

Registration fee

International delegate: US \$ 150.00
National delegates: INR 6000.00

Venue

The venue is at ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod – 671 124, Kerala. The Institute is located about 4 km north of Kasaragod town on the National Highway (NH 66) connecting Mangaluru. Nearest railway station is Kasaragod which is 5 km away from the Institute. Nearest airport is Mangaluru.

Accommodation

Limited hostel/guest house accommodation (on twin-sharing basis) is available which will be reserved on request and allotted in the order of registration. Hostel facilities will be provided at free of cost for refreshing only. Hotel accommodation will be arranged on request. The participants have to meet the charges for accommodation.

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International Meet on Asia - Pacific Cocoa Breeders Working Group



Date: 20- 25 May 2019

Venue: ICAR- CPCRI, Kasaragod, Kerala, India



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Introduction

Cocoa is a profitable plantation crop, amenable for mixed cropping in palm based cropping systems of Asia Pacific region. World demand for chocolate is increasing steadily with an annual growth rate of over 10%. The current demand of cocoa beans for Indian chocolate industry is 40,000 t against the production of 18,000 t. The Indian cocoa sector thus provides ample scope for enhancing production and productivity and quality of beans and reduces imports.

ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute- CPCRI initiated cocoa research in 1960's at its Regional Station, Vittal, Karnataka. Forty five years of cocoa research has culminated in development of high yielding varieties, cropping system models, canopy architecture techniques, advanced cultivation and post harvest technologies for the improvement of cocoa. With Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD) under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India as developmental agency, CAMPCO as a co-operative offering procurement and processing facilities,

Indian cocoa sector is systematically laid out in the public sector and also by the private sector Cadbury (Mondelez) in regional research. The huge demand for cocoa in the National as well as the International chocolate industry necessitates further encouragement of cocoa cultivation in traditional zones as well as the non- traditional zones. Hence the need of the hour is to reorient the research, extension and development activities for the sustainable development of cocoa sector in the Asia Pacific region, which is having common production problems.



Purpose

Availability of genetic resources and their utilisation in breeding programs specific to the Asia Pacific region will be the strategy to meet the sustainable supply of cocoa beans to world market. This group meeting will help to understand the production constraints faced by cocoa farmers and to evolve viable solutions in the region, thus provides ample scope for enhancing production and productivity and quality of beans and region specific chocolate products.

Research and developmental strategies in this regard will be discussed in the meeting. The Group Meeting will provide a platform for cocoa researchers in the Asia-Pacific Region to deliberate on country wise achievements on cocoa research and development; formulate strategies to contain common pest and disease problems in the region; and initiate international collaborations.

Objectives

- ❑ To evaluate critically the strength and weakness of cocoa sector in the Asia-Pacific countries.
- ❑ To discuss and develop action plans to manage existing as well as emerging pests and diseases of cocoa in the region, especially from climate change perspectives.
- ❑ To review the collaborative evaluation trials in the region and to initiate trials in India

Technical session

- 1: Country wise status papers
- 2: Regional research activities
- 3: Existing and emerging pests and diseases
- 4: Socio economic development programmes of public/ private sectors
- 5: Cocoa processing, value addition and marketing
Visits to CPCRI, RS, Vittal/ RC, Kidu/ CAMPCO

Participants

Cocoa Researchers, department officers, progressive farmers and other stakeholders, encompassing production, processing, marketing, export, manufacturing and related enterprises.