General Brief

1. Training Code
   TF-200-NIRDPR-2020

2. Training Title
   CIRDAP – NIRD&PR Collaborative International Training Programme on Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods

3. Date and Duration
   22-31 January 2020 (10 days, excluding arrival and departure)

4. Venue
   NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, India

5. Implementing agencies
   Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP);
   National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR);

6. Funding agencies
   Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India;

7. Number of overseas participants
   Up to twenty (20)

8. Number of local participants
   Up to five (5)

9. Closing date
   15 December 2019

10. Background

Natural Resource Management (NRM) is an interdisciplinary field that considers physical, biological, economic and social aspects of handling natural resources such as land, water, soil, plants and animals, with a particular focus on how management affects the quality of life for both present and future generations. It involves in identifying who has the right to use the resources and who do not have the rights for defining the boundaries of the resource. The Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (SRL) is the most recent development approach to connect natural resource uses with livelihoods of the rural community.

The NRM initiatives and Rural livelihoods varied from context to context, although some common themes emerged such as the importance of impacts on climate change, assets and others. Natural resources as a basic source of livelihood of rural population are under several threats due to rapid increase in population growth, resulted degradation of forest and aquatic resources as well as adverse climatic impacts. The unprecedented pace of degradation of natural resources are one of the root causes of the agrarian crisis.

Therefore, strategy for sustainable rural development is to be adopted to improve the productivity of the natural resources and develop the capabilities of the rural communities to make optimum use of these natural resources for their livelihood.

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In this context, CIRDAP in collaboration with NIRDPR of India is organizing the international training programme on Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in NIRDPR, India from the 22nd to 31st January 2020.

The training programme is designed to discuss in depth the various strategies and approaches adopted for NRM for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, for the rural poor with a focus on rural development and poverty alleviation for the participants of the CIRDAP member countries.

11. Objectives

The prime objectives of this training are likely:

(i) to acquaint the participants with policies, strategies and programmes for conservation and development of natural resources like water and land;

(ii) to provide better understanding of socio-economic environment and technological options for efficient management of natural resources for sustainable livelihoods of the rural poor;

(iii) to analyse the linkage between poverty and environmental degradation in the light of historical experience of the modern and traditional practices of resource management; and

(iv) to impart knowledge on local institutional mechanisms for efficient utilization of natural resources for optimum results through case analysis and exposure visits to villages;

12. Methodology

The Training Methodology of the programme focuses on interactive lectures, small group discussions, appropriate mix of various participatory training methods through mock exercises and audio-visual presentations, field visits and sharing of success stories and other participatory methods.

The participants will make their country presentations for cross-country learnings. In addition, each CIRDAP Member Country participant(s) will prepare a report on back home action plan based on classroom and field visits inputs, which will be implemented at their back home.

Tentative course contents are:

**Module I: Concept and scope of Natural Resource Management (NRM)**
Natural resources such as land, water, biodiversity and agricultural genetic resources, forestry, livestock and fishery etc. and their management;

**Module II: Sustainable Development Based NRM**
NRM approach for synergizing conservation and development, poverty and environment linkages, biodiversity conservation measures, NRM and livelihoods- forestry, fishery, livestock and watershed development programmes;

**Module III: New Strategies and Approaches for Inclusive and Sustainable Development of NRM**
- Community participation and promotion of people organization for NRM, application of GIS for resource mapping of NRM and Sustainable Development of Livelihoods;
- Identifying Livelihoods needs and understanding livelihoods strategies to enhance the CBNRM Programme(s)

**Module IV: Institutional Approach for Management of NRM for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods**
- NRM care policies and programmes, Institutional arrangements for NRM, sustainable development of NRM, common natural resources rights and their realization.
- The impact of tourism development from a livelihoods perspective.

**Module V: Field Exposure visit**
Visit the Institutions working on NRM and successful case studies for NRM based sustainable livelihood.

Apart from that, will arrange exposure through field visits to Iranian successful projects/programmes, Rural Self Employment Programme/Initiatives, Rural Livelihoods Programme/Initiatives, etc.

A Field study visit, for +/- 3 days outside of the venue, may arrange to study and observe the process of Rural Employment Projects Management or relevant areas in rural development projects.
Eligibility Criteria

The participants are expected to possess the following qualifications:

1. **Current position:** The participants are mid and senior level government officials, working under Ministry/Department of Forest, Fisheries, Environment and other relevant department of government and non-government agencies;

2. **Education:** University degree or equivalent qualification from a recognized university/ institution.

3. **Language:** The training will conduct in English, and participants will frequently require making oral and written presentations. They must, therefore, be proficient in spoken and written English.

4. **Health:** Participants to complete a number of individual and group activities, and strenuous fieldwork. It is therefore, recommended to the member countries, not to nominate candidates who are likely to suffer from physical and mental stress.

5. **Certificate:** Participants are required to attend the entire training program to receive the certificate of attendance.

Application Procedure

1. **Role of other Organization of the CMC:** Nominations have to be sent to respective country’s CIRDAP Link Ministry (list attached as annex) with copies to training@cirdap.org by the 10th December 2019.

2. **Role of CIRDAP Link Ministry:** Nomination must be submitted to training@cirdap.org in the prescribe nomination form, with consideration of other organizations, by the 15th December 2019. You are requested to select and send nominations according to criteria.

3. **Role of Participant:** Participants will filled-in the profile form, and upload with other required documents in CIRDAP website.
   - Click the link http://cirdap.org/capacity-building/
   - Click on the programme Natural resource Management, 22-31 January 2020, India
   - Read the Instructions carefully
   - Click ‘Apply now’ and filled-in the form
   - Click ‘Add file’ and upload necessary documents, namely
     1. Official Nomination letter
     2. Passport-size photograph.
     3. Passport copy (valid for at least next 6 month from the training date)
   - After adding all documents, click ‘submit’
   - A notification box will appear for edit, if needed, after the submission.
Country Paper

Training participants are requested to submit and present a country paper on ‘The current scenario of Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods ... (name of their respective country)’.

1. An ideal country paper may content:
   a. **Responsible Authority** (a brief description on the responsible organization(s), who are engaged with the cited matter/subject);
   b. **Policies** (a brief of existing or proposed rules-regulations-policies-plan and strategies);
   c. **Present practices/Programme** (a brief description on natural resource management projects for rural livelihood, up to best three, had undertaken by any ministry or institute or department or other government or non-government bodies);
   d. **Limitations, challenges and opportunities** (Participant will identify specific limitation-challenges-opportunities have in his/her own country’s perspective);
   e. **Way forwards** (Participant will point out his/her own idea to way forward of country’s limitation-challenges and way of utilizing the opportunities. S/he will generate idea of new rural employment project for poverty alleviation);
   f. Participants are free to write any other issues-related or relevant with training topic, in the context of their own countries perspective.

2. The country paper should be written on A4 size paper with 1” margin in all side, and maximum 3,000 (three thousand) words.

3. The participant have to prepare a power point presentation based on their country paper. The presentation time for each paper will be about five (5) minutes with another five (5) minutes Q&A session. However, paper presentation time may vary.

4. The country paper and the power point presentation to be submitted by the 5th January 2020. Both files should be renamed with first name_country paper or PPT(e.g Jack_country paper or Jack_ppt) and submit to training@cirdap.org

5. Please note that, submitting country paper is a mandatory part of the programme. Based on it, all participants will present their paper during the training.
Financial Arrangements

(i) To be borne by the participants' or participating countries

a. Participants' insurance premiums: All participants are expected to be fully insured against accident and illness (including hospitalization and death) for the entire duration of the training and travel. A copy of the travel insurance certificate must be submitted to the CIRDAP Secretariat before participation. Neither the CIRDAP nor the NIRD&PR will be responsible for any eventuality arising from accident or illness.

b. All expenses related to visa fees and airport taxes;

c. Any expenses incurred by participants for stop-overs on the way to and from the training venue, as well as for extra stay at the training venue before and/or after the official training period because of early arrival or late departure, for example, due to either limited available flights or any other reason;

d. All other expenditure relating to travel within the applicant(s) country and in transit, miscellaneous expenses etc. will have to be met by the participant or their concern organization;

(ii) To be borne by the implementing agencies (CIRDAP-NIRD&PR)

a. Per diem allowances and accommodation for up to 20 overseas participants and 04 local participants for 10 days, at the rate to be specified later.

b. All local implementation costs (venue, workshop facilities aid kit, local travel arrangements etc.) for all participants.

c. All assignment costs for resource persons.

d. Round-trip economy-class international airfare by the most direct route between the international airport nearest to the participants' place of work and India.
1.0 CIRDAP Selection Guideline

(i) Each participating ministry or institute is requested to nominate three candidates in the order of preference. Please ensure that candidates nominated meet the qualifications specified under section 2 above;

(ii) No form of self-nomination will be accepted;

(iii) Please note that nomination of a candidate does not necessarily guarantee that s/he will be selected. Selection is at the discretion of the CIRDAP Secretariat. A basic criterion for selection is the homogeneity of the participants in terms of qualifications and work experience. Non-selection, therefore, does not mean that the candidates concerned are not competent enough. Sometimes candidates are not selected because they are over qualified for a training;

(iv) Each nomination should be accompanied by the necessary documents. A nomination lacking any of necessary documents (specified under section 2 above) may not be considered;

(v) Member countries are requested to adhere to the nomination deadline given on page 1. The Secretariat may not consider late nominations as they have in the past resulted in considerable difficulties to the implementing organization in its preparatory work for the training;

(vi) If a selected participant becomes unable to attend, s/he should inform to the CIRDAP Secretariat immediately and give the reason for withdrawal.

(vii) New nomination(s) will get preference to be selected for the programme

2.0 Actions by the CIRDAP Secretariat

(i) Under normal circumstances, candidates who are selected will be informed of their acceptance at least three weeks prior to the start of the programme.

(ii) If some candidates fail to qualify or be unable to participate after selection, or if some member countries fail to nominate any candidate, their slots may be filled by alternates from the same or another member country on a merit basis.

3.0 Evaluation of Participants

If the conduct/attendance/performance of a participant is not satisfactory, these will be reported to the CIRDAP director concerned.

4.0 Other Issue

Without prior approval from the coordinator, Participants are requested not to invite any family member or friend in the training venue, accommodation arrangement, during field trip, and other official programmes.