

2nd Annual Review Meeting 12-15 February 2012

The 2nd Annual Review Meeting of ClimaRice project was held on 12-15th February 2012 at the International Water Management Institute, ICRISAT Campus, Hyderabad

In the second year, ClimaRice project was focused on the validation of selected adaptation measures on farmers' fields and analysis of data from field trials through the use of technical and socio-economic approaches.

The meeting was opened by the Counsellor of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi, Mr. Håvard Hugås, who made some substantially positive remarks about the interim results and commented on the anticipated outcome of the project. In turn, Mr. Sekhar (Bioforsk) presented the progress of the project and the objectives to be pursued for the following year while also the Agenda of the meeting was exhibited.

Further, a presentation about the climate change modeling, the yield and rain pattern scenarios was given by H. Annamalai. The sustenance of rice production in climate change through selected adaptation techniques on farmers' field was later on presented by Ms. V. Geethalakshami and A. Lakshmanan (TNAU). Also, a concise presentation about the hydrological modeling results in Cauvery and Krishna basins was given by Balaji Narasimhan (IIT Madras).

The socio-economic aspects of the project were denoted by K. Palanisami (IWMI Hyderabad) in a description about the adaptation measures, the gender and capacity building in Andhra Pradesh. Also, Mr. Krishna (IWMI Hyderabad) presented a vulnerability mapping of farming communities in the two examined basins. Finally, Trond Rafoss (Bioforsk) outlined the pest and disease forecasting through mobile technology as an adaptation measure for climate change.

In the end, Mr. Håvard Hugås congratulated the research team for the good performance in scientific and policy making aspects and noted the need for higher dissemination of the outcomes to the regional authorities.

