

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

NATIONAL LEVEL INTERFACE

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Climate change due to global warming is a serious and long term challenge that has the potential to affect each and every one of us more particularly those in developing countries. Climate change will exacerbate impacts such as droughts, floods, extreme weather events and sea level rise, which may contribute to food shortages, infrastructure damage and the degradation of natural resources upon which livelihoods are based. This may also jeopardise development gains achieved through implementation of various programmes/projects.

Developing countries like India are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change because of their high dependence on natural resources and their limited capacity to cope with these impacts. They will have to ensure that their development policies and strategies are resilient to a changing climate. Scientists have found that the pattern of the Indian monsoon will change under global warming. Extreme rainfall means flooding and crop failure and variability will hit people hard.

Adaptation to climate change is critical to cope with the current impact of climate change and enhance resilience to face the emerging threat due to climate change in the future. Identification of location specific interventions and mobilising resources for funding such climate change adaptation projects will be an area of concern for countries like India, owing to greater demand of funds for developmental issues like poverty alleviation, food production, drinking water, energy, rural housing etc.

NABARD has been accredited as National Implementing Entity (NIE) by the Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) and by virtue of this position, NABARD now can access financial resources of the Adaptation Fund for feasible Climate Adaptation Projects.

With the broad objectives of discussing progress of National and State Action Plans for Climate Change, firming up suitable adaptation strategies and identifying feasible project ideas/concepts in various States, a **National level Climate Change Interface is being organised at New Delhi (Hotel Jaypee Siddharth) from 28 to 29 June 2013. The event is being organised jointly by NABARD and the Embassy of Switzerland.**

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