

Report on  
International Training Programme on  
Sustainable Agriculture and Socially responsible Rural Financing



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## **ABSTARCT**

Centre for International Cooperation and Training in Agricultural Banking, CICTAB, was established in India as an international organization for exchanging experiences in agricultural banking between developing countries in Asia and the Africa. CICTAB became operational during 1983, initially with four member countries in the region, viz. Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka & India and was subsequently extended its membership to all the SAARC countries. Organizations at the member countries dealing with Agriculture and Credit can apply for membership. Currently, there are a total of 38 members from 6 SAARC nations, 17 from India, 3 from Bangladesh, 3 from Bhutan, 9 from Nepal, 5 from Sri Lanka and 1 from Maldives.

One of the core objectives of CICTAB is to conduct training courses, workshops and seminars in India and other countries in the region to assist in solving problems relating to promoting rural development especially through agricultural finance. Apart from member countries participants from other countries are also invited to take part in these training sessions. Countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, China, Iran, Rep. of Korea, Russia, Uzbekistan, Mauritius and Egypt have sent their representatives in several of these training sessions. During Fiscal year 2023-2024, CICTAB has successfully touches the benchmark of completing 400 training sessions from its inception.

In Bangladesh, Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union (Milk Vita) and Cooperative Credit Union League of Bangladesh Ltd. (CCULB) are members of CICTAB. Bangladesh Bank Training Academy (BBTA) on behalf of Bangladesh Bank has hosted several of the aforementioned training programmes since 2011. However, after 2019 there were a pause until 2014, and during March 24-29, 2024 the Academy has hosted CICTAB training programme no. 402.

This year's programme (No. 402) was jointly organized by Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union (Milk Vita), Cooperative Credit Union League of Bangladesh Ltd. (CCULB) and CICTAB. The title of the programme was 'Sustainable Agriculture and Socially responsible Rural Financing'. There were 29 participants from 21 different organizations from 4 different countries. Participants were mid to senior level officials of concern Departments, Central Banks, Commercial Banks, Cooperative and other rural financing institutions. Training sessions were conducted by experienced personnel from relevant fields.

## **CICTAB TRAINING NO. 402**

### *at a Glance*

Programme Title	: <i>Sustainable Agriculture and Socially responsible Rural Financing</i>
Duration	: 24-29 March 2024
Venue	: Bangladesh Bank Training Academy (BBTA), Mirpur - 2, Dhaka.
Organizers'	: jointly organized by BBTA, Milk Vita, CCULB, Bangladesh and CICTAB, India
No. of Participants	: Total – 29 (Nepal-4 ; India- 3 ; Sri Lanka-2 ; Bangladesh-20)
Level of Participants	: Senior managers/ Executives of Rural Financing Institutions
Trainers	: Faculty Members of National Level Training Institutions of Cooperative, Rural development and Financial Institutions in Countries of SAARC nations.
Training Methodology	: Presentations & Experience Sharing, Case study, Field visits and paper presentation.

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Sl.	Name	Organization & Designation	Country
01.	Mr. Pradeep Ram	Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Mumbai	INDIA
02.	Ms. Kamalini Sharlin Poornima	Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Mumbai	INDIA
03.	Mr. Kinchit Joshi	Deputy Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), New Delhi	INDIA
04.	Mr. Ashok Kumar Sunuwar	Assistant Director, NRB - Microfinance Institutions Supervision Department	NEPAL
05.	Ms. Radha Kumari Pokhrel	Business Officer, NEFSCUN: Nepal Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperative Unions Ltd, Kathmandu	NEPAL
06.	Mr. Ram Sudan Timalisina	Communication Officer, NCF: National Cooperative Federation of Nepal (NCF), Lalitpur	NEPAL
07.	Mr. Dev Bahadur Bam	Chairperson, NCL: Navajeevan Co-operatives Ltd., Kailali	NEPAL
08.	Mr. Kalinga Kalpana Gawesha Sanirathna	Chairman, Katana MPCs	SRILANKA
09.	A.W.A. Ishara Maduwanthi Abesekara	Assistant Accountant, SANASA Federation	SRILANKA
10.	Mr. Hasan Tareq Khan	Additional Director, Bangladesh Bank	BANGLADESH
11.	Ms. Kalpita Sarkar	Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bank	BANGLADESH

12.	Mr. Md. Mahabub-UI Alam	Assistant Director, Bangladesh Bank	BANGLADESH
13.	Mr. Md. Abu Nayeem	Assistant Director, Bangladesh Bank	BANGLADESH
14.	Ms. Amena Khatun	Assistant Director, Bangladesh Bank	BANGLADESH
15.	Mr. Hasib Mehede Hasan	Assistant Manager (Quality Control), Bangladesh Milk Producers' Cooperative Union (Milk Vita)	BANGLADESH
16.	Mr. Md. Al-Amin	Assistant Manager (Marketing), Bangladesh Milk Producers' Cooperative Union (Milk Vita)	BANGLADESH
17.	Ms. Himaddry Barua	Assistant Manager (Veterinarian), Bangladesh Milk Producers' Cooperative Union (Milk Vita)	BANGLADESH
18.	Mr. Shadrach Talukder	Assistant General Manager, The Cooperative Credit Union League of Bangladesh Ltd. (CCULB)	BANGLADESH
19.	Mr. Dipak Kanti Barua	Assistant Manager, The Buddhist Co-operative Credit Union Ltd	BANGLADESH
20.	Mr. Mhohammad Aminur Rahman	Senior Accountant, Rajnagar United Co-operative Credit Union Ltd.	BANGLADESH
21.	Mr. Mohammad Shariful Islam	Assistant General Manager, Bangladesh Krishi Bank	BANGLADESH
22.	Mr. Md. Mostafizer Rahman	Senior Principal Officer, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank	BANGLADESH
23.	Mr. Md. Shohrab Hossain	Senior Assistant Vice President, Export Import Bank of Bangladesh Ltd.	BANGLADESH
24.	Dr. Md. Ruhul Amin	Vice President, Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC	BANGLADESH
25.	Mr. Md. Nure Alam	Senior Principal Officer, Janata Bank PLC.	BANGLADESH
26.	Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam	Senior Principal Officer, Sonali Bank PLC	BANGLADESH
27.	Mr. Mohammed Mizanur Rahman	Principal Officer, Grameen Bank	BANGLADESH
28.	Mr. Mohammad Atikur Rahman	Deputy Director (Irrigation), Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)	BANGLADESH
29.	Mr. Pankoj Kumar Biswas	Assistant General Manager, Bangladesh Samabaya Bank Limited	BANGLADESH

## **PROGRAMME DETAILS**

**PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE :** The course aims to deliver knowledge and regional experience on sustainable agriculture and the latest development in the field of agricultural finance.

**PROGRAMME METHODOLOGY AND SCHEDULE :** The programme features a purposive combination of class room lecture, briefing and participative discussion, Case study, Field visits and Paper presentation. Class room lectures were focused on face-to-face discussion between the presenter and the participants on the set contents. Participants also participated in the class lecture by sharing their own experiences on the topic, which enabled other participants to learn from their peers about their *part of the story* in the relevant field. Thereby, participants have been able to construct knowledge, skill and value from other

participant. Case studies used by the trainers have helped the participants to develop a consistent conceptual understanding on critical content. Topics that covered under the classroom lectures are as follows :

Sl.	Lecture Title	Resource Person
01.	Agricultural Financing and Role of Cooperatives for Sustainable Rural Economic Development in India.	Dr. D. Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB
02.	Smart Agriculture and SME for Sustainable Rural Economy	Mr. Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman Additional Director SMESPD, Bangladesh Bank
03.	Agricultural and Rural Finance Mechanism of the Central Bank in Bangladesh	Dr. Md. Abu Bakkar Siddique Additional Director Agricultural Credit Department Bangladesh Bank
04.	Role of Alternative Delivery Channels to Provide Credit to Rural Farmers for Enhancing Financial Inclusion	Ms. Prajna Parmita Saha Additional Director Financial Inclusion Department Bangladesh Bank
05.	Access to Finance for Smallholder Farmers: Challenges and Opportunities	Ms. Shahana Ferdousi Additional Director, NFIS administrative Unit, Bangladesh Bank
06.	Sustainable Finance policy initiatives and Bangladesh scenario.	Mr. Chowdhury Liakat Ali, Director Sustainable Finance Department Bangladesh Bank
07.	Roles of CCULB in credit union movement as well as cooperative financing on Bangladesh	Mr. Patrick Palma Managing Director CCULB, Bangladesh
08.	Agricultural Financing & Rural Development: The Concept of SHGs JLGs – Indian Experience	Dr. D. Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB
09.	Planning of a Training Program and application of Suitable Techniques for its Implementation- Case Studies	Dr. D. Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB
10.	Milk vita: A pioneer of an agricultural co operative in sustainable dairying	Muhammad Mokbul Hossain Deputy Manager (Q C) Milk vita, Bangladesh

The second approach was study visits, which enabled the participants to gain practical understanding on relevant issues, two field visits were arranged in two different organizations at Bangladesh. The first one is at the Cooperative Credit Union League of Bangladesh Ltd. (CCULB) and the second one is at the Bangladesh Milk Producers' Cooperative Union (Milk Vita).

Then, there were paper presentation sessions on the part of the participants where six papers were presented and the sessions were moderated jointly by Mr. A.K.M. Rezaul Karim, Director, Bangladesh Bank and Dr. D Ravi, Consultant, CICTAB.

## PHOTO GALLERY



Welcome of Guests at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy



Inauguration Picture of the participants with the Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Training Academy





Closing Ceremony



Certificate distribution



## ANNEXURE-I



### **CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TRAINING IN AGRICULTURAL BANKING**

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**To**

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Executive Director

Bangladesh Bank Training Academy,

Mirpur-2,Dhaka

Bangladesh

**Sub: Thank you for your support and thoughtful gesture-reg.**

Dear Sir,

Warm Greetings from CICTAB, Pune!

I hope this message finds you well.

Thank you for your support in successfully conducting an International Programme on **"Sustainable Agriculture and Socially Responsible Rural Financing"** at Bangladesh Bank Training Academy, Dhaka from 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the thoughtful memento sent by Bangladesh Bank Training Academy to me.

Looking forward to more such collaborations in future.

Thanking you,

With regards,

  
(Hema Yadav)