Workshop on
Medium Term Outlook for India’s Food Sector

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Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi

Summary of the Workshop

09:00am  Registration and coffee
9:30am–10:00am  Inauguration of the Workshop
Welcome Remarks, Dr Shekhar Shah, Director General, NCAER
Inaugural address, Mr Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
Comments on Agricultural Reports, Peter Kenmore, FAO, New Delhi

10.00am–11:30am  Session 1: Overview and Outlook for Foodgrains
Chair: Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture
Opening Remarks by Chair

10.05am-10.20am: Overview of the Trends and Patterns in the Development of India’s Food Sector
Dr Shashanka Bhide, NCAER  [Presentation]

10.20-11.20am: Outlook for Foodgrains
• Prospects and Challenges in foodgrain sector by Dr Ashok Gulati, Chair Professor, Agriculture and Ms. Shweta Saini, Consultant, ICRIER, New Delhi  [Presentation]
• Discussant Comments by Prof. Parmod Kumar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore  [Presentation]
• General discussion

11.20-11.30am: Final comments by Chair

11.30am–11:45am  Tea
11:45am–1:15pm  
**Session 2: Outlook for Fruits and vegetables, focusing on potatoes and onions**

**Chair: Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, National Horticulture Mission, Ministry of Agriculture**

Opening Remarks by Chair

**11.50am-1.00 pm:**
- Presentation by Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar, Deputy Director General, Horticulture, ICAR  
  [Presentation]
- Presentation on Onion Markets by Prof. P.G. Chengappa, ICAR National Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore  
  [Presentation]
- Presentation on Issues in Onion Markets by Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Senior Fellow, NCAER  
  [Presentation]
- General discussion

1.00-1.15 pm: Final comments by Chair

1:15pm–2:00pm  
**Lunch**

2.00pm–3.20pm  
**Combined Session on Edible Oils Sector Outlook, Dairy Sector and Marketing Channels**

**Chair: Dr Mruthyunjaya, Former Director, National Centre for Agricultural Policy and Research (NCAP), New Delhi**

**2.05-2.45pm**
- Presentation on the Edible Oils and Oilseeds Sector, by Vijay Sardana, Independent Director, ACE Commodities & Derivatives Exchange Ltd. anchored by Kotak Mahindra Group
- Outlook for the Dairy Sector by Mr. T.N. Datta, General Manager (SA & S Group), NDDB, Anand  
  [Presentation]
- Presentation on New Marketing Channels in Agricultural Commodities by Dr. Nilabja Ghosh, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi  
  [Presentation]

**2.45-3.10pm**
- Comments by Ms. Nidhi Nath Srinivas, Chief Marketing Officer, NCDEX
- General discussion

3.10-3.20pm: Final comments by Chair

3.20pm–3:40pm  
**Tea**
3.40pm–5.00pm Combined Session on Outlook for Input Sectors and Outlook for Sugarcane and Sugar

Opening Remarks by Chair: Dr. Ashok Gulati, Chair Professor, Agriculture, ICRIER, New Delhi

3.40-4.20 pm
- Presentation on Trends in Input Sectors by Dr. Vaishali Chopra, Rabobank, Gurgaon [Presentation]
- Presentation by Mr. Roshan Lal Tamak, Olam Agro India Ltd., Gurgaon [Presentation]

4.20-4.45 pm
- Comments by Ms. Nidhi Nath Srinivas, Chief Marketing Officer, NCDEX
- Comments by Dr. Mruthyunjaya, Former Director, National Centre for Agricultural Policy and Research (NCAP), New Delhi
- General discussion

4.45-5.00 pm: Final comments by Chair

5.00pm Closing Session
Vote of thanks by Dr Shashanka Bhide, NCAER