

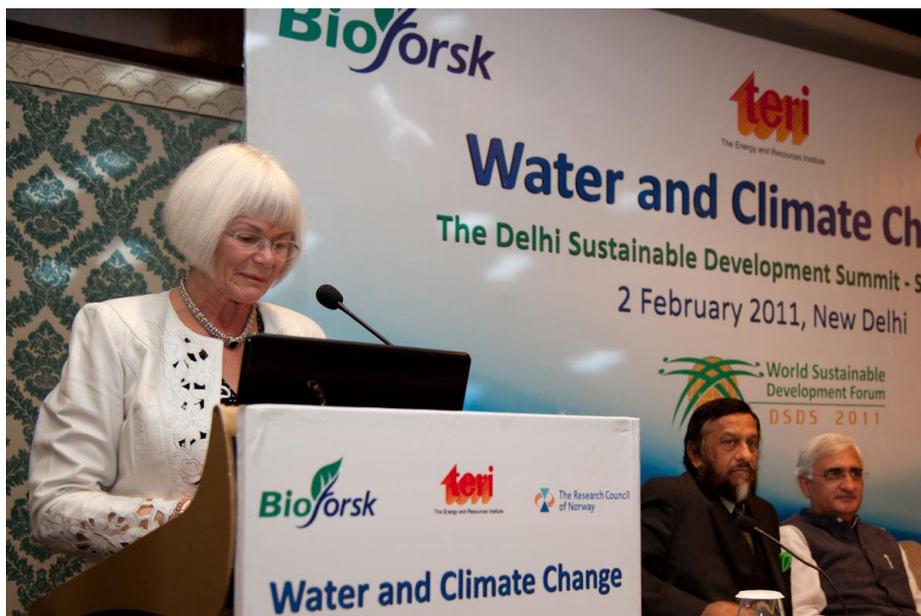
ClimaRice Book launch



The book titled "Sustainable Rice Production on a Warmer Planet" was launched by the Norwegian Minister of Research and Higher Education, Mrs. Tora Aasland at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2011, special event "Water and Climate" workshop on the 2nd February, 2011.

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During the inaugural session, Mrs. Tora Aasland, handed over the first copy of the book to Indian Minister of Water Resources, Mr. Salman Khurshid, as a symbolic gesture of Indo-Norwegian co-operation. She appreciated the work done by the ClimaRice partners, Bioforsk, TNAU and IPRC, Hawaii, and the efforts made to bring out the book. The Minister said that the book gives a good and important insight into a research area, with an untraditional approach.



The Norwegian Minister of Research and Higher Education, Mrs. Tora Aasland presented the new book on ClimaRice at the workshop in New Delhi.

Minister Tora Aasland is proud of the project and the results so far and commented:

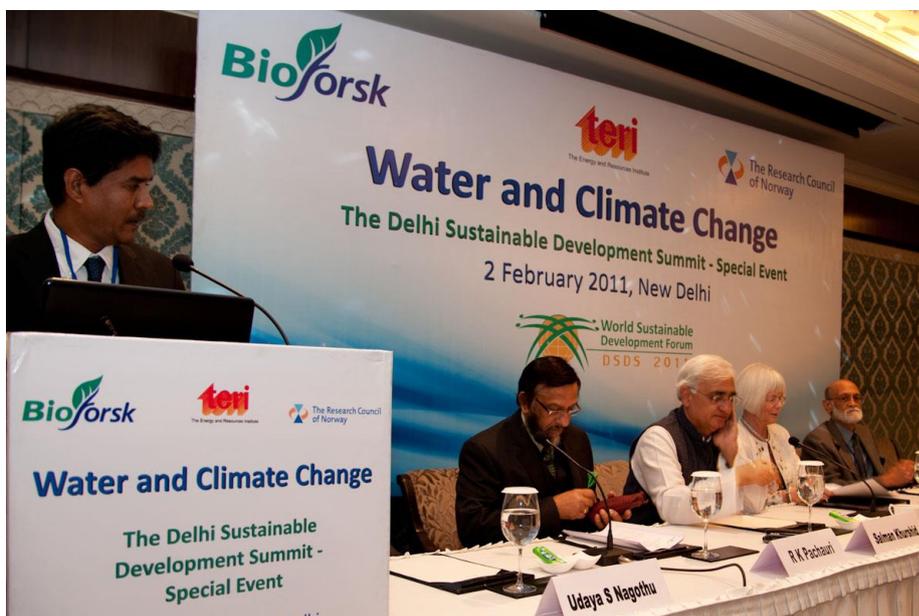
"I am glad that the experience of ClimaRice project has been portrayed in a book that can convey the results to a wider audience. It has an important message, and will contribute to developing adaptation measures to address climate change".

Mr. Salman Khurshid, in his speech pointed out the importance of water management in agriculture, and rice production in particular. He also praised the Norwegian-Indian cooperation and congratulated Udaya Sekhar Nagothu and the others members of the book editorial team for the outcomes.

ClimaRice results

The first phase of the ClimaRice project has now come to an end, and a summary of the results is concluded in the new book "Sustainable Rice Production on a Warmer Planet".

Editor and senior scientist at the Norwegian Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research, Udaya Sekhar Nagothu, has led the ClimaRice project since its inception in 2008. Udaya Sekhar Nagothu has been the main editor along with the other editors Dr.Geetha Lakshmi, Dr.Annamalai, H. and Dr.A.Lakshmanan, from the ClimaRice partner institutions TNAU and IPRC.



Project leader and Main Editor of the book, Udaya Sekhar Nagothu from Bioforsk at the podium, along with the other panelists in the inaugural session, (from left, IPCC Chair, Dr. R. K. Pachauri, the Indian Minister of Water Resources, Mr. Salman Khurshid and The Norwegian Minister of Research and Higher Education, Mrs. Tora Aasland).

Different perspectives

- The book and the project focuses on climate change and its impacts on agriculture and rice production in particular, and the need for an interdisciplinary approach to address this complex issue. The book shows the importance of including different stakeholder perspectives and experiences together with the scientific results. Therefore it is important to achieve a common understanding of how problems can be solved.

The book emphasizes the need for involvement of various interest groups, and that their perspectives are used to identify and develop customized measures.

The players' commitment is indispensable for the successful implementation of government decisions or actions. Furthermore, the development of adaptation strategies has been an important part of ClimaRice projects.

The link between science, policy and the stakeholders will continue, and will have more emphasis in phase two of ClimaRice, says the project leader Udaya Sekhar Nagothu.