



**ASIA-PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTIONS (APAARI)**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FAO Annex Building, Larn Laung,
Bangkok, Thailand

15 April, 2013 (10:00 – 13:00 hrs)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Welcome : Dr. Raj Paroda
2. Chairman's Opening Remarks : Dr. Simon Hearn
3. Brief Report : Dr. Raj Paroda
4. Membership Status : Dr. Raj Paroda
5. Audited Accounts and Budget : Executive Secretary/
Administrative Associate
6. Status of Fund Investment : Executive Secretary/
Administrative Associate
7. Work Plan 2013 : Dr Raj Paroda
8. Any Other Matter
a) Theme and Dates for Next Meeting : Members
b) Implementation of GCARD Road Map : Dr. Mark Holderness
c) Filling of Vacant Seats
9. Chairman's Concluding Remarks : Dr. Simon Hearn
10. Vote of Thanks : Dr. Raj Paroda

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AGENDA NOTES

1. Welcome

Dr. Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary, will welcome the Chairman, members and the special invitees.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Dr. Simon Hearn, Chairman, APAARI will deliver his opening remarks and highlight key issues to be addressed by APAARI in meeting the AR4D challenges in Asia-Pacific region.

3. Brief Report on Activities

Dr. Raj Paroda will present a brief report on the progress made since the last General Assembly Meeting (GAM). He will provide details of the activities undertaken with respect to work plan approved by GAM, including the new publications.

A soft copy of the published proceedings of GAM held at New Delhi on 12, October, 2012 is given as Annexure I. The hard copy will be provided during the meeting.

A brief report on activities undertaken during the second half of 2012 is also attached as Annexure II for kind perusal of the members.

4. Membership Status

The Executive Secretary will apprise the members on current APAARI membership in different categories (Regular, Associate, Affiliate and Reciprocal members). Members may advise on specific action as well as strategy to increase membership of APAARI.

A table providing current status of membership is given at Annexure III.

5. Audited Accounts and Budget

The Executive Secretary/Administrative Associate, APAARI, will present the Audited Accounts for the period 1 January, 2012 – 31 December 2012 alongwith the statement of Assets and Liabilities. Also the Bank Statement and Auditors's Report will be presented before the Executive Committee for review and approval.

APAARI Budget for 2013 has already been approved in the General Assembly Meeting (GAM) held on 12 October 2012 (Annexure IV). The Committee may consider its revision, if necessary.

6. Status of Fund Investment

Members are aware that an investment of US \$ 500,000 was made through ICRISAT. On completion of two years, Dr. William Dar, Director General, ICRISAT informed about his difficulty to invest for another year. Hence, with the approval of Executive Committee members, a total sum of US \$ 536,389 has been transferred back into our APAARI account with Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok.

Members are requested to advise any new investment plan or shall we have it Fixed Deposit in the same Bank for the time being.

7. Work Plan 2013

Work Plan for the year 2013 was approved in the General Assembly Meeting on 12 October 2012 (Annexure V). This Work Plan will be discussed for additional suggestions of the Executive Committee members. The Work Plan will cover prioritized activities such as: (i) Publications, (ii) Meetings/Expert Consultations/Symposia etc., (iii) APARIS activities, (iv) APCoAB activities, (v) Initiatives concerning inter-regional cooperation/linkages, and (vi) Required action plan to implement recommendations of GCARD2.

Members may consider suggesting additional activities to be undertaken by APAARI during 2013.

8. Any Other Matter

a) Theme and Dates for the Next Executive Committee Meeting : The venue of holding next APAARI Executive Committee meeting was discussed during General Assembly Meeting in October 2012 and a decision was taken to organize the same in Islamabad, Pakistan to be hosted by PARC. The dates have to be finalized.

As per APAARI Work Plan, it was decided to organize Policy Dialogue/Regional Workshop alongwith Executive Committee meeting. The proposed topics for consideration of the Executive Committee are as follows:

- Policy Dialogue for Strengthening AR4D in Asia-pacific Region.
- Regional Workshop on Role of Youths in Agricultural Research for Development

Any additional topic would be considered for discussion/decision. One such theme could be “Increasing maize production and productivity in Asia”.

b) Implementation of GCARD Road Map: GCARD2 was organized by Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR) in October 2012 in Uruguay. In GCARD1, the Road Map was approved. Specific actions are needed to move forward to implement the recommendations of GCARD2. Dr. Mark Holderness will highlight the same for further discussion as to what specific actions can be taken to move forward in APAARI region.

c) Filling of Vacant Seats : Two seats (one each for Farmer and NGO organizations are currently vacant. In last GAM it was decided that next Executive Committee may deliberate and take appropriate decision as to who should be requested to serve for these categories. Hence, members may like to discuss and decide on this subject.

Any additional item, if any, will be discussed with the permission of the Chair.

9. Chairman's Concluding Remarks

The Chairman will give his closing remarks.

10. Vote of Thanks

The Executive Secretary will propose a Vote of Thanks.