Conference on
Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in Eastern Region
(FFGCSWR-2019)

February 6-8, 2019 | Sunabeda, Koraput, Odisha

Venue: ICAR-IISWC, Sunabeda, Koraput, Odisha
(An Aspirational District, Govt. of India)

Organized by
Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists (IASWC), Dehradun, Uttarakhand

In Collaboration with
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1.0 BACKGROUND

India holds 142 M ha of arable land in 137 M farm households and has 46 of the 60 soil types in the world with 15 agro climatic zones varying from arid to humid tropics, hot arid deserts to cold deserts with varying annual rainfall and diversity of crops and farming practices. Agriculture is a high risk enterprise which is exacerbated by climate change and market volatility. Particularly smallholder farmers are resource poor with limited access to quality inputs, credit and market opportunities may leads to high risky in farming. To double income of farmers, the supply side push of maximizing production has to be replaced with a demand side pull of fulfilling market needs by identifying opportunities for farmers to integrate with markets. Integrated crop and land management practices to achieve the profitable productivity with maintaining soil health and minimizing degradation of natural resources are most vital for healthy ecosystem services.

The Eastern Region (ER) holds critical importance in generating second green revolution in the country. About 55.4 M ha geographical area of the region is supporting 25% (296 M) of the country population with 11% SC and 18% ST population in the region. The ER comprising of five states namely; Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal represents 13,10,19,10 and 5 aspirational districts, respectively which is about 50% (57 districts) of the total districts identified in the country (115 districts) under 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme launched by the Hon'ble PM. The ER producing 3.93% of the food grains from 4.24% area under food grains of the country with 11.6% low productivity level. Total irrigated area is 40.16% of the total cropped area and dominated by rain dependant agriculture. The ER accounts 20.4% of the total cultivator of the country with 31.04% agricultural labours but high percent of BPL population (32.6%). Percent of agricultural households indebted in the region is 43.52% (28.9-57.5%) against 51.9% in the country. Average monthly income of agricultural householders is ₹4482 (₹3558-5177/-) in the ER which is 30.24% lower against national average (₹ 6429).

As per the harmonized data base on land degradation, an area of 17.07 M ha in ER is suffering from various kinds of land degradation which accounts for 33.3% of the total geographical area of the region. Water erosion is the chief contributor for degradation (51.48%) followed by acid and salt affected soils (30.92%). On an average 20.43% decrease in productivity of cereals, oilseeds and pulses due to water erosion which is amounting to annual loss of ₹ 33063 million in monetary terms from the ER. Though, the regions being bestowed with adequate and good quality natural resources, poor resource management, shifting cultivation, small and marginal farmers, lack of location specific production technologies, poor extension service, natural calamities etc., are the obstacles in raising agricultural production and socio-economic condition in the region.

Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists (IASWC) has planned to provide farmers-scientists interface for technology development and application under the conceptual framework of ICAR initiated “Farmer
FIRST” programme through organizing regional conferences. Such conferences for Southern Region at Bangalore in March 2013, Northern Region at Dehradun in March 2014, North Eastern Region at Guwahati in February, 2017, and Western Region at Anand in February 2018 was organized. In February 2019, conference on “Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in Eastern Region (FFCSWR-2019)” is being organized for stakeholders' of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal states at ICAR-IISWC, Research Centre, Sunabeda, Koraput, Odisha.

This farmers participation conference is intended to provides an effective platform for innovative farmers to represent farming communities of their respective areas and share their experiences, constraints, and expectations from researchers and policy makers vis-à-vis presentation from researchers and policy makers on various issues directly related to farmers views so that ready information is available that can be effectively communicated through farmers to farmers mode. The deliberations in the conference shall form recommendations and a policy framework for sustainable development of the region.

2.0 THEMES AREAS

The conference, shall deliberate on the prime concerns of resource conservation in all diversified production systems, land degradation status, soil and water conservation, water resource development, integrated farming systems, impacts of various flagship schemes of Govt. of India, State Govt., and other national and international funded/sponsored special programmes, biodiversity, farmers innovations, successful case studies, ITKs, etc., under the following cross-cutting themes in the Eastern Region:

I. Appraisal of Natural Resources
   a. Characterization of natural resources
   b. Issues and challenges in natural resource management

II. Strategies, Opportunities and Potentials of Resource Conservation
   a. Management of resources under different production systems
   b. Climate change adoption, mitigations and climate smart agriculture
   c. Soil health and its management

III. Biodiversity and Sustainability
   a. Status, issues and challenges in biodiversity conservation
   b. Indigenous traditional knowledge
   c. Tribal communities and resource conservation

IV. Participatory Resource Conservation and Management
   a. Impacts and experience in integrated watershed management
   b. Ecosystem services of resource conservation technologies and programmes
   c. Socio-economic perspective, role of women and farmers

V. Governance and Policy Issues
   a. Soil and water resources in doubling farmer's income
   b. Institutional mechanisms for natural resource conservation
3.0 MODE OF FARMERS PARTICIPATION

Nomination: The different agency who are involved in transfer of technologies and direct contact with the farming community in the regions are requested to nominate innovative farmers who have significantly contributed with rich experience in conservation based diversified production system through soil and water conservation interventions, integrated watershed management, rainwater harvesting and utilisation etc. Use standard format for nominating farmers.

Selection: The IASWC will select deserving farmers in a fully stratified manner so that each farming system or conditions are represented, and invite them to the conference for sharing their experiences through oral presentation (PPT, Videos etc.) at IASWC cost. Active and successful farmers will be felicitated during the conference.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCE

Presentations will be organised in different theme-wise sessions in three stages: i) By invited farmers on their views, ii) By keynote speakers or invited experts on relevant theme, and iii) Theme wise poster presentations by all registered delegates.

5.0 CALL FOR PAPERS: EXCLUSIVELY FROM RESEARCHERS / SCIENTISTS / STUDENTS / TECHNICIANS / POLICY PLANNERS (POSTER PRESENTATION)

Abstracts are invited from participants for reporting the results of research/outreach activities, field experience or lessons learned while working with farmers on soil and water conservation, dry land farming, In-situ/ex-situ water resources development, irrigation water management technologies related to any prevalent production systems (Agriculture, Horticulture, Plantation, Agro-forestry, Livestock and Fisheries) on any of the theme areas mentioned above. The abstract typed in English MS WORD format, double spaced leaving 2.5 cm margin on all sides on A-4 size paper must not exceed 400 words. The abstract format is: title (14 pts bold), author(s) (12 pts bold), affiliation (12 pts italics), mailing address, telephone/cell phone, fax and e-mail (12 pts normal). Abstracts can be submitted through email (ffcswr2019@gmail.com) on or before the due date. Full length paper may be prepared as per the latest guidelines of Indian Journal of Soil Conservation available at our website www.iaswc.com.

Mode of presentation of the selected abstracts will be exclusively through poster presentations. To maintain uniformity, printing of posters will be arranged by the organizers on payment basis at the conference venue. Standard format/template shall be communicated later. The best poster presentation on each theme areas will be awarded. However, keynote addresses and invited papers on the focused themes from eminent experts will have oral presentation and discussions.

6.0 REGISTRATION FEE

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All the participants are required to be registered for the conference and use standard Registration Form which is also available on the website www.iaswc.com. Submit the filled registration form along with registration fee in the form of draft/multi-city cheques or online bank transfer receipt on or before 31st December, 2018 in favour of “Organizing Secretary, FFCSWRER-2019” payable at Sunabeda along with the registration form. The students are required to produce a valid identity card/certificate for availing the student discount.

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### 7.0 ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

Necessary accommodation will be arranged for all the selected farmers and invited speakers. On request, accommodation for all other participants shall be arranged on payment basis in the nearby guest houses and hotels on first come-first served basis. Delegates are requested to send their travel plan in advance to enable us to make accommodation arrangements. The transport from guest houses and hotels to the conference venue and back on all the three days of the conference will be arranged by the organizer.

### 8.0 DATE AND VENUE

The conference is scheduled to be held during February 6-8, 2019 at ICAR-IISWC, Research Centre, Sunabeda, Koraput, Odisha.

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10.0 ABOUT KORAPUT

The district of Koraput derives its name from its headquarters, the present town of Koraput. According to Mr. R.C.S. Bell, the name of the town is 'Kora-Putti' or “the hamlet of the “Nuxvomica” and it is derived presumably from Kora that must at one time have been prominent near the site. Some opine that the word is derived from KHORA a sect of people who still inhabit nearby villages. According to the second theory, Koraput is a corrupted form of 'Karaka-Pentho'. Karaka literally means 'hail-stone'. Another opinion is often found that the term Kora that means the Sun God who was worshipped by the local tribals in ancient times. Hence the town was so named. It is also believed that one 'Khora Naiko' laid foundation of the village during the time of Nandapur kings. He hailed probably from Ranpur and served under the Nandapur kings in the Militia, and for his faithful and meritorious services he was permitted to establish this village which was named after him as Khora Putu, and later on the name has been abbreviated to 'Koraput.

The undivided district of Koraput has been divided into four districts – Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Nowrangapur in 1992. Koraput comes under Eastern Ghats Highland Agro climatic Zone. Most part of the Koraput district is undulated and many parts of Jeypore Sub-Division are plain lands. Climatic condition of the district is warm and humid. Average annual rainfall of the district is 1567 mm. Mean Maximum summer temperature is 34.10 C and Mean Minimum Winter temperature is 10.40 C. Koraput region of Odisha state is reorganized by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations and accorded the status of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS) to the traditional agricultural system being practiced by the tribal community.

11.0 ADVERTISEMENT

The Souvenir of the conference, which will contain messages from VIP's and articles from renowned scientists, policy makers and administrators, has provision for advertisement by the agricultural firms/organizations. Souvenir is a very important publication of the conference and is usually retained by the delegates for long period to be used as reference book. Interested Organizations/Companies may contact the organizers for giving their advertisements. The rates for the advertisement are as follows:

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(Signature of the Participant)
1. Name of Farmer: Mr/Ms .............................................
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2. Mailing address: Village: .......................................
   Post: .......................................
   District: .........................
   State: .......................
   Mobile no: ........................

3. Important crops grown by nominee farmer (cereals / oilseeds / pulses /
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