

# Future direction and strategy

*What could be the framework for civil society engagement with the advocacy?*

# **Some reflections on yesterday's deliberations**

- **Rainfed farming is very heterogeneous and diversified (hence it requires participation of a large number of resource organizations / funding agencies in a collaborative manner)**
- **Reasons for success in irrigated agriculture are becoming hurdles for development in rainfed areas – Prof. Anil Gupta**
- **Clear articulation is urgently required about alternative paradigm (to Green Revolution paradigm) for development in tribal area**

## **Some reflections (*contd.*)**

- **The existing policies, investments, technologies, delivery mechanisms are inadequate / not relevant for rainfed areas**
- **Alternate experiences (on technologies, delivery mechanism, etc) are now available and they are at different levels on the policy advocacy ladder**

## **Some reflections (*contd.*)**

- **Participatory processes even in decentralized developmental projects (viz. RKVY, NREG, NHM, NFSM, etc) are quite inadequate – hence opportunity exists**
- **The existing critical instruments under public sector for development of rainfed farming (i.e. watershed development, NRAA, etc) are very inadequate**

## **Some reflections (*contd.*)**

- **There is a need to redesign support systems and incentives if new paradigm is to be promoted and investments are to be enhanced in rainfed areas**
- **Emerging scenario about climate change has brought additional opportunity for policy advocacy in favour of alternate paradigm**
- **There is a need to also use alternate routes for policy advocacy – legal; media, etc**

# **Policy advocacy ladders**

- 1. Critical analysis of gaps in the existing policies, guidelines, programmes, support systems, incentives, allocations, delivery mechanisms, etc**
- 2. Generation of successful experiences for addressing the above gaps**
- 3. Advocacy to modify existing policies, guidelines, etc**

## **Policy advocacy ladders (*contd.*)**

### **4. Concurrent upscaling of successful experiences through**

- **NGO funding**
- **Public sector funding**

### **5. Mainstreaming of successful experiences through collaborative working, lobbying, modifying guidelines, processes, incentives, etc)**

# Way forward

- **Research**
- **Pilots**
- **Networking**
- **Policies**
- **Media**