

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD CONSORTIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING FOR THE PROJECT "VALUE CHAIN ON CASHEW FOR DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKET" UNDER NAIP COMPONENT 2 ON 17 AUG 2010 AT CEPC LAB AND TECHNICAL DIVISION, KOLLAM.**

**CONSORTIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

Chairman : Dr KV Peter  
Members : Dr RT Gunjate, Agricultural Expert.  
: Smt Rajasree Pratap, Surya Exporters, Kollam  
: Shri Prakash Rao, Kalbhavi Cashews, Mangalore

Consortium Leader: Dr VP Potty, Principal Scientist, CEPC Lab, Kollam

Consortium Partners:

Dr D Balasubramanian, CCPI, DCR, Puthur, Karnataka

Dr V Palanimuthu, CCPI, University of Agricultural science, Bangalore  
Dr KA Ratheesh, CCPI, KSCDC, Kollam

CAC members did not attend the meeting due to busy schedules.

As per the programme schedule, the meeting started under the Chairmanship of Shri. T. K. Shahal Hussain Musaliar, Chairman, Cashew Export Promotion Council of India at 10.00 AM on 17th August 2010. Dr. C Prabhakumari, Co Principal Investigator and Deputy Principal Scientist of CEPC Laboratory welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Among the CCPIs, only Dr. V Palanimuthu, UAS Bangalore attended the meeting.

Shri TK Shahal Hassan Musaliar, Chairman, CEPCI thanked NAIP for selecting his institution and assured all possible help in future also. He emphasised the need to highlight the innovations taking place. He made forecast on participations of MNC in value added products from Cashew, if it is marketed and highlighted properly.

Dr KV Peter, Chairman, CAC gave an observation on NAIP-ICAR project on Cashew. He elaborated the need for completion of objectives timely and also project in time. He emphasized the role of the project and its importance to the cashew industry. He Congratulated CEPCI for their valuable contributions to Cashew industry.

Smt CB Mayarani, Assistant principal Scientist, CEPC Lab, thanked Hon. Guests and audience.

Interactive business session started with a detailed power point presentation by Dr VP Potty, CPI on tasks completed and the activities proposed for 2010-11. That was followed by Dr V Palanimuthu CCPI, UAS ,Bangalore and RA's of DCR Puthur and KSCDC Kollam. Following technical points emerged.

1. The machine for nut cracking needs clearance for human safety.
2. The Production of anacardic acid from cashew shell is a note worthy innovation. The whole technology needs a scientific relook for refinement and patenting.
3. The products like cashew powder, bits, soup and flavoured cashew items are steps in value addition.
4. The documentation on cashew processing in Vietnam, Cambodia etc as done by Dr. V Palanimuthu, UAS Bangalore is highly educational. This documentation may cover other areas of cashew processing.

5. Dr. V Palanimuthu may be deputed to cashew growing and processing countries to study and document the very useful techniques.
6. Tripura is a major producer of cashew. The taste of Tripura cashew is good considering the home roasting methods. It will be desirable to visit North East also to understand the ancient wisdom in cashew processing.

## CEPCI, Kollam

Sl.No	Point	Recommendations
1	Utilisation of fund on revalidated equipments	The Chairman instructed all partners to complete the procurement of left over equipments as per the NAIP guidelines which is revalidated to the financial year 2010-11 .
2	Patenting the technology produced	Chairman congratulated CPI and his project team for technology developed under the NAIP banner. Also stressed, all the technology should be patented.
3	Publicity of technology developed.	Some of technology developed by CEPC team is very commendable. The technology developed to be showcased in various platforms under the NAIP banner.
4	<u>Mismatching of Accounts Statement:</u> During 2009-10, excess amount of Rs. 259911/- spent for purchasing the equipments were met from recurring funds. Whereas the NAIP statement as surplus with us. Thus released fewer amounts only. Some of the fund statement by NAIP project is not matching with the annual statement of CEPC. It causes hurdles in allotment of fund therefore causing delay in procurement of left over equipments.	A detailed report to be submitted immediately to the Accounts officer, National Coordinator with a copy to Chairman, CAC and the matter should be settled on top priority.

**KSCDC, Kollam**

Sl.No	Issue	Remarks
1	Additional requirement of funds for set up lab and also funds for marketing.	Chairman instructed CCPI to avoid asking more funds. Also for any analytical help may be sought from nearby CEPCI Lab (Consortium leader).
2	Survey of products	A survey must be conducted among customers on the products developed by KSCDC as well as other companies, if any. Suitable representation must be given for NAIP and the consortium partners on various development activities by KSCDC.

**DCR Puthur**

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01	Slow progress on allotted tasks.	The Chairman instructed to speed up the activities to fruitful results.

UAS Bangalore

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1	<p><u>Utilisation of funds on Training.</u> Yearly fund allocation for National training is 3lakh for three years. But enough training facilities are not available in India with respect to the project is concerned. Therefore, this fund may be utilised for any good training facilities from Brazil, Vietnam by utilising the funds for national as well as international training.</p>	<p>Recommended to National coordinator, but within the project allotment.</p>
2	<p><u>Development of automatic shelling machine.</u> The technology used in Brazil, Srilanka and Vietnam are superior than Indian. A new technology can be developed only after assessing the machines of foreign origin. Purchasing will have adverse effect on budget. It is requested that any person from the consortium may be detailed for International training on this equipment, so that the technology can be copied and studied.</p>	<p>Recommended within the project allotment. With respect to the point no 1 above also. Any one from the consortium can be detailed.</p>

**GENERAL OBSERVATION**

By Hon. Chairman, CAC