

IPCC Chair, Dr.R.K.Pachauri, appreciates the ClimaRice project efforts



At the "Water and Climate" workshop, jointly organized by Bioforsk and TERI, in New Delhi, 2nd Feb, 2011, Dr.Pachauri, appreciated the efforts being taken by the ClimaRice team, and the results summarized in the book "Sustainable rice production on a Warmer Planet" as a good example of showcasing the results.

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The main goal of the workshop was to identify common challenges and needs, and to shape the future cooperation and innovation for India and Norway on water and climate research. The participants discussed how, through cooperation, it is possible to find the most effective, sustainable and cost effective solutions for challenges in regard to water- and climate questions.

The two day long workshop was funded by the Research Council of Norway and jointly organized by the Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research (Bioforsk) and TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute).



ClimaRice project leader Udaya Sekhar Nagothu at the inaugural session

Besides the ClimaRice project leader Udaya Sekhar Nagothu and Research Director from Bioforsk, Nils Vagstad, nearly 80 participants from various Norwegian and Indian agencies, international organizations, the Norwegian Embassy and the press were present at the workshop. The Norwegian agencies present were the Bjerknæs

Centre for Climate Research, the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute, Nansen Remote Sensing, NVE, Statkraft and the Research Council.



The Indian Minister of Water Resources, Mr. Salman Khurshid, and the Norwegian Minister of Research and Higher Education, Mrs. Tora Aasland.

The project leader Udaya Sekhar Nagothu in Bioforsk coordinated the inaugural session at the workshop, and among the speakers was the Research Director of Bioforsk, Mr. Nils Vagstad. He specifically emphasized the importance of including agricultural and food production, in the matters concerning water management and climate changes. He also emphasized that it is a great honor and recognition of Bioforsk's work that both the Norwegian and the Indian Minister found it important to participate in this seminar, together with the chair of IPCC.



The Indian Minister of Water Resources and Minority Affairs, Mr. Salman Khurshid emphasized the importance of sustainable use of water resources and improving efficiency in the agriculture sector.



IPCC Chair, Dr. Pachauri giving his speech at the "Water and Climate" workshop

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Dr. R.K. Pachauri, is the General Director of TERI, which organized the workshop together with Bioforsk. In his speech, Dr. Pachauri endorsed the new book from the ClimaRice project as a good example of disseminating project results in international cooperation.