

**Follow -up Actions on the Decisions of the
Special Meeting of Governing Council of CIRDAP
held in New Delhi, India on 24 June 2008**

Agenda and Decisions taken	Follow -up actions
<p>Decision: 1/SGC/2008</p> <p>As per the request of Malaysia the proposed policy dialogue will be held in March 2009 in Malaysia.</p>	<p>CIRDAP in collaboration with Government of Malaysia organized the Third Regional Policy Dialogue on the success stories of Malaysia in April 2009. All CMCs participated in the dialogue. It is a pleasure to note that honourable Ministers from eight CMC attended in the dialogue.</p>
<p>Decision:2/SGC/2008</p> <p>“Changing Rural Livelihoods: Constraints and Opportunities” as the Title of the Rural Development Report 2009; and Working Together for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods as the theme of the Ministerial Meeting was agreed in the meeting and 2009 be declared as CIRDAP Year of Sustainable Rural Livelihoods.</p>	<p>Changing Rural Livelihoods: Constraints and Opportunities as the title of Rural Development Report -2009 has been prepared and circulated to all concerned. The report has been revised and is being published. It will be circulated during the Second Ministerial Meeting.</p> <p>Taking into consideration “Working together for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods as the theme of the Second Ministerial Meeting” CIRDAP organized a Regional workshop on Changing Rural Livelihoods in CMCs organized during the CIRDAP 30th Founding Anniversary on 6 July 2009. Two papers were presented on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Rural Livelihoods in South East Asia: Constraint and opportunities; • Changing Rural Livelihoods in South Asia: Constraint and opportunities; <p>The seminar Report is under preparation and will be circulated during the Second Ministerial Meeting.</p>
<p>Decision: 3/SGC/2008</p> <p>As regards expansion of the CIRDAP Membership the Governing Council may officially invite countries (listed in Annex 1) to join CIRDAP as members, which should be followed up through the diplomatic channels</p>	<p>Chairperson, Governing Council CIRDAP has already extended invitation to the Ministers and Secretaries of the countries listed in Annex-1 of CIRDAP agreement.</p> <p>He also requested all Non CMCs (Australia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, South Korea and Singapore.) to</p>

<p>of CMCs before the Ministerial meeting in 2009.</p>	<p>join CIRDAP.</p> <p>CIRDAP is continuously following up to ensure their participation in the meeting.</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh convened a meeting on 21 July 2009 with all ambassadors CIRDAP Member Countries and ambassadors of Non CIRDAP countries such as Australia, Bhutan, China, Japan, Maldives and Korea.</p> <p>Honourable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Local Government Rural Development informed them about the Second Ministerial Meeting and requested to ensure participation of delegates from their countries. They also requested the ambassadors of Non CIRDAP countries to use their good offices to pursue their countries to join CIRDAP.</p> <p>Chairperson, GC also requested all CMCs to use their diplomatic channel for expansion of CIRDAP.</p>
<p>Decision: 4/SGC/2008</p> <p>The EC 27, which was proposed to be held in Sri Lanka, will be held back-to-back with GC 17 in November, 2009, at Dhaka. Accordingly the programme of the regular EC/GC and Second Ministerial Meeting was approved</p>	<p>As per the request of the Government of Bangladesh the meeting has been rescheduled to 24-28 January 2010.</p> <p>Provisional Agenda, Programme and Time table have been drawn accordingly.</p>
<p>Decision: 5/SGC/2008</p> <p>In connection with the policy dialogue CIRDAP will undertake the following steps:</p> <p>a) Preparation of policy papers focusing on changing rural livelihoods in the market led policy context.</p> <p>b) A policy paper on the findings of the study on a project "Access to land and other resources by the rural poor "supported by IFAD will be</p>	<p>Fourth Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Rural Livelihoods will be held on 26 January 2010. Five Policy paper will be presented in the Dialogue.</p> <p>a) Sustainable rural Livelihoods in market led policy context by Dr. S.K.Singh, Director, Training Division, CIRDAP</p> <p>b) Dr. Narayan, Consultant CIRDAP, under whose active participation Country focussed study of CIRDAP Member countries (CMCs) was conducted is requested to present a paper titled "An Overview of Rural</p>

<p>presented.</p> <p>c) ICIMOD will be requested to present a resource paper on: Trends in climatic change and implications for the sustainable rural livelihoods in Asia-Pacific region and Proactive role of government to mitigate the adverse effects on the rural poor.</p> <p>d) Based on the evaluation report a vision paper will be presented redefining the role of CIRDAP in the new policy context.</p>	<p>Development Policies and Programs in CMCs: With Special Reference to Sustainable Rural Livelihoods.</p> <p>c) Director General, ICIMOD has also been requested to present a paper on “Trends in Climate Change and implication for the sustainable rural livelihoods in Asia – Pacific region and proactive role of the government to mitigate the adverse effects on the rural poor.</p> <p>d) Access to Land and Other Resources by the Rural Poor By Shri B.K. Sinha, IAS, Director General, NIRD, India</p> <p>e) Director General, CIRDAP will present a policy on Resetting the role of CIRDAP in the Changing context and circulated to all invitees.</p>
<p>Decision: 6 /SGC/2008</p> <p>Arrangements of the Second Ministerial meeting was approved as below:</p> <p>a. Invitation: Chairman of GC-16 will extend invitation to the Ministers of Rural Development to all countries listed in Annex 1 of the CIRDAP Agreement. UN agencies, major donor agencies and countries that have participated in CIRDAP activities will also be invited.</p> <p>b. Venue: CIRDAP International Conference Centre, Dhaka.</p>	<p>a) On 02 January 2009; Chairperson, Governing Council CIRDAP has already extended invitation to the Ministers and Secretaries of the countries listed in Annex-1 of CIRDAP agreement with copy to concerned ambassadors.</p> <p>He also invited all GC/EC members of CIRDAP to attend the Second Ministerial Meeting with copy to H. E. Ambassadors to pursue through diplomatic channels. Head of 45 donor agencies and development partners are also invited to attend the policy dialogue and the second Ministerial Meeting.</p> <p>CIRDAP is continuously following up to ensure their participation in the meeting.</p> <p>b) The meeting will hopefully be held in the International Conference Centre of CIRDAP. 80% work of the International Conference Centre has been completed. Government of Bangladesh is trying to complete the centre before the meeting..</p> <p>A Five Star Hotel named “Hotel Sheraton”</p>

<p>e. Local Hospitality: Host country will provide all local hospitalities such as transport to the delegates (individual flag car to the Ministerial delegates), security arrangements, publicity, dinners, field trips and others as required. An organizing committee and several sub-committees will be constituted, under the leadership of Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh, prior to the meeting, which will take care of all arrangements.</p>	<p>e) About the local Hospitality, the matter is conveyed to the Ministers and the Secretary, Local Government and Rural Development and Cooperatives.</p> <p>Ministry is very responsive and cooperative to hold the meeting wholeheartedly and professionally. An inter Ministerial meeting was convened on 8 October 2009 by the Secretary RDCD, with concerned ministry and agencies under the chair of Minister Local Government and Rural Development.</p> <p>Several Sub Committee have also been constituted to ensure security, facilitate visa, reception, accommodation, medical care and organizing the meeting smoothly.</p>
<p>Decision: 7/SGC/2008 The Chairperson of the Special Governing Council 2008, based on the number of votes obtained, declared Dr Durga Prasad Paudyal, Nepal as elected Director General of CIRDAP for the period of 2008-2012</p>	<p>Dr. Durga P. Paudyal joined on 6 July 2008 for his second term as Director General of CIRDAP.</p>