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Message of Director, BIRD



As we move from the inaugural to the second issue of the ProClimate, impact of evolution is being felt. Public awareness and public education for climate change adaptation enables communities to identify hazards, act to reduce their vulnerability and empowers them to participate in reducing future risks by turning available knowledge into specific local action. BIRD is committed to strengthening its public awareness and education outreach on climate change adaptation as an economic and lasting investment, at scale, to reduce climate risks and vulnerability. We at BIRD also believe that networking is the key to solutions in Climate Change Action. This newsletter will create an atmosphere of mutual learning to help us on our way to fulfil our mandate and achieve our goals and objectives.

Mrs. T.S. RAJI GAIN
Director

Centre for Climate Change - Journey so far

➤ Since launching in July 2018, 317 participants attended 13 training programmes conducted by CCC on climate change project formulation, green financing, environmental and social impact assessment and gender mainstreaming etc. The participants included government departments, NGOs and banks. An international programme on climate change project formulation was conducted by CCC which was attended by 25 participants from 18 countries.

➤ Another interesting development is conduct of capacity development workshop on preparation of GCF concept note-with special focus on Noyyal

river basin in Tamil Nadu and further mentoring support in finalizing the Project Concept Note (PCN). The PCN draft is in final stages.

- Development of new training modules: The stakeholder specific training need assessment was carried out by BIRD/AIZ/GIZ during July 2018 and different modules are being prepared. These are expected to be ready by April-May 2019.
- E-learning module: CCC has developed an e-learning module on “Basics of Climate Change” and hosted on BIRD’s e-learning site.

First Advisory Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee constituted to review and guide the functioning of the Centre for Climate Change was convened on 01 March 2019 at BIRD, Lucknow.



Advisory Committee Meeting in progress

The Meeting was chaired by Shri H R Dave, DMD, NABARD and attended by the Director BIRD Lucknow, Director CRIDA, Hyderabad, representative from UN Environment, India, CGM-FSPD NABARD, Program Director, GIZ New Delhi and CCC team. The committee reviewed the progress made by the Centre since inception and the action plan proposed for the year 2019-20.



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Write Shop on “Project Formulation: Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

A five days write-shop on GCF project formulation was organized from 04-08 February 2019 at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The workshop was organized to develop the capacity of the participants on Green Climate Fund (GCF) concept note development to access the climate finance. A total of 27 participants from government departments including watershed, soil conservation, animal husbandry and forest department and academic institutions took part, with representation from Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Gujarat and Rajasthan.



Photograph with the Write shop Participants

Regional dialogue on the role of climate proofing growth and development to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

A Regional Dialogue on the role of Climate Proofing Growth and Development to achieve the SDGs: Past and Future were organized during 04 – 06 March 2019 at Bangkok, Thailand by DFID. Mrs. T.S. Raji Gain, Director, BIRD participated in the event as a guest speaker. She discussed about the NABARD’s and BIRD’s role, including various aspects of Climate Finance in India.

The key objective of the regional event was to strengthen implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SDGs in the Asia-Pacific, by bringing together national and subnational governmental, multilateral, bilateral and civil society partners. Climate Finance Network (CFN) was also launched on 08th March 2019. CFN is a multi-partner initiative to scale up reforms across the Asia Pacific region that leverage greater financial flows for climate change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Visit of Mr. Sonam Wangchuk to the CCC, BIRD

Shri Sonam Wangchuk, from Ladakh, the winner of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for the year 2018 for his outstanding contributions in harnessing nature, culture and education for community progress visited CCC and BIRD on 11 April 2019. He had interactions with Team – CCC and BIRD. The climate change induced problems faced by Ladakh and possibilities for rejuvenating drying streams and efficient irrigation management through Ice Stupas in Ladakh through climate finance were discussed.



Mr. Wangchuk visiting the Watershed model in the Climate Change Learning lab

