

PARTICIPATION OF NCCSD IN COP-22

The National Council for Climate Change and Sustainable Development (NCCSD) participated in COP-22 held at Marrakech, Morocco from 7-18th of November, 2016.

The team comprised of the following:

- Dr. Kirit N.Shelat, Executive Chairman, NCCSD
- Dr. V. V. Sadamate, Former Adviser Agriculture, Planning Commission & Member NCCSD
- Prof. Mbuya Odemari, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Mr. J. S. Gosalia, VRTI, Gujarat and
- Dr. Rohit Srivastava, Assistant Professor, Indian Centre for Climate and Societal Impact

2. The NCCSD actively participated in the following events.

2.1 Exhibition at Blue Zone, COP-22

NCCSD put up an impressive exhibition stall, 22D at Blue Zone with two more NGO partners namely NGOs from Edna Blanc Civil, Haiti and Development Le Durable (AVD) from Cameroon from 7th to 18th November, 2016. It depicted the Climate Change interventions like climate smart agriculture, soil health, water harvesting, micro irrigation, management of agro wastes, etc., operated by it in collaboration with the State Governments and other stakeholders. It included the charts, posters and video material on climate smart technologies, empowerment of the farmers, policy advocacy etc. DVDs and printed materials were distributed to the visitors from all across the globe. TV videos were played on regular basis on various subject matters. Nearly 50-60 visitors /enquiries received daily regarding India's actions on climate change and other collaborative areas. Besides others, Mr. Simon Dieuseul Desras, Hon'ble Environment Minister of Haiti visited the stall.



2.2 Side Event on Farm Renewable and Farmer Perspective on CC

The event was organized on 9th Nov, 2016 in collaboration with Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA). Farmer Representatives from France,

Brazil, Canada and India participated in the event. It was well attended by the participants from various countries. The deliberations were moderated by Mr. Drew Black from Canada. Speakers highlighted on the issues like actions by the farmers on implementation of Climate Change interventions, natural resource management, contingency plans, animal husbandry programs, sustainable development, etc. Dr. Shelat spoke on Food, Water and Energy nexus, Dr. Rohit Srivastava spoke on the Weather forecasting for climate resilient agriculture. Good numbers of questions from the audience were taken up for answers. The proceedings were summarized by Dr. V V Sadamate, suggesting midterm review of the important decisions/recommendations arrived at.





2.3 Climate Change Adaptation Strategies at India Pavilion, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

The NCCSD actively participated in the Climate Adaptation Strategy Event organized by the Ministry of Agriculture on 10th of November, 2016. The

event was Chaired by Smt. Usha Rani, DG, MANAGE, Hyderabad. Dr. Rath, Addil. Commr. Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. V. P. Sharma from the MANAGE dealt in detail on the flagship programmes of the Ministry of Agriculture whereas Dr. Navin Horo of GIZ focused on the NGO interventions in sustainable development of weaker sections. Two brief presentations came from NCCSD, one from Dr. V V Sadamate on innovative extension strategies, highlighting features and implementation experiences of Krishi Mahotsava model in Gujarat where as Dr. Shelat referred to the need for empowering farmers for climate contingencies. The NCCSD interventions were well received by the audience especially participants from African Countries.



2.4 Climate Law and Governance Day at Marrakech University.

The event was organized on 11th Nov, 2016 by GODAN Secretariat, UK based international NGO promoting Climate Justice actions. Dr. Shelat and Dr. Sadamate participated in the event. Dr. Shelat made a very compressive presentation on Climate justice issues emanated in the Paris declaration and demanded greater and fairer justice to the farmers in vulnerable

ecologies and for the agriculture sector as a whole. He further suggested greater orientation of the judiciaries at the various levels as NCCSD did in Gujarat in 2015 in India involving the Chief Justice of Supreme Court and Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court and huge lawyer community.



2.5 Indigenous people and the Climate Change - Indian Perspective

The event was organized on 14th November by the UNDP in Green Zone, Indigenous Pavilion. Dr. Mbuya Odemari of Florida University chaired the celebrations. In his opening remarks and in setting the context, he emphasized that the indigenous communities world over are disadvantaged in climate change planning and implementation and suggested their partnerships in all the stages of climate action. Dr. Sadamate gave a overview of the development programmes specific to the tribal communities in India. Dr. Shelat and Mr. Gosalia in their presentation highlighted success stories of Dahod and Chhota Udaipur tribal areas through agriculture and allied sector interventions. Dr. Mbuya while summing up suggested networking of such efforts worldwide, and

initiating pilots and up scaling through national and international funding to provide local solutions to the climate change adaptation in tribal setting. Dr. Mubaya also suggested collaborative efforts on climate change studies with indigenous settings with UNDP scholars, working in different countries like Uganda/Keniya.





2.6 Side event on Building Climate Smart Farmers

The event was organized by GACSA on 16th Nov, 2016 at Green Zone area of COP-22. Dr. Shelat and Mr. Gosalia in their interventions emphasized on training and capacity building of women farmers and making them ready for adaptation of climate change interventions at the farm levels. Dr. Shelat further added that the farm women could play an important role in climate change adaptation strategies provide they are empowered and the development functionaries are oriented accordingly at all the levels.





3. NCCSD Team meets Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India.

NCCSD Team lead by Dr. Shelat briefly met Shri. A.M Dave, Hon'ble Minister on 14th November, 2016 at India pavilion and informed him on the

programmes and activities of NCCSD. Minister desired a separate discussion in near future.

