

International Symposium on

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL STRATEGIES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Organized by Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad, India

In Association with

National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad

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About Symposium

Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad in association with National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad will be organizing an International Symposium on “Sustainable Agricultural Strategies for Rural Development” on **9 January 2015 at 10.00 am**

Rationale

By the year 2025, 83 per cent of the expected global population of 8.5 billion will be living in developing countries. Yet the capacity of available resources and technologies to satisfy the demands of this growing population for food and other agricultural commodities remains uncertain. Agriculture has to meet this challenge, mainly by increasing production on land already in use and by avoiding further degradation of natural resources.

In India also, agriculture provides direct and indirect livelihood support to about 60 percent of population in rural areas, and is still, a key sector of economy. Therefore, growth in agriculture is vital for Indian economy and prosperity of large rural masses. However, mere growth oriented conventional paradigm of agricultural development has become inadequate in the wake of emerging socio-economic, climate and environmental challenges. Impact of climate change, degraded and reducing natural resources (land, water) base and consequent environmental degradation is looming large on agricultural expansion, productivity and livelihood of rural people. It is essential to build a productive, competitive and diversified agricultural sector to accelerate agricultural growth rate which is sustainable.

To address these emerging challenges, a paradigm shift is required not only in policies and mechanisms that govern and facilitate technological development, but, also in approaches for agricultural and rural development.

Keeping this in view, an international symposium on “Sustainable Agricultural Strategies for Rural Development” is being organized by CGG.

Themes

The major themes of symposium are:

1. Sustainable agricultural practices
2. Technological options and opportunities for sustainable agriculture
3. Innovative mechanisms and extension approaches to serve the sustainability goals.

Participants

The symposium participation is by invitation only and include officials of Agriculture department from countries like Algeria, Bangladesh, Botswana, Cuba, Eritrea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Serbia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda who are on visit to India to attend a programme on “Sustainable Agricultural Strategies for Rural Development” at NIRD, Hyderabad.

Outcome

The symposium will educate International participants on sustainable agriculture and defines future that enhances farm incomes leading to rural development without harming the natural resource base and obtaining optimal productivity levels.

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