

Selection of Members of the Technical Committee in Accordance with Paragraph 3 of Article VII of the Agreement

1. According to the Article VII of the CIRDAP agreement, the following members should be selected for the biennium following a regular session of the Governing Council:
 - a) Two/three representatives of states, which have contributed financially to the activities of the centre, and are not members of the centre.
 - b) Two/three representatives of agencies or organizations, which have contributed financially to the activities of the Centre.
 - c) Representatives of two/three renowned professional institutions in the Asia-Pacific region have to be appointed by the Director General.
 - d) An expert of outstanding professional eminence in integrated rural development has to be appointed by the Director General of the centre.

For (a) no financial support has been received from non-CMCs during the last biennium.

CIRDAP Evaluation Committee gave suggestions to:

- Establish networks with ECO in West Asia, SAARC in South Asia, BIMSTEC around the Bay of Bengal, and ASEAN in Southeast Asia.
- Strengthen the existing networks with ICIMOD and NAM CSSTC.
- Seek networking with other regional and national organizations such as AIT, APO, Thai Royal Project, UNCRD, etc.

While appointing the members for the TC, the following points may be considered:

IFAD, NAM-CSSTC, ICIMOD and NABARD had been the Observer Member of CIRDAP during the last biennium 2008-2009. IDRC, Canada, was also an Observer member of CIRDAP.

For (b) CIRDAP, in collaboration with ANGOC, implemented one IFAD project. Currently CIRDAP in collaboration with IFAD is implementing one project “Access to land and other natural resource by rural poor” in Bangladesh, Nepal and Indonesia. CIRDAP has requested for the second phase of the project.

CIRDAP signed MoU with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and some programs were conducted in collaboration with them. ICIMOD is expected to present a paper on “Climate change and its impact on rural poor in the forthcoming Regional Policy Dialogue of CIRDAP”.

For (c) Bankers institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow, India, was appointed by GC-14 as observer member of TC. CIRDAP of late regularly coordinates “Exposure visits on Micro Credit” in Bangladesh with support from Grameen Bank, ASA and BRAC.

Iran in the 25th EC meeting suggested, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) could be associated with CIRDAP. During the TC-25 meeting in Iran in July 2009 , Director General, CIRDAP had a meeting with the officials of ECO and the later has shown keen interest to work together in the field of rural development and poverty alleviation.

CIRDAP Evaluation Team visited AIT and discussed the possibilities of cooperation and collaboration between CIRDAP and AIT. CIRDAP is exploring possibilities of developing human resources and experts in rural development in collaboration with AIT.

Given the above facts, it is proposed that ECO, IFAD, Grameen Bank and AIT may be considered as TC Observer members for next Biennium.

Similarly, for IRD Expert (d) Prof. Yoshihiro Kaida had been IRD expert for two terms. He also acted as a member of CIRDAP Evaluation Committee. Government of Japan has given financial support to organize this Second Ministerial Meeting, Country focussed study and CIRDAP Evaluation. Dr. Professor Y. Kaida negotiated with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh to get this assistance. Professor Y. Kaida has a long experience of working in the field rural development closely associating with the Government of Bangladesh and South- East Asian countries. He was also a member of the Committee for recruitment of Director General, CIRDAP.

CIRDAP is now looking for new members. For the purpose of lobbying with the Government of Japan, Professor Y. Kaida may be very useful for the coming years.

Propositions:

The EC-27 may recommend GC 17 that:

- a) From organizations, contributed financially to the activities of the Centre, IFAD may again be nominated as TC member.
- b) From among the renowned professional institutions in the Asia-Pacific region ECO, AIT, ICIMOD, and Grameen Bank, may be nominated as TC members. ECO is from West Asia, AIT from East Asia, and GB / ICIMOD from South Asia.
- c) As an expert of outstanding professional eminence in integrated rural development, the term of Prof. Yoshihiro Kaida may be continued for another two years.