

Minutes of NAWG meeting

15 January, 2005

BARC

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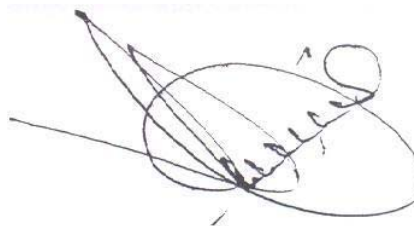
The 3rd meeting of the National Agroforestry Working Group (NAWG) was held on 15 January 2005 at 10:00 AM in the conference room (Conference Room #1) of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC). Focal points from 21 organizations (32 members) participated in the meeting (list attached). The following decisions were made in the meeting:

Agenda	Decisions	Responsible Organization
1. Confirmation of last meeting minutes held on 30 August 2004	<p>The meeting minutes were confirmed with the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAWG shall have a link with BARC website • Previous meeting minutes would be posted in the website of BARC-NAWG (www.barc.gov.bd). • Three new organizations were recommended for inclusion as members, which include Department of Horticulture, BAU; Horticulture Research Center of BARI and Intercooperation – SAAKTI project. • Member Director (NRM) and Convener, NAWG, BARC shall write to institute heads for nomination of focal point. 	NAWG in collaboration with BARC
2. Discussion on the annual Research programme on agroforestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each NAWG member organization will send their on-going annual research and development programme (2004-05) related to Agroforestry to Member Director (NRM) and Convener, NAWG, BARC by 31 January 2005. The research programme shall contain title, location of study areas, objectives and expected outputs. • A three-member committee has been formed to consolidate the research and development programme received from different organisations. The committee member shall review the programme and consolidate the programme as national programme, which would be placed before the members of NAWG in next meeting. The committee members are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, BARC ▪ Mr. Md. Shawkat Hossain, NAWG, BARC and ▪ Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed, IC 	All organizations
3. Discussion on past activities of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each NAWG member organization will send their past 10 years agroforestry activities to Member 	All organisations

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agroforestry	<p>Director (NRM) and Convener, NAWG, BARC, by 28 February 2005. The information on past agroforestry activities shall be prepared using the following captions: title, abstract, objectives, highlights of achievement, state of technologies, year of initiation and completion and list of publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints may also be included. 	
4. Brief presentation of consultants reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The observation of consultants particularly on the weakness of scientists having access to global information using IT was shared. To improve the capacity of scientists in accessing to information, training on the subject would be organized by NAWG by March 2005. • IT facilities will be enhanced to the member organizations as recommended by NAWG and assistance of IC will be sought. • BARC Computer center would provide venue and computers for training. • Local resource persons would be utilized for such training. In addition, services of CABI may be utilized if available at that time. 	NAWG in collaboration with BARC
5. Brief presentation on the participation in seminar and workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred for next NAWG meeting 	NAWG, BARC
6. Specify the scope of agroforestry	<p>A committee has been formed to define the scope of agroforestry with the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Giashuddin Miah, BSMRAU (Convener) ▪ Dr. M.A. Quayyum, CSO, OFRD, BARI ▪ Mr. Jashimuddin, SRO, BFRI ▪ Dr. M. Kamal Hossain, Professor, IFESCU ▪ Mr. Zafar Ullah Gazi, Deputy Director, DAE ▪ Dr. Khabir Ahmed, BARC 	Committee member organizations
7. Roles and Responsibilities of NAWG Members and Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred for next NAWG meeting 	NAWG, BARC
8. Discussion on training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAWG shall invite research proposals leading to MS, M.Phil and Ph.D. that cater to the small farmer's agroforestry needs • The research should be in the following areas and other areas related to Agroforestry: 	BARC, IC, Committee member organizations

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nursery management/techniques b) Pest and disease management c) Homestead production system d) Poultry birds management in homestead e) Ruminant production and management and its relation with agroforestry f) Interaction between fish, trees and crops g) Integrated farming system h) Product development • BARC's rules for training would be applicable for the scholarship. However, the scholarship is also applicable to those with forestry degrees and also to the working scientists in forestry research and education. Thus the eligible disciplines are crops, botany/soil science, forestry, fisheries and livestock. • <i>Research duration</i> should be 24 months for MS and M.Phil. and 42 months for PhD. • BARC shall also consider research grants to the already enrolled professionals that satisfy the needs of small farmers' agroforestry. • The funds for the fellowship and research grants would be provided using MoU between BARC and SDC-IC. • BARC shall write to the heads of each organization with a copy to the agroforestry focal point about the scholarship and research grants with the request to send research proposals that should include title, background/rationale of the study, objectives, literature review, research methods, experimental design and references. • Last date for receiving applications is set at 28 February, 2005. • A six-member committee has been formed to evaluate the proposals and recommend NAWG for scholarship support. The committee members are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. S.M. Khalilur Rahman, BARC (Convener) ▪ Dr. Ghulam Hussain, BARC ▪ Dr. Giash Uddin Miah, BSMRAU ▪ Dr. Kamal Hossain, IFESCU ▪ Mr. Jashim Uddin, BFRI and ▪ Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed, Intercooperation • NAWG will prepare a prioritized list of the candidates and send it to IC for funding as per budget. 	

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9. Study visit, seminar and workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAWG would develop a policy for offering financial support to the professionals for attending seminar and workshop. A committee has been formed with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. S.M. Khalilur Rahman, BARC (Convener) ▪ Dr. Ghulam Hussain, BARC and ▪ Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed, Intercooperation • The same committee shall identify human research needs of member organizations and suggest study visits (areas, country and duration). 	Committee member organizations
10. Discussion on the need for National Agroforestry Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee was formed with members from BARC (Dr. A. Razzaq as the Convener), BFRI (Dr. M.K. Alam), BARI (Dr. M.A. Quayyum) and BSMRAU (Dr. Giashuddin Miah) to discuss on the need for National Agroforestry Policy. 	Committee member organizations
11. Formation of Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the Executive Chairman, BARC to constitute a Steering Committee. 	BARC



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