

**Minutes of 5th National Agroforestry Working Group, Bangladesh (NAWGB)
meeting held on 12 February 2006 at BARC**

The 5th meeting of the National Agroforestry Working Group, Bangladesh (NAWGB) was held on 12 February 2006 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room #2 of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC). Focal points from 16 organizations (21 members) participated in the meeting (list attached). The following decisions were made in the meeting:

Agenda	Decisions	Responsible Organization
1. Confirmation of the 4th NAWGB meeting minutes	Minutes of the 4th NAWGB meeting held on 28 July 2005 were confirmed.	All NAWGB member organizations
2. Validation of research programme developed in the workshop held on 09-10 October 2005	It was observed that some of the discussions were not reflected in the proceedings of the workshop particularly in the programme on vegetable, spices, cereals and pulses. The section needs further elaboration. Mr. Md. Shawkat Hossain in collaboration with focal point from BIRRI and BARI will sit together to finalize the report. In fruit tree section, BSMRAU will be included in germplasm collection and screening.	Md. Shawkat Hossain, Focal points of BARI and BIRRI
3. Preparation of draft National Agroforestry Policy	A national consultant will be engaged to review and synthesize the thematic papers and prepare draft of AF policy. A national seminar will be held on agroforestry where thematic papers will be presented. Based on the discussion in the seminar and input from the thematic papers, the national consultant will develop draft agroforestry policy. NAWGB, BARC in discussion with Team Leader-SAAKTI shall prepare the ToR for the consultant.	NAWGB, SAAKTI
4. Progress on communication strategy development	The progress of formulating the communication strategy was discussed. It was observed that responsible organisations fall behind the schedule in preparing draft strategic plan. NAWGB will send a reminding letter to the heads of stakeholder organizations for expediting the preparation of draft communication strategy.	NAWGB
5. Formation of steering committee for agroforestry	Convenor informed that as suggested by Executive Chairman, instead of Director General, Director (Research) would be included as members of Steering Committee. The composition of members will be reviewed and finalized. The Office Memorandum will be issued soon.	NAWGB
6. IT training by relevant institutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members agreed that IT skill development training is essential for professionals at all levels. NAWGB will organize a 3-day IT training within 15 March 2006 at BARC. Emphasis will be given to gender balance in participation. • BARC resource persons would be utilized for such training. 	NAWGB
7. Facilitation skill development programme	NAWGB will organize a training on facilitation skill development. NAWGB will identify the resource persons and training facilitators from the stakeholder organizations. Gender issue would be considered during selection of participants and facilitator.	NAWGB
8. Training on research methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAWGB will organize a 5-day training workshop on Research Methodology. • Resource persons will be identified by NAWGB. The curriculum will be developed by NAWGB and Prof. Giasuddin, BSMRAU • About 30 scientists from stakeholder organizations will be invited. Gender issue will be considered in selecting participants. 	NAWGB and Prof. Giasuddin

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training workshop will be held during middle of April 2006 	
9. Review of stakeholders' activities in agroforestry	PROSHIKA AND BRAC presented their programme on the production and distribution of quality planting materials of fruit trees. The programme is supported by IC. BRAC and PROSHIKA are establishing about 70 germplasm centre and about 100 mother tree orchards in different regions of the country.	Info only
10. Focal point of NAWGB	Coordinator, AFIP, Intercooperation is inducted as new focal point for AFIP.	Info only
11. Preparation of draft monitoring system/tool	NAWGB will organize a training workshop on development of monitoring system for evaluation of the activities of national stakeholders in Bangladesh from 27-28 March 2006 with the support of IC. Dr. Elizabeth Dodsworth, CAB International will facilitate the workshop. From each partner organisation of SAAKTI two participants would be invited to participate in the workshop. SAAKTI shall write for nomination. A meeting for sharing the draft monitoring system/tool will be held on 30 March 2006. All heads of the organisations will be invited. BARC shall organise this meeting.	SAAKTI
12. Preparation of Metadata	NAWGB with the support of IC will organize a training workshop on Need for Preparation of Metadata at the beginning of May 2006. Gillian Petrokofosky from CAB International will facilitate the workshop. IC will chalk out the program.	NAWGB and SAAKTI
13. Vision of NAWGB	<p>Vision of NAWGB will be developed through a brain storming session with national stakeholders. A six-member committee has been formed to develop the vision. The committee members are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farid Uddin Ahmed, BARC (Convenor) Dr. AFM Akhtaruzzaman, IC Dr. Md. Iqbal Akhtar, BARI Dr. Md. Giashuddin Miah, BSMRAU Dr. Amin Uddin Mridha, CU Rakibul Bari Khan, BRAC 	NAWGB and all sub-committee members

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