



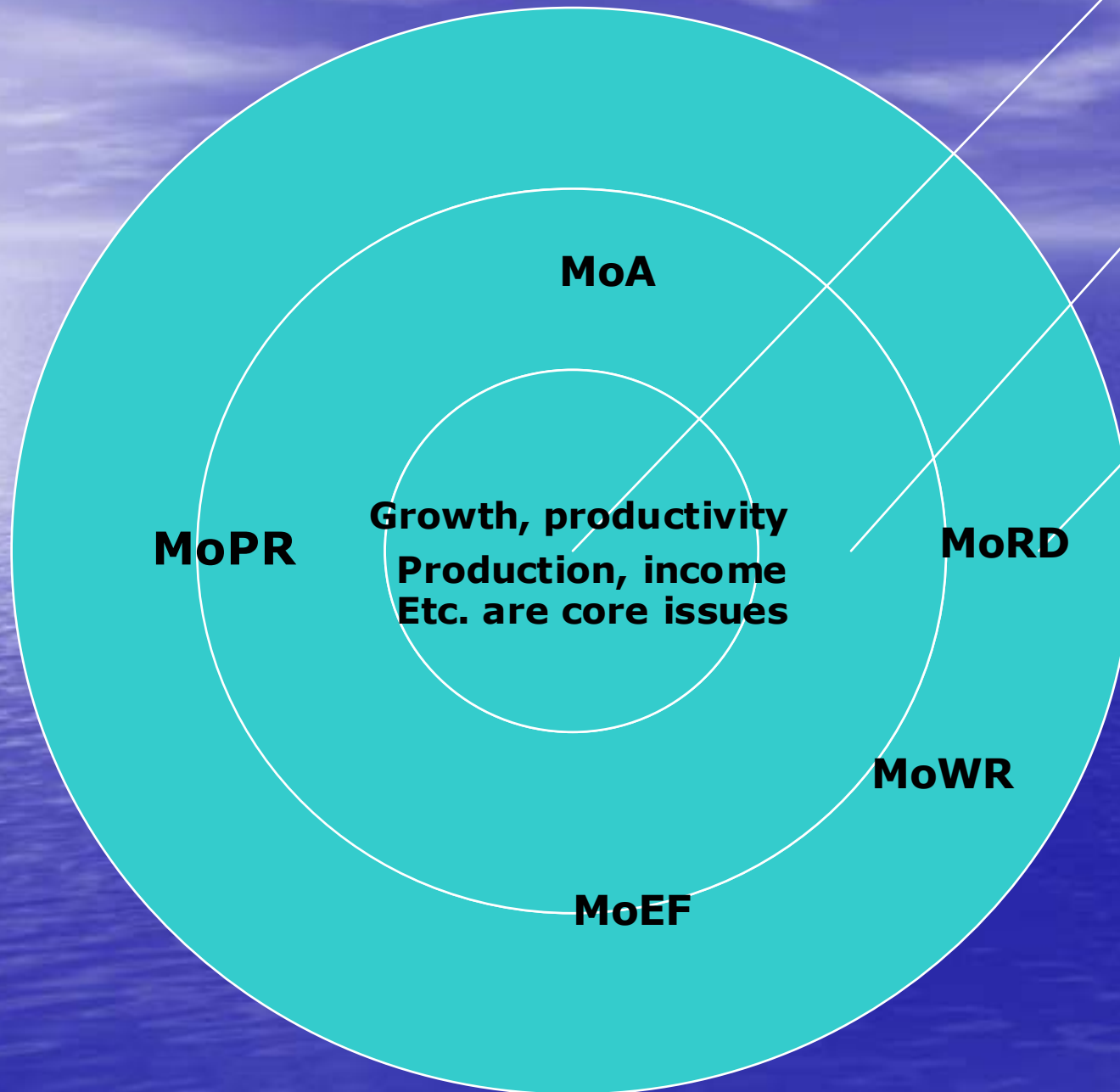
National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)-
Rationale, Organization and Mandate.

Rationale

- At present 60% of Indian and 80% of the world agriculture is un-irrigated.
- After having developed all water resources, 50% of agriculture will still continue to be rainfed.
- Our 86% pulses, 77% oil seeds and 50% cereals are contributed by rainfed agriculture.
- Export of castor oil, guar gum, seed spices and soyabean cake as non. G.M. product are other important commodities.

- For combating global warming some cereals and vegetable oils will be diverted to bio-fuel in many countries. International trade in oil seeds is escalating. More demands on rainfed agriculture.
- Full integration of forest lands, water management, crops, horticulture, live stock and micro-enterprising is a complex inter-minertrial task.
- Convergence through district and state level planning for optimizing resource utilization is being prioritized.

1. CONVERGENCE & Net Working



Organization of NRAA

Governing Board
Chairman & Co-Chairman
Appointed by P.M.

Executive Committee

Governing Board

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| 1. Minister of Agriculture | - | Chairman |
| 2. Minister of rural Development | - | Co-Chairman |
| 3. Minister of Water Resources | - | Member |
| 4. Minister of Environment & Forests | - | Member |
| 5. Member, Agriculture, Planning
Commission | - | Member |
| 6. Secretary, Department of Agriculture
& Cooperation | - | Member |
| 7. Secretary, Department of Agriculture
Research & Education | - | Member |
| 8. Secretary, Ministry of Rural
Development | - | Member |

9. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources - Member
10. Secretary, Ministry of Environment &
Forest - Member
11. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati
Raj - Member
12. Chairman, NABARD (National Bank
for Agriculture & Rural Development) - Member
13. One Farmer Representative/Organization
(To be nominated by Ministry
of Agriculture) - Member
14. Chief Executive Officer (National
Rainfed Area Authority) - Member-
Secretary

Executive Committee

1. Chief Executive Officer (in the rank of Secretary to the Govt. of India.)
2. Five Eminent Experts (in the rank of AS/JS.)
 - (i) Water Management
 - (ii) Agriculture/Horticulture
 - (iii) Animal Husbandry & Fisheries
 - (iv) Forestry
 - (v) Watershed Development

3. One representative each from Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
4. Advisor, Agriculture, Planning Commission.
5. Director, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur.
6. Director, Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad.
7. Subject Matter Specialists.

Mandate of the NRAA

- (i) To prepare a perspective plan, outlining the national strategy and road map for holistic and sustainable development of rainfed farming areas.
- (ii) To evolve common guidelines for all schemes of different Ministries including Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) for development of Rainfed / Dry land Farming Systems.
- (iii) To coordinate and bring convergence within and among agricultural and wasteland development programmes being implemented in rainfed areas of the country.

- (iv) To identify rainfed areas in different States which need priority attention and prepare watershed development programmes for integrated natural resource management, in consultation with States, focusing on multidimensional crop, livestock, horticulture, agri-pasture integrated systems and programmes for landless farming communities.
- (v) To identify gaps in input supply, credit availability, dissemination of appropriate technology and other requirements relevant for development of rainfed areas.

- (vi) To guide the implementing agencies on priority setting and monitor the specific interventions required.
- (vii) To develop plans/programmes for capacity building of Centre/State Government functionaries in rainfed areas.
- (viii) To suggest modalities to strengthen National and State Level Institutions concerned with Rainfed/Dryland areas, and establish institutional linkages with prioritized watersheds.

- (ix) To monitor disbursement of rural credit/insurance cover/ safety net programmes developed for rainfed areas.
- (x) To set the research agenda including a critical appraisal of on-going programmes and promote diffusion of required knowledge for integrated farming in rainfed areas to district and lower level authorities.
- (xi) To evaluate the effectiveness of completed watersheds and concurrent evaluation of on-going programmes.

Institutionalizing

- Institutionalization of mandates is being attempted through discussions with concerned Ministries, Planning Commission and presentations in Regional Workshops of District and State level planning.
- Convergence of BRGF (untied fund), NREGS, SGSY, SGRY, NFDB, RGGVY, Artificial Recharging of Ground Water (NABARD), PLP, SREP, Bharat Nirman is being emphasized in the plan formulation of the states.