

Inauguration of AARDO sponsored training programme on “Agricultural Engineering Technologies for Enhancing Productivity and Profitability in Agriculture Sector”

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ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal is organizing African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) sponsored training on **“Agricultural Engineering Technologies for Enhancing Productivity and Profitability in Agriculture Sector”** during December 05-14, 2022. The broad objective of this training programme is to share innovative agricultural engineering technologies developed by CIAE and other organizations for upskilling and sensitization of the participants in the fields of pre and post-harvest mechanization. The training programme was inaugurated by HE Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General, AARDO as Chief Guest on December 05, 2022 in the presence of Dr. S. N. Jha, Dy. Director General (Engg.) ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. PL. Singh, Asst. Director General(FE) ICAR, New Delhi. A total of 10 participants from member countries Bangladesh, Egypt, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Sri Lanka and Zambia are participating in this training course of 10 days duration.

Dr. S N Jha, Dy. Director General (Engg.), ICAR in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of mechanization in production and post-production agriculture to ensure timely operation, precise input applications and loss reduction. Farmers of developing countries can supplement traditional farming with mechanization, post-harvest and renewable energy based technologies so as to make agriculture more profitable and environment friendly.

His Excellency Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General, AARDO briefed about activities of AARDO in his address. He opined that mechanization technologies are highly relevant to developing countries and stressed that such technologies developed by CIAE, Bhopal and other organizations must reach AARDO member countries for sustainable and profitable agriculture.

Dr. M Din Director ICAR-CIAE briefed about the activities of CIAE and elaborated the aim and content of the training programme during his introductory remarks. Dr. K N Agrawal, Head, Agricultural Mechanization Division and Course Director of the training programme welcomed the guests and participants. The training programme would be concluded on 14th December and during the course the participants would get an opportunity to learn mainly on innovative agricultural machinery suitable for AARDO Countries; Selection, operation and testing of farm equipment/machineries; Equipment and technologies for processing, value-addition and storage of agro-produces; Renewable energy technologies; Ergonomics, safety and gender issues in agricultural machinery, and Government strategies for enhancing the agricultural mechanization through support and schemes.

Dr. Shashi Rawat, Principal Scientist & Course Co-Director proposed the vote of thanks.

