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**October 12, 2017**

**New Delhi, India**

**Technologies and Innovations in Climate Smart Agriculture:  
Practice or Perish**

<b>09:00 to 09:45</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>09:45 to 10:45</b>	<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b>	
<b>09:45 to 09:50</b>	<b>Welcome Address</b>	<b>Mr. Sanjeev Asthana</b> , <i>Chairman, National Skills Foundations of India</i>
<b>09:50 to 10:00</b>	<b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Mr. Salil Singhal</b> , <i>Chairman and Managing Director, PI Industries Limited</i>
<b>10:00 to 10:10</b>	<b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Dr. Ashok M R Dalwai (IAS)</b> , <i>CEO - National Rainfed Area Authority, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Govt of India</i>
<b>10:10 to 10:20</b>	<b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Dr. Harsh Bhanwala</b> , <i>Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)</i>
<b>10:20 to 10:25</b>	<b>Brief on NSFI-Yes Bank Knowledge Report and its release</b>	<b>Mr. Sunjay V</b> , <i>Group Executive Vice President, Yes Bank</i>
<b>10:25 to 10:40</b>	<b>Inaugural address by the Chief Guest</b>	<b>Smt. Krishna Raj</b> , <i>Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India</i>
<b>10:40 to 10:45</b>	<b>Vote of thanks</b>	<b>Dr. Sai Krishna Nanduri</b> , <i>CEO, National Skills Foundations of India</i>
<b>10:45 to 11:00</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	

**Plenary Session: Pace of Changing Climate & Mankind's Endurance:  
Impact on Agriculture in the Past, Present & Future.**

**11:00 to 11:30  
(Panel  
Discussion)**

**Chaired by:** Dr. Narendra Singh Rathore, Deputy Director General (Education), Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR)

**Panelists:**

Dr. Anthony Whitbread, Research Program Director, Innovation Systems for the Drylands (ISD), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)  
Dr. Patrick Cortbaoui, Academic Associate & Program Director, McGill University-Institute for Global Food Security, Montreal, Canada  
Mr. Sagar Kaushik, Chief Operating Officer, United Phosphorus Ltd (UPL)  
Mr. Vinay Kumar, Regional Director for Asia & Global Initiatives, Digital Green  
Mr. Wouter Verhey, Agricultural Counsellor for India and Sri Lanka, Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands

**Preparing the Producer for Climate Change:  
Role of Adaptation Technologies in the Fight for Food Security.**

**11.30 to 12:30  
(Technical  
Session)**

**Adaptation Technologies to Address Climate Change Risks:  
*Strength of the Weak Ties.***

**Chaired by:** Mr. Rajeev Ahal, Director – Natural Resource Management, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

**Speakers**

Mr. Abhay Gandhe, Agricultural development professional, Tata Trusts, Mumbai  
Mr. Ashish Bhardwaj, Head Corp Comm, CLAAS Agricultural Machinery  
Dr. K.S. Subramanian, NABARD Chair Professor Department of Nano Science & Technology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore (TNAU)  
Dr. Manzoor Dar, Development Specialist – Agriculture Research (South Asia), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)  
Mr. Raghuram Lanka, Principal Program Manager, Microsoft Digital India team  
Mr. Roshan Pudasaini, Senior Programme Officer, Team Leader-Sustainable Agriculture Kits (SAK) Nepal Project  
Mr. Sachin Nandwana, Co-Founder & Director, Bighaat.  
Mr. Sanjib Dey, Sr Project Coordinator, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)

**12:30 to 13:15**

**Achilles Heel of Policy-Praxis interface: *Is it Technology or***

<b>(Panel Discussion)</b>	<b>Policy?</b> <b>Chaired by:</b> <i>Dr. (Ms) Srivalli Krishnan, Senior Program Officer-Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)</i>
<b>Panelists:</b> <i>Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad</i> <i>Mr. Dirk Walther, Project Director - Support to National Urban Sanitation Policy(SNUSP), Deutsche Gesellschaft fürInternationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</i> <i>Ms. Shubha Sekhar, Director-CSR &amp; Sustainability, Coco-Cola</i> <i>Smt. T.S. Raji Gain, Chief General Manager, National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD)</i>	
<b>NETWORKING LUNCH (13:15 – 14:15)</b>	
<b>Contribution beyond Generations &amp; Sectors: Mitigation Technologies the means of Sustainability.</b>	
<b>14:15 to 15:15</b> <b>(Technical Session)</b>	<b>On the way to Climate Smart World: Costs-Benefits and the adoption of technologies sans financial viability.</b> <b>Chaired by:</b> <i>Dr. Kevin Tiessen, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi</i>
<b>Speakers</b> <i>Dr. Basavaraj Girenavar, Managing Director, Criyagen</i> <i>Lt Cdr CV Prakash, CEO, PetBharo Project</i> <i>Dr. Joska Gerandaz, MD, K+S Fertilisers India Pvt Ltd</i> <i>Mr. Karthikeyan Muniappan, Program Leader, Dhan Foundation</i> <i>Mr.Aditya Sethi, Director of Technology, Digital green*</i> <i>Dr. Soumitra Das, Director, South Asia International Zinc Association</i>	
<b>15:15 to 16:00</b> <b>(Panel Discussion)</b>	<b>Enabling Start Ups vs Facilitating Technology Adoption: Role of Policy Support for Scaling Up Agenda</b> <b>Chaired by:</b> <i>Mr. Pravesh Sharma IAS (Retd), Founder &amp; Managing Director, Sabziwala</i>
<b>Panelists:</b> <i>Dr. Atin Tyagi, Manager- Sustainability &amp; Climate Change, Jain Irrigation Systems</i> <i>Mr. Maanav Yashroy, Director – BoP Business, Philips Lighting</i> <i>Dr. Rajeev Varshney, Global Research Program Director, Genetic Gains, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</i> <i>Ms. Rasha Omar, Country Programme Manager – India, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</i>	
<b>Tea Break (16:00 - 16:20)</b>	
<b>Investments in Agri-Technologies: Perspectives of Technologist, Entrepreneurs</b>	

**and Investors.**

<b>16:20 to 17:05</b> <b>(Panel Discussion)</b>	<b>Increasing the Odds of Success: Integrating Investment opportunities into the User Ecosystem</b> <b>Chaired by:</b> Ms. Anuradha Bhavnani, Regional Director, Shell Foundation
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*Dr. Basavaraj Girenavar, Managing Director, Criyagen*  
*Mr. Hemendra Mathur, Venture Partner, Bharat Innovation Fund*  
*Mr. Jatin Singh, Founder & CEO, Skymet Weather Services Pvt. Ltd.*  
*Mr. Nilotpal Pathak, I-Farms Venture Capital Pvt. Ltd*  
*Ms. Ritu Verma, Co-founder, Ankur Capital*

**Valedictory**

<b>17:05 to 17:10</b>	<b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Mr. George C Varughese,</b> <i>President, Development Alternatives</i>
<b>17:10 to 17:20</b>	<b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Dr. A. K. Singh,</b> <i>Director In-Charge,</i> <i>Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)</i>
<b>17:20 to 17:35</b>	<b>Address by the Chief Guest</b>	<b>Dr. S. K. Malhotra,</b> <i>Agriculture Commissioner, Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India</i>
<b>17:35 to 17:45</b>	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<b>Dr. K. K. Upadhyay,</b> <i>Advisor, National Skills Foundation of India (NSFI)</i>

\* Loop app has been considered as a special technology