



Day 1: 4 November 2022

1400 – 1630 hrs

Conference on
Sustainable Agriculture
Conference Hall, Parade Grounds, Chandigarh

Programme

1400-1500 hrs	Inaugural Session	
<p><i>Sustainable agriculture offers a much-needed alternative to conventional input-intensive agriculture, the long-term impacts of which include degrading topsoil, declining groundwater levels and reduced biodiversity. It is vital to ensure India's nutrition security in a climate-constrained world. This session would focus on following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>precision farming technologies including irrigation techniques</i> • <i>resilient seeds & breeds</i> • <i>agronomic practices</i> • <i>innovations in sustainable climate resilient agriculture throughout the value chain</i> • <i>Agri Finance</i> • <i>Role of Disruptive technologies in Start-ups</i> • <i>Crop insurance/ Farm insurance</i> • <i>Post-harvest Loss Management</i> 		
	Opening Remarks & Setting the Context	<p>Mr Mayank Singhal Chairman, CII Regional Committee on Agriculture, Food Processing & Dairy & Vice Chairman & Managing Director, PI Industries Ltd</p>
	Address by	<p>Ms Marie Sophie Roeder Advisor, i4Ag, Cooperation with the Private Sector, GIZ GmbH</p>
	Address by	<p>Mr Rajesh Srivastava Executive Chairman Rabo Equity Advisors</p>
	Address by	<p>Mr Prabhakar Lingareddy Executive Vice President & Head-Social Investments ITC Limited</p>
	Address by	<p>Mr Michiel van Erkel Agriculture Counsellor Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands</p>
	Address by	<p>Dr Ajmer Singh Dhatt Director Research Panjab Agricultural University</p>
	Special Address	<p>Dr S K Malhotra* Project Director – DKMA Indian Council of Agricultural Research</p>



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	Special Address	Dr Sumita Misra Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of Haryana
	Chief Guest	Shri J P Dalal* Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of Haryana
	Summing Up	Mr Mayank Singhal
1500 - 1545 hrs	Session on Technological Innovations for Sustainable Climate Resilient Agriculture	
<p><i>Agriculture is impacted by water availability, water quality, soil fertility, soil borne diseases, temperature fluctuation, pest incidences, salinity etc and all these in turn are affected by climate change. Mainstreaming innovative process & technologies to make agriculture climate resilient is not a choice anymore, but a necessity to help farm output, farmers' livelihood and food security.</i></p> <p><i>Climate resilience refers to the ability of farmers to adapt to long-term shifts in climatic conditions, and to anticipate and take steps to mitigate the effects of extreme weather events exacerbated by climate change. Improved access and utilisation of technology, transparent trade regimes, increased use of resources conservation technologies, an increased adaptation of crops and livestock to climatic stress are the outcomes from climate-resilient practices.</i></p>		
	Session Chair	Mr Ajai Rana Managing Director Savannah Seeds Pvt Ltd
	Key Speakers	Mr Kaushal Jaiswal Managing Director Rivulis Irrigation
		Mr Baljinder Singh Nandra Director Govt & Regulatory Affairs SeedWorks International Pvt Ltd
		Mr Jeet Jheetey VP Operations and Product Development Clean Seed Agricultural Technologies
		Mr Raju Kapoor Director – Public & Industry Affairs FMC India Pvt Limited
		Mr Prem Chandra Jha Director Agripower India



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		Mr Ravinder Grover Program Lead Harvest Plus
	Concluding Remarks	Mr Ajai Rana
1545-1630 hrs	Session on Role of Agri Finance in Promoting Technological Innovations in Agriculture	
<i>The finance sector has a key role to play in allowing agriculture to contribute to economic growth and poverty reduction. A rapidly evolving technological landscape is opening up new possibilities to target and price credit, share risk, and harness information technology to expand agricultural productivity. This session would focus on the catalytic role played by Agri Finance in strengthening the farm business and augmenting the productivity of scarce resources.</i>		
	Session Chair	Mr Rajesh Srivastava Chairman and Managing Director Rabo Equity Advisors
	Key Speakers	Mr Ravinder Singh Deputy General Manager NABARD
		Mr Hemendra Mathur Venture Partner Bharat Innovation Fund
		Mr Prabhat Chaturvedi Chief Executive Officer Netafim Agri Finance Agency
		Mr Bipan Gupta Deputy General Manager – Agri Business State Bank of India
		Mr Sanjay Sudan Director Saveer Biotech Pvt. Ltd.

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