

**Follow- up Action on the Decisions of GC-16 Meeting  
held in Manila, Philippines on 31 May and 01 June 2007**

Decisions of the DC-16 Meeting	Follow-up Actions
<p><b>Decision: 1/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>It was decided to thank the Government of Japan for positively responding to the request of CIRDAP for organizing the Ministerial Meeting in 2009.</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><b>Decision: 2/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>Regarding the administrative matters on the personnel development policy of CIRDAP, it was decided to refer to the proposed CIRDAP Evaluation Committee to be set up as part of the second Ministerial Meeting.</p>	<p>Administrative matters on personnel development policy of CIRDAP was referred to CIRDAP Evaluation Committee (CEC)</p> <p>CEC accordingly reflected their opinions in the Evaluation Report. Recommendations and opinions of the CIRDAP Evaluation Committee will be presented and discussed under a separate Agenda Item: 11 (a) ; Capacity Building of CIRDAP Secretariat.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 3/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>CIRDAP would prepare an MOU, to be signed with ECO in collaboration with Iran.</p>	<p>During TC-25 Meeting in Tehran, Iran, Director General met the Secretary General and high officials of ECO and discussed with them about the potential areas of joint collaboration between CIRDAP and ECO. One representative from ECO attended the TC-25 Meeting in Tehran, Iran.</p> <p>CIRDAP has invited ECO in the Second Ministerial Meeting. We have also proposed ECO as a observer member of CIRDAP TC committee for next biennium 2010-2011 under category of professional institutions</p>
<p><b>Decision: 4/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>IFAD, NABARD (India), NAM-CSSTC, ICIMOD are approved to be the TC Members. The tenure of IRD Expert</p> <p>Dr. Kaida is extended for two more years, as recommended by EC-26.</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 committee 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.</p>

	Government of Japan nominated him as the member of Evaluation Committee of CIRDAP to represent Government of Japan.
<p><b>Decision: 5/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>In order to evaluate CIRDAP from its institutional and strategic perspectives an Evaluation Team will be constituted consisting of the following:</p> <p>Iran from West Asia, India from South Asia, Malaysia from South East Asia</p> <p>Request FAO to second one expert as a member. Request IFAD to second one expert as a member. Request the Government of Japan to second one expert as a member. A senior professional of CIRDAP</p>	<p>An evaluation team was constituted with representatives from India, Iran, Malaysia, Japan and CIRDAP.</p> <p>Despite several requests FAO and IFAD regretted to nominate/ provide any representative for evaluation of CIRDAP.</p> <p>The CEC has already finalized its report ,which will be submitted in Agenda Item 10.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 6/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>For organising the Second Ministerial Meeting on Rural Development of Asia and Pacific in 2009, the Government of Bangladesh will host the meeting while the Government of Japan will provide funding support for organizing the Ministerial Meeting in 2009. The Ministerial Meeting will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh sometimes in October-November 2009.</p> <p>The invitation will be extended to all countries listed in Annex 1 of the CIRDAP Agreement. UN agencies, major donor agencies and some other countries will also be invited.</p> <p>The meeting will be organized for 3 days, back to back with GC meeting. The Ministerial Meeting will also have a broad theme of contemporary relevance. A high level lecture by an eminent person on the relevant topic could also be arranged during the Ministerial Meeting.</p>	<p>Chairperson, Governing Council -16 according to the decision of GC invited all concerned in January 2009. CIRDAP also followed it up.</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</p>

	<p>under the chairmanship of the Minister Local government rural development and cooperatives was held on 8 October 2009 to organize the meeting. Government of Bangladesh has agreed to provide all logistics and local hospitalities required for the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 7/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>The Evaluation Committee will look into the strategic and institutional perspectives of CIRDAP. TOR of the Committee will be as follows:</p> <p>Review the context and mandate given to CIRDAP</p> <p>Review the achievements of CIRDAP during the past 27 years</p> <p>Review the changing policies and context at national and international level especially in relation to RD and PA.</p> <p>Visit, at least, one country by each member and headquarters of regional centres such as SAARC, ICIMOD, ASEAN, BMSTEC, ECO etc. and interact with them.</p> <p>Recommend on the following aspects, among others:</p> <p>Redefining the role of CIRDAP in the new context of globalization.</p> <p>Institutional linkage of CIRDAP with FAO and other UN bodies and international organizations.</p> <p>Institutional networking between CIRDAP and CMCs on an operational level.</p> <p>Institutional linkage with other inter-governmental organizations such as ECO, SAARC, BMSTEC, ASEAN, ICIMOD, GMS etc.</p> <p>Resource generation to make a significant impact in the new challenges.</p> <p>Expansion of membership to other countries (e.g. Bhutan, Maldives, Cambodia, East Timor, China, ROK etc.) and other region (e.g. Middle East, Central Asia, Pacific Island etc.)</p> <p>Scope for the engagement of CIRDAP with CSOs and NGOs working in the areas of rural development and poverty alleviation.</p>	<p>The evaluation team according to the ToR recommended in the EC-26 , conducted the study and prepared the Evaluation Report-2009. The report was 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>The Committee should complete the work in six months. CIRDAP will provide travel, accommodation and secretarial assistance during their visit and stay in CIRDAP. CIRDAP will also arrange their visit to other member countries and the headquarters of other regional organizations.</p> <p>GC-16 approved the following budget from the General Fund of CIRDAP</p> <p>Preparation of the technical documents mentioned above US\$ 5,000. Travel and DSA for the CIRDAP Evaluation Team to CMCs US\$ 30,000</p> <p>Professional and logistic support for CIRDAP Evaluation Team US\$ 15,000.</p> <p>Total amount US\$ 50,000</p> <p>The Meeting will be held combining with regular meeting of Governing Council sometimes in the last quarter of 2009 in Bangladesh.</p> <p>Governing Council approved the</p> <p>Recommendations made by EC-26 in this regard.</p>	<p>CIRDAP arranged visit of the Evaluation Team in Thailand, India, Vietnam, Iran, Malaysia and Philippines and Several regional Institutions in connection with Evaluation of CIRDAP.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 8/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to place on record the appreciation of GC Members for the initiatives and support given by the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh for the construction of international Conference Centre in the CIRDAP HQs.</p>	<p>Government of Bangladesh in several occasions was appreciated and recognized for its continuous generous support, especially to construct the International Conference Centre. It has so far provided Tk. 1450.99 lakhs for the construction of Conference Centre by which about 80% of the works have been completed. An additional amount of Tk. 459.20 lakhs was asked for completing the whole centre before the Second Ministerial Meeting.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 9/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>Regarding country contribution for providing facilities within the International Conference Centre, as recommended by EC-26, CIRDAP has to prepare and send to all the CMCs item-wise cost estimates for their participation and support.</p>	<p>All other CMCs were requested for extending support for internal decoration of the Centre.</p> <p>India 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, Local Government Rural Development, Government of Bangladesh. Government of Bangladesh has shown keen interest to get IT support from the Government of India.</p>

	Pakistan and Malaysia indicated to give support for internal decoration of the Centre.
<p><b>Decision: 10/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>Cost and Data Centre to be installed in the International Conference Centre will be prepared by CIRDPAP.</p>	<p>A proposal on ICT from CIRDPAP was sent to Government of India. Based on the proposal Government of India sent an Expert team on IT to appraise the need and cost for the Centre. They also met the Secretary and the State Minister, Local Government Rural Development, Government of Bangladesh. Government of Bangladesh has shown keen interest to get IT support from the Government of India.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 11/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>The range of contribution to this fund will be equivalent to USD 25000 or more as one time contribution. The agenda as recommended by EC-26 is approved by GC-16</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><b>Decisions: 12/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>Country based project proposals submitted to the member countries were recommended by EC-26 is approved by GC-16.</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><b>Decision: 13/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>Amendment of CIRDPAP Agreement has been deferred and proposed that the Evaluation Committee will look into the matter and CIRDPAP will place it in the next EC and GC meeting to be held in 2009.</p>	<p>All matters/aspects relating to the changes of CIRDPAP Agreement had been referred to CIRDPAP Evaluation Committee. Recommendations and opinions of the CIRDPAP Evaluation Committee will be presented and discussed under a separate Agenda Item 13.</p>
<p><b>Decision: 14/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>For appointment of Next Director General of CIRDPAP the recommendation of EC-26 to the above note from point 1-5 is approved by GC-16.</p>	<p>All countries were notified in time requesting for nominating candidate 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 2008 to interview the potential</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the invitation for nomination to all fourteen CMCs.</li> <li>• The present DG can apply for the post, Nepal may nominate him.</li> <li>• The present Screening Committee shall be maintained.</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• If necessary, the provision 12 of GC-11 in the procedure of appointment of DG shall prevail.</li> </ul>	<p>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"> <li>1. Dr. Durga P. Paudyal - Nepal</li> <li>2. Mr. Cecep Effendi – Indonesia</li> <li>3. Dr.Chowdhury Saleh Ahmed- Bangladesh</li> </ol> <p>The Special GC 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. 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>
<p><b>Decision: 15/GC-16/2007</b></p> <p>a) The GC-16 approved the recommendation of EC-26 for a 10 (ten) percent increase in the salary scale of both General Services Staff and Professional Staff Members of CIRDAP with effect from 01 June 2007 without any increase in CMCs contribution.</p> <p>b) The GC-16 approved the recommendation of EC-26 for Supplementary Hospitalization insurance 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>Decisions have already been implemented.</p>