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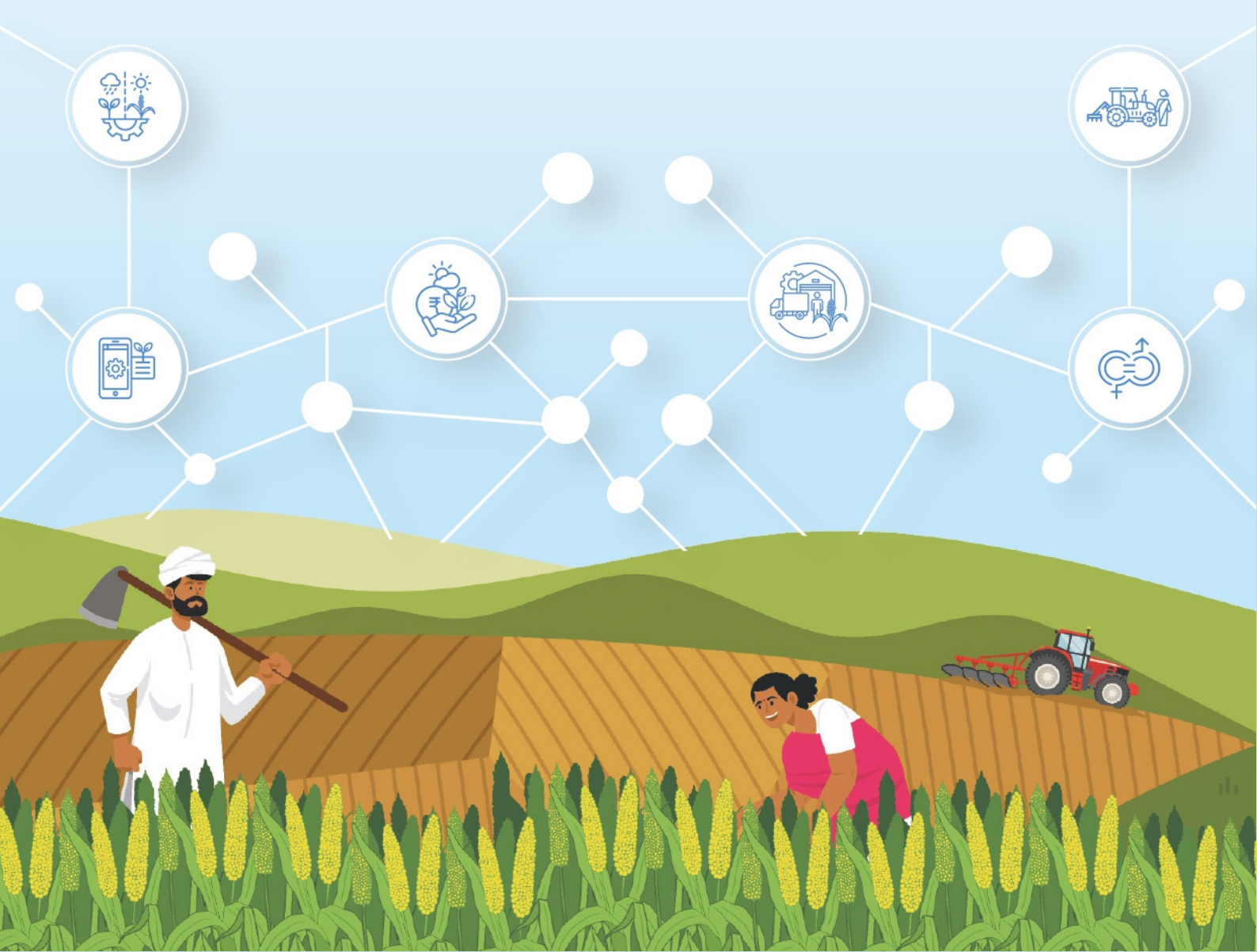
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CONCEPT NOTE

Investment Forum for Advancing Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems



Background

The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) Government of India, and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) jointly hosted a National Policy Dialogue in India. The dialogue led to set of policy briefs and a key publication *Indian Agriculture Towards 2030 – Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems*.¹ Recognizing that these pathways require investments for climate resilient agrifood systems supported by an ecosystem that fosters partnership amongst different stakeholders, it is proposed to develop an **Investment Forum for Advancing Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems** in India.

Objective

This initiative aims to develop an investment and partnership strategy to advance climate resilient agrifood systems among the government, private sectors, and farmers' organizations in India. The proposed Investment Forum will bring together a wide range of stakeholders from the United Nations agencies, civil society, public and private sector including producer organizations and other development agencies. This process will be guided by a Steering Committee chaired by Professor Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog.

Investment Forum - Partnership Development for Advancing Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems

The Investment Forum is scheduled to be held in January 2024 in New Delhi, and it will invite participants to share views on actions required at national and state level to advance climate resilient agrifood systems. Perspectives on national priorities, investment opportunities, partnership, technical support, cooperation and guidance on policy will be exchanged.

The Investment Forum aims to bring together key stakeholders including policymakers, experts, researchers, practitioners, investors, and business leaders from the agrifood sectors, along with representation from international agencies.

The proposed forum takes a holistic approach to create an enabling environment where participants will engage in creative discussions and networking. An anchor will

lead the deliberations around respective sub-themes among the resource persons.

The two days event will be organized in the following sub-themes:

- 1. Climate resilient agriculture (experiences and pathways):** Options and technologies available to promote climate resilient agriculture;
- 2. Digital infrastructure and solutions:** Digital innovations that aim at advancing and enabling agrifood systems for enhanced efficiency;
- 3. Financing climate resilient agrifood systems (Domestic):** Development of responsive financial systems and instruments to facilitate credit and technical assistance for farmers organizations and entrepreneurs in rural areas and to catalyze private sector climate investment to reach smallholders;
- 4. Climate resilient value chains:** Effective aggregation and sustainable value chains (social, environmental, and economic) aligned with climate resilient agrifood systems;
- 5. Production practices and inputs for climate resilience:** Enhanced farmers' resilience to climate change through appropriate incentive mechanisms, improved access to quality inputs, machinery, processing facilities, markets, extension and advisory services for adoption of climate resilient agricultural practices;
- 6. Gender mainstreaming and social inclusion for climate resilience:** Equity for gender and disadvantaged groups in its multiple dimensions to accelerate the progress of climate resilient agrifood systems while promoting inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships, including support to the most vulnerable, leaving no one behind.
- 7. Financing climate resilient agrifood systems (Global):** Potential for FDI to channel investment flows for further growth of the sector and redirect them towards climate resilient agrifood systems in light of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles while exploring 'blend finance' and sustainability-linked facilities contextualized towards profitability to smallholders

1. The full text can be accessed here: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-19-0763-0>

Provisional Programme

DAY/TIME	PROGRAMME
DAY 1: 18 JANUARY 2024, THURSDAY	
9:00-9:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inaugural session; Lighting of lamp• Opening remarks and priority setting: Takayuki Hagiwara, FAO Representative in India• Remarks by Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator• Vision for advancing climate resilient agrifood system: Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, MoA&FW, Government of India• Keynote Address: Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog
SESSION 1	
10:00-11:30	Climate resilient agriculture: experience and pathways
11:30-12:00	Tea break
SESSION 2	
12:00-13:30	Digital infrastructure and solutions
13:30-14:30	Lunch
SESSION 3	
14:30-16:00	Financing climate resilient agrifood systems (Domestic)
16:00-16:30	Tea break
SESSION 4	
16:30-18:00	Climate resilient value chains
18:00-18:15	Summary of Day 1
18:30 onwards	Networking Dinner
DAY 2: 19 JANUARY 2024, FRIDAY	
SESSION 5	
9:00-10:30	Production practices and inputs for climate resilience
10:30-11:00	Tea break
SESSION 6	
11:00-12:30	Gender mainstreaming and social inclusion for climate resilience
12:30-13:30	Lunch
SESSION 7	
13:30-15:00	Financing climate resilient agrifood systems (Global)
SESSION 8	
15:00-16:00	Policy and strategy to create enabling environment for advancing climate resilient agriculture
16:00-16:15	Summary of Day 2
16:15-16:30	Tea break
16:30-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roadmap for Advancing Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems: Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog• Closing Remarks: Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, MoA&FW, Government of India• Vote of Thanks: Takayuki Hagiwara, FAO Representative in India