Press Release The opening ceremony of the 1<sup>st</sup> CIRDAP-BARD Flagship Training



The opening ceremony of the 1st Flagship Training Programme on Regional Integrated Rural Development, Governance, Trade, and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific organized by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development in Cumilla, Bangladesh was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday), 2022. The ceremony of this training took place at the CIRDAP International Convention Centre (CICC). The training will be organized from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Honorable Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, His Excellency Mr. Md Tazul Islam, MP was embraced as the Chief Guest. The Secretary of Rural Development & Co-operatives Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mr. Mashiur Rahman NDC spoke at the ceremony as the Special Guest. The former Director General of CIRDAP Dr. Durga Prasad Paudyal was also joined as the course director of the training programme. In the ceremony, honorable Director General (DG) of CIRDAP Dr. Cherdsak Virapat and respected Director General (DG) of BARD Mr. Md. Shahjahan also attended and spoke about the objectives and purposes of organizing such an important flagship training.

Total 18 participants from CIRDAP Member Countries (CMC) such as Bangladesh, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and AARDO nominated trainee from Zambia are attending this three week long flagship training course. The resource person of the course include a pull of renowned academician, experts, university professors, ambassadors, government officials form CIRDAP host country (Bangladesh) and abroad.

The programme will conclude on November 24, 2022 with a closing ceremony attended by distinguished members from different agencies, embassies, and others.

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