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Before taking up its scheduled business, the Executive Committee meeting expressed special concern of the tremendous human loss and sufferings in APAARI's member country, Nepal. It observed one minute silence in remembrance. It also decided to include a special agenda item to deliberate on exploring with Nepal authorities how APAARI could contribute to Nepal's recovery and rehabilitation (See Decision **11.4/ (1) 2015** below)

#### 1. Decision Number: 4.1/(1) 2015

APAARI Progress Report November 2014- April 2015 was endorsed and its relevant aspects would be included in the Progress Report: January – July 2015

#### 2. Decision Number: 6.1/(1) 2015

Audit Report and Audited Financial Statements as audited by APAARI External Auditor for financial year 2014 was endorsed.

#### 3. Decision Number: 7.1/(1) 2015

The GAAP Professional Audit Co. Ltd was approved as External Auditor for APAARI during the biennium 2015-16

#### 4. Decision Number: 8.1/(1) 2015

The Executive Committee approved APAARI Work Plan 2015 for implementation.

The major projects are:

- i) Revisiting APAARI Vision 2025
- ii) High Level Policy Dialogue on Investment in AR4D in Asia-Pacific Region
- iii) M&E towards Outcome and Impact Assessment
- iv) Policy Dialogue on Transforming Towards Knowledge Based Agriculture in SE Asia
- v) Dialogue on Performance of Bt. Brinjal in Bangladesh and prospects of its wider adoption
- vi) Development of Communication Strategies for Adoption of Agri-biotechnology in Asia-Pacific

Major highlight of Revisiting APAARI Vision 2025 being

- i) **Stage One:** on Development of Vision Document containing Vision, Mission and Goal Statements with outline of broad system level outcomes, strategic trusts and strategic interventions.
- ii) The Vision Document to be developed in close consultation with EC Members and other eminent persons participated in the EC meeting.

- iii) Draft Vision Document thus developed will go through wider consultation with APAARI members, partners and stakeholders.
- iv) The Executive Secretary of APAARI is tasked to oversee the development.
- v) **Stage Two:** The Second Stage of Strategic Planning on Mid-Term Program Implementation Plan will be undertaken after the acceptance of the revised Vision Document

## 5. Decision Number: 9.1/(1) 2015

APAARI Income-Expenditure Plan for 2015-16 was approved for implementation.

The highlights are:

- i) Estimated income (US\$ **825,881** and predicted expenditure (US\$ **805,547**) during 2015
- ii) Estimated income (US\$ **724,074**) and predicted expenditure US\$ **795, 838**, with a provision of using US\$ **71,764** from the reserve funds during 2016.

## 6. Decision Number: 10.1/(1) 2015

The Asia Pacific Seed Association (APSA) has been nominated and endorsed as a representative of the private sector on the APAARI Executive Committee for the biennium 2015-16.

## 7. Decision Number: 10.2/(1) 2015.

Proposal for an additional seat to jointly represent the Association of International Research Centres for Agriculture (AIRCA) and Universities (Higher Education Sector) on the APAARI Executive Committee was approved, subject to the approval of the appropriate amendment to the APAARI Constitution by the APAARI General Assembly.

## 8. Decision Number: 10.3/(1) 2015

The Executive Committee approved the following composition of APCoAB Steering Committee for the Biennium 2015-16.

#	Position	Designation	Organization	Country
1	Chairman	Chairman, APAARI Executive Committee (DG, Department of Agriculture)	Department of Agriculture	Thailand
2	Vice Chairman	DG, International Cooperation (Funder)	Council of Agriculture (CoA)	Chinese Taipei
3	Member	Executive Director (Expertise in Biotechnology)	PCAARRD	Philippines
4	Member	Executive Chairman (Vice-Chair, APAARI))	BARC	Bangladesh
5	Member	Representative (Funder)	ACIAR	Australia
6	Member	Representative	World Fish Centre	Malaysia
7	Member	Executive Secretary	APAARI	Thailand

8	Secretary	Coordinator	APCoAB	Thailand
	Participant	Biotech Professional	ICRISAT	India

## 9. Decision Number: 10.4/(1) 2015

The Executive Committee approved the following composition of APARIS Steering Committee for the Biennium 2015-16.

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1	Chairman	Chairman, APAARI Executive Committee (DG, Department of Agriculture)	Department of Agriculture	Thailand
2	Vice-Chairman	Member, APAARI Executive Committee	ACIAR	Australia
3	Member	Member, APAARI Executive Committee	GFAR	Italy
4	Member	Member, APAARI Executive Committee	ICRAF	Kenya
5	Member	Representative	FAO-RAP	Thailand
6	Member	Executive Secretary	APAARI	Thailand
7	Secretary	APARIS Coordinator	APAARI	Thailand

## 10. Decision Number: 11.4/(1) 2015

It was resolved that APAARI would explore the possibilities of supporting the recovery and assisting in rehabilitation of agriculture that has been adversely affected in Nepal because of the recent earthquakes in the country.