD Officers

Centre's Journey so far.....

- Partnership with GIZ on Establishment of Centre of Excellence for Capacity Development on Climate Finance as part of Centre for Climate Change. The purpose is to improve access to national and international climate financing sources.
- **Set up of learning classroom:** To redesign an existing classroom for the flexible use of different learning activities. The classroom should be attractive and inspiring and equipped with furniture for flexible use and that is easy to move.
- **Set up of climate change learning lab:** A learning lab as an innovative instrument of experiential learning will contribute to the sustainable competence development of the target group in the Centre of Excellence for Climate Change on the topic's climate change and climate finance. The lab is being setup for self-paced learning as well as for training activities.
- **Knowledge Portal:** For knowledge management on climate finance, an online knowledge portal is being developed. It can provide access to case studies and success stories. It can also involve setting up of a feedback and review system for documentation related to climate finance.
- **Development of training modules and manuals:** A standardized and targeted training modules on key areas that have already been

identified by BIRD and NABARD are being developed.

- **Network Development:** This initiative strengthens networks with relevant national and international institutions including training institutions from private and public sector. Such networking is envisaged to enable cross learning and regular review and updating of training modules pertaining to climate finance.
- **Study Tour on Building capacities for climate financing:** A guided study tour for selected participants from NABARD and BIRD was organised during 26 Nov- 30 Nov 2018 to facilitate interaction with key German institutions employing innovative capacity building approaches, and with climate finance expertise.
- **Clifit – Faculty development training programme:** A three days capacity building programme on Climate Finance was organized during 19-21 December 2018. The programme was attended by the BIRD faculty members and officers from NABARD.
- **E-learning module – launching:** First ever E-learning module on Basics of climate change was launched by the CCC, BIRD on 21st December 2018. The module was jointly inaugurated by Mrs. T.S. Raji Gain, Director, BIRD and Ms. Emelia Holdaway, International Consultant, Climate Change.



Launch of E-learning module

