

**Follow up Actions on the Recommendations of Twenty-Sixth Regular Meeting of
CIRDAP, Executive Committee (EC) held in Manila, Philippines
on 28-29 May, 2007.**

Recommendations of EC-26	Follow -up Actions
<p>Recommendation: 1/EC-26/2007 EC-26 recommended GC-16 to thank the Government of Japan for positively responding to the request of CIRDAP</p>	<p>A letter according thanks to H.E. the Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh has been given from CIRDAP.</p> <p>The Director General, CIRDAP personally met H.E. Ambassador of Japan and conveyed the message of appreciation accorded by the Members of Executive Committee of CIRDAP for renewal of Japans support, especially for extending financial assistance to hold the Second Ministerial Meeting.</p>
<p>Recommendation: 2/EC-26/2007 Selection of Members of Technical Committee in accordance with paragraph 3 of article –VII of the agreement.</p>	<p>NAM-CSSTC, IFAD, ICIMOD and NABARD have been informed about their inclusion as observer member of Technical Committee of CIRDAP.</p> <p>Representatives from the aforesaid organizations are attending TC meeting.</p> <p>Professor Y. Kaida as IRD expert was also informed about his extension for another two years terms. He participated in all the Technical Committee Meetings held during his tenure. Government of Japan nominated him as the member of Evaluation Committee of CIRDAP to represent Government of Japan.</p>
<p>Recommendation: 3/EC-26/2007 Proposal on Second Ministerial Meeting on Rural Development of Asia and the Pacific for approval of GC-16</p>	<p>Country Focused study:</p> <p>“Assessment of rural development initiatives in CIRDAP Member Countries: Future Opportunities for CIRDAP” had been completed in collaboration with CIRDAP Link Institutions. CMC designated one Researcher from the CLIs to conduct the study. Malaysia and Lao PDR could not join in the study.</p> <p>Country-wise report and the overview paper is being published and will be distributed during the Second Ministerial Meeting.</p> <p>Evaluation of CIRDAP: An evaluation team was constituted with representatives from India, Iran, Malaysia, Japan and CIRDAP. Despite several requests FAO and IFAD regretted to nominate/ provide any representative for evaluation of CIRDAP. The evaluation team according to the TOR recommended in the EC-26 , conducted the study and prepared the Evaluation Report-2009. The report was</p>

	<p>circulated to all CMC and CLIs and other concerned for their comments. The report was presented during the Third Regional Policy Dialogue held in Malaysia in April 2009.</p> <p>The Report was also presented and discussed in the Twenty Fifth Technical Committee meeting in Iran. Based on the comments and suggestions of TC, and CMCs.the report has been finalized. The report will be presented under Agenda Item 10.</p> <p>Organising the Second Ministerial Meeting</p> <p>Chairman, Governing Council -16 according to the decision of GC has invited all concerned on 02 January 2009. CIRDAP accordingly following it up.</p> <p>Afterwards, due to Ramadan and festivals in the month of September and October, 2009 Government of Bangladesh proposed to defer the meeting to January 2010 for better preparation. Accordingly, Chairperson of GC notified to all, on 14 September 2009. CIRDAP is continuously following it up for better participation of all members, invited in the meeting.</p> <p>CIRDAP in collaboration with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh convened a meeting with all ambassadors of CIRDAP member countries on 21 July 2009. Ambassadors of CMCs and CIRDAP non member countries located in Bangladesh (Australia, Bhutan, China, Japan, Korea, and Maldives) attended the meeting. Honourable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Local Government Rural Development, Government of Bangladesh requested the ambassadors to use their diplomatic channel to ensure participation of the delegates from their countries.</p> <p>Inter Ministerial Meeting with concerned ministries under the chairmanship of the Minister Local government rural development and cooperatives were held on 8 October 2009 to organize and review the progress of the meeting. Government of Bangladesh has agreed to provide all logistics and local hospitalities required for the meeting.</p>
<p>Recommendation:4/EC-26/2007</p> <p>Proposal for construction of International Conference Centre at CIRDAP H.Q. Some of the member countries have pledged support to the proposal of providing facilities in the proposed conference centre. With the above</p>	<p>Government of Bangladesh has provided Tk. 1450.99 Lakhs for the construction of CIRDAP International Conference Centre. 80% of the works have been completed. It needs additional 459.20 lakhs to complete the whole centre. Government of Bangladesh is requested to provide the additional amount of money to complete the centre so that the meeting could be arranged there smoothly.</p>

<p>note, the agenda is recommended to the GC-16 for approval.</p>	<p>All other CMCs were requested for extending support for internal decoration of the Centre.</p> <p>India has pledged to establish IT centre in the Conference building. An Expert team on IT visited CIRDAP to appraise the need and cost for the Centre. They also met the Secretary and the State Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Government of Bangladesh. GOB has shown keen interest to get IT support from the Government of India.</p> <p>Pakistan and Malaysia indicated to give support for internal decoration of the Centre.</p>
<p>Recommendation: 5/EC-26/2007</p> <p>Operationalization of Regional Cooperation Fund and identifying the areas of collaboration. It was recommended that the range of the contribution to this fund will be equivalent of US\$ 25,000 or more, as onetime contribution. With the above note, the agenda is recommended to the GC-16 for approval.</p>	<p>India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Philippines, so far have made their contribution to the Regional Cooperation Fund.</p> <p>Several correspondences were made with other CMCs to make their contribution.</p>
<p>Recommendation: 6/EC-26/2007</p> <p>Country based project proposals submitted to member countries was approved.</p>	<p>Out of two project proposals from Pakistan one had been executed in December 2008.</p> <p>Regional Training Programme in Iran was cancelled for unavoidable circumstances. However, during the last TC-25 meeting in Iran, Government of Iran has agreed to re-organize the training very soon. Accordingly, a proposal has been sent to the Government of Iran to reorganize the training course.</p> <p>Out of seven training courses proposed to the Government of India, so far six courses have been conducted with participants from CMCs.</p>
<p>Recommendation: 7/EC-26/2007</p> <p>Regarding the amendment of CIRDAP Agreement it was recommended to refer it to the proposed Evaluation Committee and place it for next EC and GC meetings.</p>	<p>All matters/aspects relating to the changes of CIRDAP Agreement had been referred to CIRDAP Evaluation Committee.</p> <p>Recommendations and opinions of the CIRDAP Evaluation Committee will be presented and discussed under a separate Agenda Item 14.</p>
<p>Recommendation: 8/EC-26/2007</p> <p>EC-26 recommends to GC-16 to approve the proposal of 10 (ten) percent increase in the salary scale of both General Services Staff and Professional Staff Members of</p>	<p>Decisions have already been implemented.</p>

<p>CIRDAP with effect from 01 June 2007 without any increase in CMCs contribution.</p> <p>EC-26 recommends to GC-16 to approve the proposal of Supplementary Hospitalization Assurance Policy for the family members (wife and a maximum of three children) of CIRDAP Fixed Term Staff members with effect from 01 June 2007.</p>	
<p>Recommendation: 9/EC-26/2007</p> <p>For appointment of Next Director General, EC 26 thoroughly discussed the matter and made the following recommendations to GC-16 for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Open the invitation for nomination to all fourteen CMCs. ➤ The present DG can apply for the post, Nepal may nominate him. ➤ The present screening committee shall be maintained. ➤ A special Meeting of the GC will be held in the first quarter of 2008 to be hosted by India in which the appointment of the New DG can be finalized and; ➤ If necessary, the provision 12 of GC-11 in the procedure of appointment of DG shall prevail. 	<p>All countries were notified in time requesting for nominating candidates for the position of DG.</p> <p>First screening committee meeting was held on 14 January 2008. The committee made a short list of 8 potential candidates out 22 aspirant's applicants. The committee again met on 5 February to interview the potential candidates. The committee recommended the following candidates in order of merit , for appointment of Director General of CIRDAP :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Durga P. Paudyal - Nepal 2. Mr. Cecep Effendi – Indonesia 3. Dr. Chowdhury Saleh Ahmed- Bangladesh <p>The Special GC meeting was held in New Delhi India, on 24 June 2008 for finalization of election of the Director General for the period 2008-2012.</p> <p>Director General was elected through secret ballot. The Chairperson of the Special GC 2008, based on the number of votes obtained, declared Dr. Durga Paudyal of Nepal as elected Director General of CIRDAP for the period 2008-2012.</p> <p>Dr. Durga P. Paudyal joined on 6 July 2008 for his second term as Director General of CIRDAP.</p>