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## Five day International Online Training Programme commences at IIM Jammu

### GJ REPORT

**JAMMU, SEP 14:** Inaugural ceremony of International five day online training programme titled 'Agriculture Value Chain Analysis for Strengthening Smallholders' (AARDO) being organized by IIM Jammu was held virtually on Monday.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of Secretary General, AARDO, Dr. Manoj Nardeo Singh; Prof. BS Sahay, Director IIM Jammu and Dr. SM Ovais, Head Capacity Building and Development projects, AARDO, Prof. Jabir Ali and Prof. Ateeque Shaikh, Programme Directors, IIM Jammu.

The training programme has received overwhelming response with 35 participants from 17 different countries of Asia and Africa.

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The Five Day programme shall enable discussion around the identification of major constraints across the value chain related to fragmentation in input supply, inefficient production practices, lack of post-harvest management, market access restrictions, weak infrastructures, lack of resources and ineffective institutional arrangements.

On one hand the programme highlighted the importance of integration of smallholders into value chains to ensure higher and fairer income to the small holders while on the other hand it developed a suitable policy framework for reducing the obstacles of all the stakeholders.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Programme Director welcomed the 35 participants from the AARDO member countries and introduced them to the fledgling IIM Jammu.

Prof. Sahay emphasized that IIM-J will continue to organize international training programmes for corporate executives and policy makers and also emphasized upon the importance of international training programmes which enables cross-cultural learning for policy design and programme implementation for small holders.

Dr. Manoj Nardeo Singh emphasized upon the importance of building partners with academic institutions like IIM Jammu to develop capacity building amongst the member countries of AARDO.

Dr. SM Ovais, Head, Capacity Building and Building Projects discussed the history of the formation of AARDO and the various activities AARDO takes in 33 member countries of African and Asia.

Prof. Ateeque Shaikh delivered the vote of thanks.

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On one hand the programme highlights the importance of integration of smallholders into value chains to ensure higher and fairer income to the small holders, and on the other hand develops a suitable policy framework for reducing the obstacles of all the stakeholders.

The programme focuses on capacity building of the Middle-Level / Govt./Parastatal Officials in the field of value chain development/ agriculture/agribusiness from the AARDO member coun-

tries, who are endowed with the responsibility of setting up good management practices in agribusiness systems.

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Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu emphasized that IIM Jammu will continue to organize international training programme for corporate executives as well as policy makers. He also emphasized the importance of international training programme which enables cross-cultural learning for policy design and programme implementation for small holders.

Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh emphasized the importance of building partners with academic institutions like IIM Jammu to develop capacity building amongst the member countries of AARDO. AARDO as an institution has been continuously focusing on the Sustainable Development goals of United Nations. AARDO's continues to focus in enabling member countries policy makers to ensure that the constraints that smallholders face are overcome through market linkage and access, efficient production and harvesting practices, creating farmers institutions and enabling credit access to the small holders.

Dr. S M Ovais, Head, Capacity Building and Building Projects, discussed the history of the formation of AARDO and the various activities AARDO takes in 33 member countries of African and Asia. Prof. Ateeque Shaikh delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the inauguration event.



## **Inauguration of Five -Days International Online Training Program for AARDO Member countries at IIM Jammu**

Jammu, September 14 (Scoop News)-The inauguration ceremony of International online-training programme titled "Agriculture Value Chain Analysis for Strengthening Smallholders" (AARDO) being organized by IIM Jammu, took place virtually on 14 September 2020. The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of His excellency Dr. Manoj Nardeosingh, Secretary General, AARDO, Prof. B S Sahay, Director IIM Jammu and Dr. S M Ovais, Head, Capacity Building & Development projects, AARDO, Prof. Jabir Ali and Prof. Ateeque Shaikh, Programme Directors, IIM Jammu. The training programme has received overwhelming response with 35 participants from 17 different countries of Asia and Africa.

The objective of the training program is to develop the necessary understanding, skills, and attitudes for strengthening the food and agribusiness value chain. An understanding of the value chain structure is imperative to develop a proper governance framework. The programme enables discussion around the identification of major constraints across the value chain related to fragmentation in input supply, inefficient production practices, lack of post-harvest management, market access restrictions, weak infrastructures, lack of resources, and ineffective institutional arrangements. On one hand the programme also highlights the importance of integration of smallholders into value chains to ensure higher and fairer income to the small holders, and on the other hand developing a suitable policy framework for reducing the obstacles of all the stakeholders. The programme focuses on capacity building of the Middle- Level / Govt./Parastatal Officials in the field of value chain development/agriculture/agribusiness from the AARDO member countries, who are endowed with the responsibility of setting up good management practices in agribusiness systems.

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