



Regional Expert Consultation on Agriculturally Important Microorganisms (Virtual)

Tentative Technical Programme

Date: October 28, 2020

Time: 08:40-16:15 IST (Indian Standard Time)

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Moderator: Rishi Tyagi, APAARI, Thailand

08:40-08:55	Test Run Session	
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09:00-09:50	Opening Session	
09:00-09:05	Welcome	Anil Saxena, Director, NBAIM, India
09:05-09:15	Remarks by Guest of Honour	TR Sharma. Dy Director General (Crop Sciences), ICAR, India
09:15-09:30	Remarks by Guest of Honour	Ravi Khetarpal, Executive Secretary, APAARI, Thailand
09:30-09:45	Address by Chief Guest	T Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, India & Vice Chair APAARI, Thailand
09:045-09:50	Vote of Thanks	Pawan Sharma, NBAIM, India
09:50-10:00	Session Break	

Technical Session I: Thematic Presentations on Agriculturally Important Microorganisms (AIMs)

Co-Chairs: TR Sharma, ICAR, India and Didier LESUEUR, CIRAD, France

Rapporteurs: Hillol Chakdar, NBAIM, India and Kumar M, NBAIM, India

10:00-10:20	Global overview of agriculturally important microbial genetic resources – Challenges and opportunities	Ipek Kurtböke, WFCC, Australia
10:20-10:40	Regulatory framework for exchange and access benefit sharing of AIMs	VB Mathur, NBA, India
10:40-11:00	Agricultural microbial genetic resources in Asian countries: prospects of linkages and collaboration	Marilyn B Brown, UPLB, Philippines
11:00-11:20	Public-private partnership for commercialization of biofertilizers and biopesticides in Taiwan – A Success Story	Chang Ruey-Jang, TACTSRI, Taiwan
11:20-11:30	Discussion	All Participants
11:30-11:35	Break	

Technical Session II: Strategies for Conservation and Utilization of AIMs

Co-Chairs: DLN Rao, IISS, India and TBD

Rapporteurs: Pramod Sahu, NBAIM, India and HV Singh, NBAIM, India

11:35-11:50	Research priorities including trait specific characterization, quality control on MRCs	Alok Srivastava, NBAIM, India
11:50-12:05	Microbial diversity mapping and need to develop <i>in-situ</i> conservation strategies	Anil Saxena, NBAIM, India
12:05-12:20	Biotechnology for improvement and use of AIMs	TBD
12:20-12:40	Discussion	All Participants
12:40-13:40	Session Break	

Technical Session III: Panel Discussion - Regional Priorities for AIMs for Asia-Pacific

Co-Chairs: Ipek Kurtböke, WFCC, Australia and Ravi Khetarpal, APAARI, Thailand

Rapporteurs: Mageshwaran, NBAIM, India and Renu, NBAIM, India

13:40-15:40 (About 15-18 min. for each panellist)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Value addition, commercialization and export (Didier LESUEUR, CIRAD, France)• Biotechnology for enhancing utilization and IPRs (TBD)• South-South Cooperation for enabling policy development and advocacy (Aziz Arya, FAO-RAP, Bangkok)• Partnership and capacity development (A Arunachalam, ICAR, India)• Digital sequence information and sharing system (Kunihiko Kobayashi, Japan)• Microbial taxonomy issues and information system of AIMs (C Manoharachary, India)
15:40-15:55	Discussion
15:55-16:00	Introduction of Common Microbial Biotechnology Platform (CMBP) Network (Laetitia HERRMANN, Alliance Bioversity International and CIAT, Vietnam)
16:00-16:10	Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs
16:10-16:15	Vote of Thanks by Rishi Tyagi, APAARI, Thailand