

## Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program

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### 1. Announcements of four International Training Programs under Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT)



"Modern Storage Technologies in Agriculture" during 01-15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at ICAR - Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, Punjab, India.



"Plant Health Management Technologies and Approaches" during 04-18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad, Telangana, India.



"Recent Trends in Harvest and Post Harvest Technologies in Fisheries" during 12-26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at ICAR- Institute Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Cochin, Kerala, India.



"Post-Harvest Technologies in Horticulture Crops" during 06 -20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at ICAR - Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

**Participating Countries:** Afghanistan, Botswana, Cambodia, Kenya, Malawi, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Lao-PDR, Myanmar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam

**Attention:** Interested Executives are requested to contact Point of Contacts (<http://www.manage.gov.in/ftf-itt/ftf-itt.asp>)

## 2. Outcome of International Partnership Convention held at MANAGE, Hyderabad, India

MANAGE organized “International Partnership Convention” which is an interface of all the Stakeholders of FTF ITT. All the 12 Point of Contacts (POCs) of Partner Countries (Afghanistan, Cambodia, Kenya, Botswana, Ghana, Liberia, Mongolia, Malawi, Myanmar Mozambique, Uganda & Vietnam) participated and contribute in this International Partnership Convention, besides, more than 22 National Institutes from India participated.



*Inauguration of International Partnership Convention at MANAGE, Hyderabad, India*

The program was inaugurated by Shri. Paban Kumar Borthakur, IAS, Joint Secretary (IC), MoA&FW, Govt. of India. During his Inaugural address he mentioned that, FTF ITT program can be a perfect program for participatory approach. Further, he mentioned that, pesticide was solution in the past, now became problem hence people are talking about Organic Farming, mentioned importance of Sustainable agriculture. Dr. Thomas Falk, Ecosystem services Specialist from ICRISAT during his special address highlighted the FTF ITT program and he urged that FTF ITT name should be Triangular

Learning program instead of Triangular Training Program, considering the cross learning opportunities in the training program. Further, addressing international representatives, he stressed that only learning from India, but sharing each other experiences will definitely give better results.

Under this Convention, POCs of Partner Countries were given first-hand information related to FTF ITT. The roles and responsibilities of each stakeholders was clearly discussed. All the stakeholders were made aware about Standard Operating Procedures. Based on country presentations and presentations by 22 National Institutes from India, POCs clearly mentioned their priority of training under FTF ITT. Some of the important themes preferred by POCs are ICT application in Agriculture, Post-harvesting technologies in fisheries, Post-harvest Management of Horticultural crops, Integrated Pest Management, Agricultural Mechanization for Small Farmers, Dairy Production, Processing and Marketing, Agribusiness market linkage support, Cassava and sweet potatoes production technology, Climate resilient Agriculture etc.



*Valedictory ceremony of International Partnership Convention at MANAGE, Hyderabad, India*

Project Management Unit (PMU) of FTF ITT in future design International Training Program based on need and priority these Partner Countries. It is expected that, due to this Partnership Convention, the speed of response and coordination will be more between PMU MANAGE Team, Partner Countries and Partner Institutes.

### 3. Feedbacks from Dignitaries about FTF ITT International Training Program



“This FTF ITT program is participatory in nature and can be helpful in attaining Sustainable Agriculture.”

*Shri. Paban Kumar Borthakur, IAS, Joint Secretary (IC), MoA&FW, Govt. of India.*

“This FTF ITT should be renamed as Triangular Learning program instead of Triangular Training Program considering the cross learning opportunities. Not only from India, but sharing each other experiences will definitely give better results”.

*Thomas Falk, Ecosystem services Specialist from ICRISAT*



### 4. Back At Work Plans of the Executives- Progress

#### 4.1 Sowing the seed of Pomegranate Growers Association in Kandahar, Afghanistan

**Prof. Sayeed M. Kabir (Maien)**, Head of the Department, Agriculture Faculty Economics and Extension, Department of Kandahar University under gone training under FTF ITT on “Public Private Partnerships in Agricultural Extension Management” at MANAGE during 17<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 2016. In Kandahar province during peak season, the creak Pomegranate price is too low. Horticulture farmers cannot make money from pomegranate. Extracting & Packaging machineries is also not available.



Based on training held in India, Mr. Kabir preferred his Back at Work Plan on Promotion of Pomegranate Farmers Association, focusing on its Processing, Employment, Training and Price administration of Pomegranates produced in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Mr. Kabir conducted first meeting in the month of December, 2016 followed by two visit in the month of April, 2017 with director of MAIL in Kandahar province and discussed about his back at work plan. MAIL’s Director assured his cooperation and accelerate the process. The issues discussed during the meeting are:

- i. How to reduce poverty level of Kandahar province & best ways to increase the living standards of farmers?
- ii. How to support small business owners.
- iii. Public Private Partnership (PPP) in agriculture





*During meeting of FTF ITT trained Executive Prof. Sayeed M. Kabir with MAIL Department*

## 4.2 Cassava Seed multiplication using Minisets in Malawi

Ms. Twailbu Amina, Agriculture Extension Development Officer from Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of Malawi, Executive trained under 5th FTF ITT training program on “Production and Post-Harvest Technology of Tuber Crops” from 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at CTCRI. Based on training held under FTF ITT Ms. Amina selected her Back at Work Plan on “Processing, Preservation and Utilization of Cassava and Sweet Potato”

To create awareness on cassava production and utilization using the new technologies, in the month of May & June Ms. Amina conducted two field demonstrations to farmers on Cassava seed multiplication using the Minisets technology. During her first field demonstration about 57 Farmer attended and second field demonstration about 120 farmers were present. Sweet potato nursery were also establishment using the orange fleshed varieties. By this field demonstration farmers able to know about cassava seed multiplication using the Minisets and practice in their fields. During field demonstration and farmer meetings, the Plot layout and planting beds preparation was done for cassava and sweet potato. Farmers gained knowledge to make standard planting bed for both cassava and sweet potato nurseries. Also created awareness on sweet potato nursery establishment using the orange fleshed varieties.



Ms. Amina during field demonstration and group meeting with farmers

#### 4.3 “Milk & Meat for all” says Dr. Mary Kerubo Morara, Kenya

**Dr. Mary Kerubo Morara** is a Principle Agriculture Officer / County Coordinator Agriculture Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) in Nairobi County. Dr. Mary was trained on Agripreneurship Development among Farm Women” during 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at Kudumbasree, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. At the end of the training Program, she selected her Back at Work Plan on Broiler value chain group development to form Producer company in Nairobi.



In Nairobi City County, the Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) prioritized three value chains namely Cow milk, Kales and broilers in 2013. The platform consist all value chain actors from the 3 value chains who are operating at various levels. Dr. Mary conducted three meetings with the value chain actors in Malawi to sensitize them on how to adopt a simple traceability operation in the value chains using the IMASHREE Milk Producer Company. There are benefits of forming a producer company instead of operating individually or groups.



*Dr. Mary having discussion with members after presentation*

For cow milk, in Nairobi have a ready farm gate market but unable to meet market demand. The chair lady Ms. Nancy Karanja of Chakula Tele group interested with the idea of Dr. Mary and assured her will to do something related to cow milk such as package of pasteurized milk. For Broiler, member agreed to initially register a saving and credit cooperative which will later be transformed to a marketing cooperative. This marketing cooperative will handle issues of branding and other standards and legal requirement. For Kales, it was discussed that group will focus on distribution of clean value added kale products, shredded and dried. The Chief Officer Agriculture sector and County director of Agriculture assured to Dr. Mary & her team, that they will contact the County government to come up with model kiosks for hygienic handling and value addition to kales. This Kiosk will be handle by individuals and not by groups for attaining sustainability.

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