

Capacity development at Aquacrop modeling workshop

The AquaCrop modeling workshop was held in Hyderabad, from 14th February to 18th February, 2011, as part of the capacity building program for stakeholders.

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The team from Bioforsk, Norway, International Water Management Institute (IWMI, Hyd) and Water and Land Management Training and Research Institute (WALAMTARI) participated in the inauguration of the workshop along with the facilitators from FAO. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Tirupataiah, Director General, WALAMTARI, who explained about the need of crop and water modeling for the state government and research institutes.



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Altogether there were 17 participants in the workshop from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore; IWMI, Hyderabad; Irrigation and CAD Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh; WALAMTARI, Hyderabad. The participants thanked the FAO facilitators Dr. Dirk Raes and Ms Eline Vanuytrecht for the training and requested a follow up program to work with the model in their own study area. The facilitators assured their assistance to the participants and their availability during September 2011. Participants were glad in learning the model and expressed AquaCrop as a good user friendly crop model for farm level study.



FAO facilitator, Ms. Eline Vanuytrecht, demonstrating the use of the Aquacrop model.



Mr. Ole Reidar Bergum, First Secretary, The Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi, Mr. Vivek Kumar, Senior advisor, Dr.A.K.Gosain, IIT Delhi attended the workshop during closing ceremony and issued certificates to the participants.

AquaCrop is a crop water productivity model developed by the Land and Water Division of FAO.