

*Brainstorming workshop*  
**Rethinking Rainfed Farming - Crafting an agriculture policy  
appropriate to the Rainfed Areas**

**Date:** 22-23, June 2009

**Venue:** MANAGE, Hyderabad, A.P.

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09:00 Hrs	Registration of participants	
09:30 Hrs	Welcome and Introductory remarks	Dr. Vasant Saberwal <i>Ford Foundation</i> Shri. A. Ravindra <i>WASSAN</i>
<b>PRE – LUNCH SESSION – Overview of the rationale and need for a differentiated agricultural policy for rainfed areas</b>		
<i>Chairperson: Ms. Shashi Rekha Rajagopalan, Development Consultant</i>		
09:50 Hrs	<u>Dimensions of a differentiated policy for rainfed farming</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An overview</li> </ul>	Dr. J. Venkateswarlu <i>Former Director, CAZRI</i>
10:10 Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grounding in local contexts (ten minutes each)</li> <li>• Open Discussion</li> </ul>	Shri. Apoorva Oza <i>AKRSP - India</i> Shri. V.K. Madhavan <i>CHIRAG</i> Shri. Ganesh Neelam <i>CINI</i>
11:00 Hrs	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:15 Hrs	Macro economic context to agricultural policies and investment patterns, and their relevance for rainfed areas	Dr. V. Ratna Reddy, <i>LNRMI</i>
11:30 Hrs	Open discussion	
11:45 Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of current government programs and their relevance to rainfed farming</li> <li>• Sharing of experiences in District planning</li> </ul>	Dr. M. N. Reddy <i>MANAGE</i> Shri. Neelesh Singh, <i>ARAVALI</i> Shri. Salil Das, <i>PSI</i>
12:15 Hrs	Emerging framework for sustainable rainfed farming policies	Shri. A. Ravindra <i>WASSAN</i>
12:30 Hrs	Open discussion	
13:00 Hrs	Chairperson's remarks	
13:10 Hrs	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>POST LUNCH SESSION – Overview of emerging options from field and research experiences</b>		
<i>Chairperson: Dr. J. Venkateswarlu, Ex-Director, CAZRI</i>		
14:00 Hrs	<u>Crop patterns with a focus on millets for national and household food security</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An overview</li> </ul>	Dr. A. Seetaram <i>Ex-Project Coordinator (Millets) / Emeritus Scientist</i>
14:20 Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Field experiences</li> </ul>	Shri. M. Dinesh Kumar <i>Timbaktu Collective &amp; Others</i>
14:30 Hrs	Open discussion	

15:00 Hrs	<u>Emerging experiences on soil health management and required policy support</u> ▪ An overview	Dr. Arun Balamatti <i>AME Foundation</i>
15:20 Hrs	▪ Local experiences	Dr. M. Vanaja <i>WASSAN &amp; Others</i>
15:30 Hrs	Open discussion	
16:00 Hrs	<b>Tea Break</b>	
16:20 Hrs	<u>Non – chemical pest management and policy support</u> ▪ An overview	Dr. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu <i>Centre for Sustainable Agriculture</i>
17:00 Hrs	Open discussion	
17:30 Hrs	<u>Integrating livestock into rainfed agriculture: trends, missing links and policy support</u> ▪ An overview	Dr. Sagari R. Ramdas <i>ANTHRA</i>
17:50 Hrs	▪ Sharing of field experiences	
18:00 Hrs	Open discussion	
18:30 Hrs	Chairperson's remarks	
18:40 Hrs	<b>Close</b>	

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<b>PRE – LUNCH SESSION – Overview of emerging options from field and research experiences (contd.)</b>		
<i>Chairperson: Prof. Sukhpal Singh, IIM-Ahmedabad</i>		
09:00 Hrs	Emerging scenario on seed systems for sustainable agriculture	
	▪ An overview ▪ Sharing field experience	Dr. Suman Sahai <i>Gene Campaign</i> Shri. G.P. Rajasekhar, <i>CSA</i>
09:30 Hrs	Open discussion	
10:00 Hrs	<u>Perspectives on water in rainfed areas – trends, emerging options and needed policy shifts</u> • Groundwater	Dr. Himanshu Kulkarni <i>ACWADAM</i>
10:20 Hrs	• Surface water	Dr. K.V. Rao <i>CRIDA</i>
10:30 Hrs	• Sharing field experience on groundwater	-
10:40 Hrs	Open discussion	
11:10 Hrs	Chairperson's remarks	
11:20 Hrs	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:40 Hrs	<u>Markets in rainfed areas: Issues of infrastructure, opportunities and institutions</u> • Introductory remarks	Prof. Sukhpal Singh <i>IIM – Ahmedabad</i>
11:50 Hrs	• NPM-I Initiative • Sharing other experiences	Shri. V.K. Madhavan <i>CHIRAG</i>

12:00 Hrs	Open discussion	
<b>CONCLUDING SESSION : Building an advocacy Initiative - WAY FORWARD</b>		
<i>Chairperson: Dr. Steven Solnick, Ford Foundation</i>		
12:30 Hrs	Future direction and strategy (Plenary session): What could be the framework for civil society engagement with the advocacy?	Dr. N.K. Sanghi WASSAN
12:40 Hrs	Open discussion	
13:10 Hrs	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00 Hrs	<u>Group work on different themes</u>	
	• Millets in food security	Dr. A. Seetaram
	• Sustainable agriculture with focus on soil health, NPM and seed bank	Dr. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu
	• Management of ground and surface water in rainfed areas	Dr. Himanshu Kulkarni
15:30 Hrs	<b>Tea break</b>	
15:50 Hrs	• Presentation of group recommendations by respective facilitators (Plenary session)	
16:20 Hrs	• Open discussion	
17:20 Hrs	• Chairperson's remarks	
17:30 Hrs	<b>Close</b>	