

Consultative Meeting on Developing Guidelines and Methodologies for Socio-Economic Assessment of LMOs

15 July 2014, Magnolia, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

AGENDA

1000-1030 hrs.	Registration
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1030-1100 hrs.	Inaugural Session
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Welcome Remarks: Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS

Introduction to UNEP Project: Dr. Ranjini Warriar, Director, MoEF&CC

RIS Project Overview: Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, RIS

Introductory Remarks: Dr. S.R.Rao, Advisor, DBT, MoS&T

1100-1230 hrs.	Session 1: Economic Impacts and Assessment of LMOs
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This session will cover the economic impacts of LMOs and assessing them in the context of the Project and how to undertake economic assessment of LMOs under the Project. (In the literature economic impact assessment covers inter alia yield productivity, cost of cultivation, profit, pesticide use, fertilizer use, labour cost/savings in cost, irrigation, farmers income, breeder/distributor gains, market, technology fee, seed cost, trade etc.

Chair: Dr. S.R. Rao, DBT, New Delhi

Discussants:

Dr. P.G. Chengappa, National Professor of ICAR, ISEC, Bangalore

Dr. Suresh Pal, IARI, New Delhi

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, DG, NSAI, New Delhi

Prof. Suresh Patil, College of Agriculture, Raichur

Dr. Ravindra Padaria, IARI, New Delhi

Prof. N. Lalitha, GIDR, Ahmedabad

Prof. K. Srinivas, NAARM (ICAR), Hyderabad

Prof. K.R. Ashok, TNAU, Coimbatore

1230-1300 hrs.	Points for Questionnaires and Methodologies
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1300 -1345 hrs.

Lunch-Break

1345-1500 hrs.

Session 2: Non-Economic Impacts and Assessment of LMOs

In this session, issues in assessing the non-economic impacts i.e. social and other impacts of LMOs in the context of the Project will be covered. (In the literature inter alia consumer acceptance, food security, gender dimension, safety and ethical issues, health impact, impact on farmer's rights etc are covered as social impacts of LMOs.)

Chair: Dr. T.P. Rajendran, NIBSM (ICAR), Raipur

Discussants:

Prof. Pranav N Desai, CSSP, JNU, New Delhi

Prof. S.S.Jodhka, JNU, New Delhi

Dr. M. Venkatachalam, Syngenta, NSAI, New Delhi

Dr. Nidhi P Chanana, TERI, New Delhi

Mr. Aniket Aga, Yale University

1500-1530 hrs.

Points for Questionnaires and Methodologies

1530-1545 hrs.

Tea-Break

1545-1615 hrs.

Session 3: Re-visiting Questionnaires and Methodologies

Designing questionnaires for field research to be undertaken under the Project will be the theme of this session. A key deliverable of the Project is on developing relevant questionnaires for socio-economic impact assessment of LMOs. (Model set of questionnaires for different crops and traits targeting different groups/communities such as small/big farmers, male/female rural laborers, breeder/distributors, consumers etc. across different agro-climatic zones)

Discussants:

Dr. Ravi Srinivas, RIS, New Delhi

Dr. Nitya Nanda, TERI, New Delhi

1615-1645 hrs.

Session 4: Project Meeting

Chair: Dr. Ranjini Warriar, Director, MoEF&CC

Discussants:

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, RIS, New Delhi

Dr. P.G. Chengappa, National Professor of ICAR, ISEC, Bangalore

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