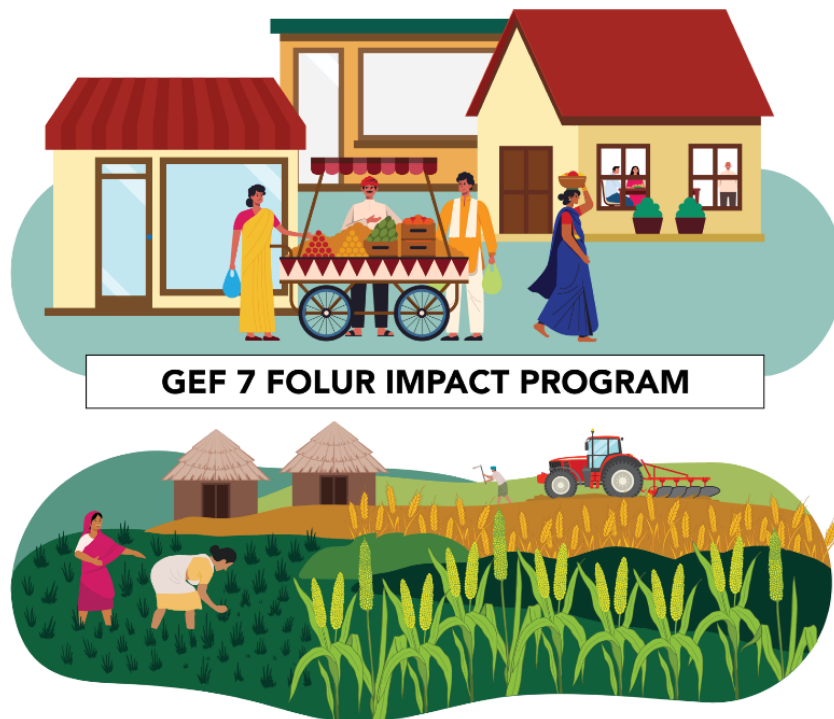




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NATIONAL INCEPTION WORKSHOP ON Promotion of Sustainable Food Systems in India through Transforming Rice-Wheat Systems in Punjab, Haryana, Odisha and Chhattisgarh



ORGANIZED BY
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India and
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

5-6 March 2024
NASC Complex, PUSA, New Delhi

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Promotion of Sustainable Food Systems in India through Transforming Rice-Wheat Systems is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), coordinated by FAO and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) in four states, Punjab, Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The project aims to promote sustainable, integrated landscapes and efficient food value and supply chains at scale in rice- and wheat-based food systems in India.

The project will:

1. Result in major global environmental benefits in terms of reduced land degradation, biodiversity loss and greenhouse gas emissions;
2. Provide the country with win-win benefits in terms of improvements in the environmental sustainability of food systems and the income and resilience of farmers, and;
3. Generate additional benefits for other food system stakeholders such as improved access to safe and healthy food and employment opportunities.

The project adopts an innovative “whole food system” approach. At the core of this model, farmers are supported in managing their farming and livelihood systems in an integrated manner in accordance with principles of sustainability, resilience and agroecology, including locally-adapted best practices capable of delivering multiple and linked environmental, social and health benefits.

Sustainable farming systems will be embedded appropriately in sustainably- and collaboratively-managed landscapes in order to maintain ecosystem services and secure global environmental values; they will also be supported by reliable and appropriate input supply, and supported and incentivised by favourable output value chains. National and global private sector entities will play central roles in both input and output sides.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main objective of the workshop is for the participants to familiarize the project concept, implementation strategy and arrangement and annual work plan and budget. Furthermore, it aims to share the common understanding of implementation activities to be carried out in 2024.

AGENDA

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2024 | LECTURE HALL, 2ND FLOOR, NASC COMPLEX

9:30 - 10:00 am	REGISTRATION
10:00 - 11:00 am	INAUGURAL SESSION
10:00 - 10:05 am	Lighting of Lamp
10:05 - 10:10 am	Welcome by Dr Prasanta Swain, Project Coordinator and National Food Systems Expert, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India
10:10 - 10:20 am	Remarks by Mr Takayuki Hagiwara, FAO Representative in India
10:20 - 10:30 am	Remarks by Ms Shubha Thakur, Additional Secretary (Crops, Oil seeds & Administration), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India
10:30 - 10:50 am	Address by the Chief Guest, Mr Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, MoA&FW, Government of India
10:50 - 11:15 am	TEA BREAK
	SESSION 1
11:15 - 11:30 am	FAO and GEF by Mr Sameer Karki, Technical Officer, FAO GEF Coordination Unit, FAO Regional Office
11:30 - 11:45 am	FOLUR IP at Global and Regional Level by Mr Beau Damen, Lead Technical Officer, GEF-7, FAO Regional Office
11:45 - 12:00 pm	Discussions
	SESSION 2
12:00 - 12:10 pm	Project Overview by Dr Konda Chavva, AFAOR Programme, FAO India
12:10 - 12:20 pm	Institutional Arrangments & Operational Partners Implementation Modalities by Dr Konda Chavva, AFAOR Programme, FAO India
12:20 - 12:30 pm	Project Work Plan and Budget 2024 including 2024 NPMU Field implementation by Dr Prasanta Swain, Project Coordinator and National Food Systems Expert, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Discussions

1:00 - 2:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK
	SESSION3
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Finance, Audit and Spot Check by Ms Seema Sharma, Head of Project Support Unit, FAO India
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Recruitment and Procurement by Ms Uma Balaji, Admin and HR Specialist, Project Support Unit, FAO India
2:30 - 2:45 pm	MIS by Mr Abhishek Saini, IT Specialist, FAO India
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Discussions
3:00 - 3:30 pm	TEA BREAK
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Knowledge management and communication strategy by Ms Pooja Chowdhary, Communication Specialist, FAO India
	Discussions
	SESSION 4
3:45 - 5:00 pm	Environment and Social Management Framework by Mr Sunil PV, Field Programme Associate, FAO India
	Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) by Ms Jyotsna Tirkey, Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India
	Gender and Social Inclusion by Ms Devashree Nayak, Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist, NPMU, GEF 6, FAO India
	Discussions
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Preparation by Operational States for their presentation on Review of their support mechanism on Day 2, 6 March 2024
7:00 pm onwards	Networking Dinner

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2024 | TRAINING HALL, NASC COMPLEX

	SESSION 5
9:30 - 10:15 am	Project Monitoring and Reporting by Mr Debajyoti Kundu, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Expert, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India Discussions
10:15 - 10:30 am	Integrated Landscape Assessment, Planning & Management by Mr R B Sinha, GEF Coordinator, FAO India
10:30 - 10:45 am	Green Value Chains, Private Sector Engagement & FPO by Dr Prasanta Swain, Project Coordinator and National Food Systems Expert, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India
10:45 - 11:00 am	Discussions
11:00 - 11:15 am	TEA BREAK
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Climate trend and Scenario by Dr Richa Joshi, NRM Specialist, FAO India Sustainable Agriculture Practices by Dr Ashok Kumar, Agronomy Expert, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India Discussions
	SESSION 7
12:15 - 1:00 pm	2024 Field implementation by Partner Organizations by Ms Kavita Maria, Capacity Development Specialist, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India Discussions
1:00 - 2:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK
	SESSION 8
2:00 - 4:15 pm	Operational States to present Review of their support mechanism (inputs, farm machinery, extension, crop insurance, market linkage and co-finance) for Kharif implementation: Dr Konda Chavva, AFAOR Programme, FAO India Discussions Vote of Thanks and Closing by Dr Prasanta Swain, Project Coordinator and National Food Systems Expert, NPMU, GEF 7, FAO India
4:15 pm onwards	TEA