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From

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To

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Sub: Minutes of the Workshop for identification of topics on Studies and State Policy Dialogues under Green-Ag Project (GEF-6), Odisha- regarding.

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform that the workshop for identification of topics on Studies and State Policy Dialogues under Green-Ag project (GEF-6), Odisha was held on 13th August 2024 at Krushi Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

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Enclosed, please find herewith the minutes of the said workshop for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.


Director, Soil Conservation &WD-
cum-Ex-Officio Additional Secretary (O)


Memo. 8182 Date. 21.8.2024

Copy forwarded to National Technical Coordinator, NPMU/FAO, New Delhi for information.


Joint Director-I, DSC&WD

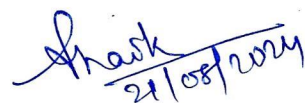
Memo. 8183 Date. 21.8.2024

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Joint Director-I, DSC&WD

Minutes of the Workshop on "Identification of topics for Studies and State Policy Dialogues under Green-Ag Project (GEF-6), Odisha"

On 13 August 2024, a workshop on identification of topics for Studies and State Policy Dialogues under the Green-Ag project (GEF-6) was held at Krushi Bhawan, Odisha. The workshop was chaired by Shri. Nikhil Pavan Kalyan, IAS, Director of Soil Conservation and Watershed Development (DSC&WD) cum State Project Nodal Officer, Green-Ag Project, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha and attended by participants from various departments, including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Academic/research institutions such as Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and the Centre for Good Governance. The details of participants is annexed at the end.

The workshop commenced with a warm welcome from Sri. Sailendra Narayan Naik, Joint Director-I, DSC&WD followed by self-introductions from all participants. Subsequently, Sri. Sukanta Kumar Samal, State Technical Coordinator, SPMU, Green-Ag Project, Odisha, provided a detailed overview of the Green-Ag Project, its framework, and the policy dialogue initiatives under the Green Ag project.

The focus of the workshop was to discuss and prioritize topics that would contribute towards four focal areas of the Green Ag project i.e., **Biodiversity Conservation, Sustainable Land Management, Sustainable Forest Management and Climate Change Mitigation**. Participants shared their insights and gave suggestions as below after an interactive session on various issues pertaining to shaping study and state policy dialogues.

Discussion Points

- Cataloging the Diversity of Fishes and Aquatic Animals in Similipal landscape.
- Promotion and conservation of tuber crops within the natural systems of Similipal and similar landscapes.
- Third party certification of forests for sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystem services available within it.
- Mainstreaming of ethno-botanical practices for conservation and sustainable use local plant resources.
- Climate change adoptive Agro-ecological practices for GHG reductions and enhanced carbon sequestration.
- Managing soil biodiversity for sustainable agricultural production.
- Natural farming and conservations of beneficial insects.
- Promotion of local pisciculture practices and aquatic biodiversity.
- Promotion of Agro-ecotourism around protected landscapes.
- Mainstreaming floriculture initiatives including protection and conservation of orchids.
- Forest fire mitigation strategies, through community awareness, ensuring incentives for cleaning of dry leaves, utilize these for composting/fuel etc.
- Focusing on Human-Environment interface: A Study relating Man and Biosphere interface.

- Indigenous Knowledge Systems on Traditional Crops and Germplasm Maintenance by the Local Community
- Study on Rare and Endangered Flora and Fauna
- Inventory of the Current Interventions on the Forest Rights Act (FRA): Odisha's Carbon Footprint with and without FRA, Including Positive and Negative Contributions to the Ecosystem
- Hydrology Study for the Entire State conducted by ICAR-IIWM
- Promote Seed Production with Government Intervention for Developing Indigenous Species Breeding Techniques - Directorate of Fisheries (CIFA)
- Assessment of NTFP: Exploring Alternative Livelihoods to Reduce Forest Dependency
- Study on Human-Wildlife Conflict
- Including Market Linkages and Value Addition Issues through the Study and Policy Dialogues
- Providing Soil Testing Laboratories and Microbial Testing Facilities

The workshop concluded with closing remarks from the Director of Soil Conservation and Watershed Development (DSC&WD), emphasizing the importance of such discussions and suggested to have similar interactive sessions on periodic basis on various issues of the project. The Director called upon all relevant line departments to propose suitable topics for study and state policy dialogues, focusing on the project's prospects and its four focal areas.

The workshop formally ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and participants.


 Director, Soil Conservation & WD-
 cum-State Project Nodal Officer, Green-Ag Project

