

National Symposium and Policy Dialogue on

**Dynamics of Rural Labour Markets:
Implications for Agricultural Growth and
Rural Transformation**

Dates: 15-16 September 2014

**Venue: National Agriculture Science Centre (NASC) Complex
Dev Prakash Shastri Marg (Opp. Todapur Village)
New Delhi 110012**

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International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad
National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP)
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and
Institute for Human Development (IHD)



15th September, 2014		
Time	Activities/Sessions	Activity led by
9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30- 10:45	Inaugural Session Co-Chair: Dr. William D Dar , Director General, ICRISAT and Dr. S Ayyappan , Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi	
9:30- 9:45	<i>Welcome Address</i>	Dr. William D Dar Director General ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India
9:45-10:00	<i>Background of the Symposium and Policy Dialogue</i>	Dr. Ma Cynthia S Bantilan Research Program Director Markets, Institutions and Policies ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India
10:00-10:15	<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Dr. S Ayyappan Secretary, DARE; Director General, ICAR, New Delhi
10:15 - 10:35	<i>Inaugural Address by Chief Guest</i>	Prof. Y K Alagh Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat Former Union Minister, Government of India
10:35-10:45	<i>Vote of Thanks</i>	Dr. G Narendra Kumar Director, Country Relations & Business Affairs, ICRISAT
10:45-11:15	Photo Session and High Tea	
11:15-12:40	Technical Session 1: Structural Transformation of Rural Employment and Labour Markets in Indian Agriculture Chairperson: Dr. TS Papola , Honorary Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi Rapporteurs: Mr. P Parthasarathy Rao , ICRISAT and Dr Pramod Kumar , IARI	
11:15-11:30	<i>Development and Changes in Labour Market of Rural India</i>	Dr. Alakh N Sharma Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi
11:30-11:45	<i>Drivers of Changes in Rural Labour Markets and Implications on Indian Agriculture</i>	Dr. Ramesh Chand Director, NCAP, New Delhi
11:45-12:00	<i>Emerging Trends in Rural Employment Structure and Rural Labour Markets in India</i>	Prof. DN Reddy ICSSR National Fellow
12:00-12:30	<i>Discussants</i>	Shri. Reddy Subrahmanyam Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI Dr. Keshab Das Professor and Acting Director GIDR, Gujarat Dr. Anirban Dasgupta Associate Professor Faculty of Economics, South Asian University
12:30-12:40	<i>Remarks by the Chair and General Discussion</i>	
12:40-13:30	Lunch	

13:30-15:40	Technical Session 2: Changes and Impacts in Rural India: Insights from Village Level Studies and Panel Data Chairperson: Dr. Mruthyunjaya, Former National Director, NAIP, ICAR, New Delhi Rapporteurs: Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sinha, DWM (ICAR) and Dr. PK Viswanathan, GIDR	
13:30-13:45	<i>Changing Pattern in Rural Labour Markets in Semi Arid Tropics: Evidence from VDSA</i>	Dr. Uttam Deb Principal Scientist (Economics) RP-MIP, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
13:45-14:00	<i>Dynamics of Rural Labour Markets in Eastern India</i>	Dr. Anjani Kumar Research Fellow, IFPRI, New Delhi
14:00-14:15	<i>Impact of MGNREGA on Agriculture and Welfare of the Rural Households; and Key Findings from ICRISAT-GIDR National Workshop</i>	Dr. Madhusudan Bhattarai Principal Scientist (Economics) RP-MIP, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
14:15-14:30	<i>Impact of MGNREGA On Rural Agricultural Wage: Empirical Evidences from VDSA Project Villages</i>	Dr. N Nagaraj Principal Scientist (Economics) RP-MIP, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
14:30-14:45	<i>MGNREGA in the ICRISAT Villages: An Assessment of the Impact on Wages</i>	Dr. Sudha Narayanan Assistant Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai
14:45-15:00	<i>Rural Labour Markets: Insights from Indian Villages</i>	Dr. A Amarender Reddy Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi
15:00-15:30	<i>Discussants</i>	Dr. Santosh K Mehrotra Former Director-General, National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development, New Delhi Prof. DN Reddy ICSSR National Fellow Prof. Indira Hirway Director and Professor, CFDA, Ahmedabad Dr. Ranjit Kumar Principal Scientist (Economics) RP-MIP, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
15:30-15:40	<i>Remarks by the Chair and General Discussion</i>	
15:40-16:00	Tea / Coffee	
16:00-17:00	Panel Discussion Chairperson: Prof. Y K Alagh, Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat and Former Union Minister, GOI Rapporteurs: Dr. GK Jha, IARI and Dr. Shivendra Kumar Srivastava, NCAP	
16:00-16:50	<i>Panelists</i>	Shri. LC Goyal Secretary Department of Rural Development Ministry of Rural Development Government of India Dr. Ramesh Chand Director, NCAP, New Delhi Dr. TS Papola Honorary Professor, ISID, New Delhi Dr. Mruthyunjaya Former National Director, NAIP, ICAR, New Delhi
16:50-17:00	<i>Closing Remarks by the Chair</i>	

16th September, 2014

**Policy Dialogue
on
Dynamics of Rural Labour Markets:
Towards a Strategy for Inclusive Rural Development**

Chairperson: Prof. Abhijit Sen

Former Member of Planning Commission, Government of India

Rapporteurs: Prof. Brajesh Jha, IEG and Ms. Namrata Singha Roy, ICRISAT

9:30-10:00	<i>Registration</i>	Organizing Committee
10:00-10:10	<i>Opening Remarks by Chair</i>	Prof. Abhijit Sen Former Member of Planning Commission, Government of India
10:10-10:35	<i>Keynote Paper Presentation</i>	Dr. Ma. Cynthia S. Bantilan Research Program Director Markets, Institutions and Policies ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India
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12:45-13:00	<i>Response to Policy Suggestions</i>	Shri. Ashish Bahuguna Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
13:00-13:15	<i>Closing Remarks by the Chair</i>	Prof. Abhijit Sen Former Member of Planning Commission, Government of India
13:15-13:25	<i>Vote of Thanks</i>	Dr. G. Narendra Kumar Director, Country Relations and Business Affairs, ICRISAT
13:25	Lunch	