

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND CONSORTIUM IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
(CIC)
FOR THE SUB PROJECT
“VALUE CHAIN ON CASHEW FOR DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKET”
UNDER NAIP COMPONENT 2 ON 18 AUGUST 2010 AT CEPCI LABORATORY AND
TECHNICAL DIVISION, KOLLAM.

Dr VP Potty, CPI,CEPCI, Kollam	Chairman
Dr SN Moorthy, Principal Scientist (Bio Chemistry), CTCRI, Trivandrum	Member
Dr S. Ramanathan, Principal Scientist Social science, CTCRI, Trivandrum	Member
Dr MS Sajeew, Senior Scientist Agri Engineer, CTCRI, Trivandrum	Member

Consortium Partners:

Dr D Balasubramanian, CCPI, DCR, Puthur, Karnataka
Dr V Palanimuthu, CCPI, University of Agricultural science, Bengaluru
Dr KA Ratheesh, CCPI, KSCDC, Kollam

All CIC members except Dr SN Moorthy, CCPIs except Dr D Balasubramanian, DCR and Dr KA Ratheesh, KSCDC, Research Associates working in the project at various centres were present.

As per the programme schedule, the meeting was started at 10.30 hrs on 18th August 2010. Shri Sisu Pramod, Senior Research Fellow of the NAIP project at CEPCI, Kollam welcomed the dignitaries and participants.

The meeting first reviewed the progress regarding the recommendations made during the first CIC meeting held on 13 January, 2010. This was followed by the presentation of the progress of work by the four consortium partners. The CIC discussed in depth the progress and suggested appropriate recommendations for timely completion of various activities as contemplated.

Shri Muneer. M, Research Assistant of the project proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting ended at 14.00 hrs.

The recommendations of the meeting are given below.-

SI No	Points	Recommendations/Remarks by CIC
1	Progress of work at CEPCI, Kollam.	Satisfactory progress has been made in the areas of storage management of raw cashew nuts and value addition as per the programme schedule. However, the work on bio-sensor development for online detection of contaminated kernels has to be vigorously pursued and completed at the earliest. Field testing of the value added technologies has to be taken up and their possible patenting needs to be explored.
2	Progress of work at UAS, Bengaluru	This centre was entrusted with the work of development of machineries for cashew processing industry. The assessment of the performance of existing machineries has been completed and the inherent difficulties in machinery development were explained. The fact that there is no agency/organization to undergo training on this aspect at National level was also pointed out. It was told that expertise is available in Korea and Brazil on cashew processing machinery. Hence, it is recommended that the possibility of training the project personnel abroad on this aspect using the budget provision made under national training may be explored. In the meantime, based on the work done, suitable modifications/improvements in the existing machineries may be made to increase their efficiency and this work may be expedited.
3	Progress of work at NRCC, Puthur	<p>Progress of the work tasked to this research directorate is being carried out as per the activities related to quality standards for raw cashew nuts, performance studies on advanced drying system for unpeeled cashew kernels and energy budgeting of cashew nut processing industries. It was observed that the fabrication work of the grader could not be taken up due to administrative reasons. In this regard, CIC strongly reiterates its earlier recommendation of using the contingency amount towards fabrication of grader as envisaged in the Project Document. The CIC also requests DCR, Puttur to strictly adhere to the NAIP Guidelines for completion of works allotted to this Centre in time. Any administrative objections in respect of this NAIP Project, if any, may be kindly endorsed in writing so that the matter may be taken up at higher levels, if necessary.</p> <p>The equipment purchase may be completed at the earliest, preferably within September, 2010. While proposing change of equipment, the overall cost may be limited to the original budget sanctioned under the NRC Head and the purchase may be expedited with the approval of NAIP HQ</p> <p>The work on developing quality standards for cashew kernel may be completed as early as possible in collaboration with CEPCI, Kollam</p>
4	Progress of work at KSCDC, Kollam	<p>The survey of value added cashew products in the market, in addition to the products developed by KSCDC may be undertaken immediately and their quality assessed with the help of technical expertise available at CEPCI, Kollam</p> <p>While organizing promotional activities of value added products, active collaboration of other partners of the consortium may also be ensured.</p>

5	General observation/recommendations
a.	Timely release of sanctioned budget to various centres by NAIP PI Unit may be ensured for smooth running of the project and timely completion of activities envisaged.
b.	It was observed that CCPIs of some centres did not attend the CAC and CIC meetings and their absence is viewed seriously. In their absence, detailed discussion on presentation by the concerned RAs/SRFs could not be possible; moreover it also hampers in taking important decisions regarding the implementation of the project. Hence, the CCPIs are advised to attend the meetings of CAC and CIC without fail in future.

Signature of CIC Members

Dr Ramanathan :

Dr MS Sajeev :

Signature of Chairman CIC

Dr. V.P. Potty