

Minutes of CPMT Meeting held on 15th February 2008

The IFAD India Country Programme Management Team meeting was held on 15th February 2008 at the IFAD ICP office in New Delhi. Mr. Mattia Prayer Galletti chaired the meeting, which was attended by the Project Directors and the ICP team.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- The Annual Portfolio Review Workshop (PRW) will be held from the 2nd to the 5th of April 2008.
- A one-day field visit will be included.
- The participants of project staff will be higher this year.
- There would be one representative from the NGOs and two from SHG's and target groups for knowledge and experience sharing.
- The Global Agro Business Forum (GAIF) invitation has been sent to the PD's which they would be attending

There would be four parallel sessions during the annual PRW. These parallel sessions would be attended by the respective focal points from each project based on the following thematic areas proposed:

- Programme Management
- Knowledge Management
- Financial Management
- M&E and Planning
- NGO's/ Farmer's organization

In the Programme Management session, the following topics were proposed to be covered:

- Lessons learnt
- Convergence Strategy
- Market and Business linkages
- Federation of Grassroots institutions.
- Carbon sequestration and trading
- Fair-trade practices
- Organic farming

The following agencies were proposed for institutional contracts:

- IDMAT- for Market linkages and Capacity Building. This would be beneficial for all the projects, which are in their early stages.
- MART- To promote market strategy, especially for older projects and for
- SHG and Bank Linkages, the service provider could be either an institution or an individual.

Paper presentations of the following PD's have been accepted for the Organic Farming Congress, which they would be attending later this year.

- Ms. Jyotsna Sitling
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- Mr. K. Moses Chalai
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