

Consultation Workshop to Develop Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Training Curriculum Framework

14th June 2017: The Rural Development Training Centre (RDTC) in Zhemgang under Ministry of Agriculture and Forest (MoAF) is in the process of developing



framework for RDTC training Curriculum and modules. The RDTC strives to go Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) with the financial assistance of Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment and Conservation (BTFEC), towards achieving sustainable development guided by the Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) concept and its 3

pillars– productivity, adaptation and mitigation. The CSA Curriculum framework developed through the consultative process involving participants from different agencies under MoAF drafted through two rounds of meetings at Namsey Chhoiling Resort at Paro.

The consultation process is also guided professionally by Mr. Wangpo Tenzin, Curriculum Development Specialist (CDE), from Education Council (engaged as a Curriculum Expert) and Mr. Chhimi Dorji, Local Consultancy Firm, in Thimphu (as a technical expert) in Agriculture. The first round of consultative meeting was held in 30th and 31st March 2017. The second two days' meeting concluded on 15th June 2017 with satisfaction in the hearts of all for their shared contribution, and anticipate to develop trade specific training modules, mainly under broad categories of Livestock, Agriculture and Non Wood Forest Products, sometimes in September 2017. The RDTC Noble intention to serve our rural farming communities to making agriculture practices climate resilient and boost productivity and livelihood. In the long run, it curbs rural to urban migration and creates employment for youths in their respective communities.

The capacity building of RDTC faculty was planned to learn Climate Smart Resilient Agriculture. In May 2017, they were also trained in ICIMOD to enhance their competency level to deliver Climate SMART skills. After returning from Nepal the faculty are expected to contribute to Climate Smart Agriculture skills in the upcoming write workshop. Twenty-four officials representing various agencies (Department of Agriculture (DoA), Department of Livestock (DoL), Department of Forest and Park Services DoFP), Department of Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives (DAMC), Research Development Centre, Bajo (RDC), Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BTFEC), & Rural Development Training Centre (RDTC) have participated in the workshop.

With unflinching support of BTFEC, competent resource persons and dedicated contributions of participants and RDTC professionals, the drafting RDTC Curriculum frame work and Modules in September is to set historical milestones in the field of Agriculture in Bhutan largely expected to engage many aspiring youths in agricultural

farming enterprises and farming communities to build their competency and knowledge and skills.

Action Plan (July to December 2017)

RDTC management will engage Mr. Chhimi Dorji, Local Consultant firm in Thimphu, who will take as a Coordinator during the forthcoming write shop at CNR. The table below reflected the action plan and presented in the consultation meeting as the start up for CSA Modules. It is expected that by the end of December 2017, RDTC will be able to come up with CSA Curriculum framework and revised training modules. From beginning of 2018, the training modules will be made available in the public domain and accordingly, the Centre is also expected to use these modules and deliver the training services particularly aspiring youths and farming communities and farmers group.

Chapters	Writers proposed	Write shop at CNR	Experts consultation at MoAF	Endorsement to be made by MoAF	Designing and Printing
Mushroom	4 writers for each chapter. The writers will constitute subject experts from CNR, RDTC and National Programs.	Draft CSA Curriculum drafted in September 2017.	Presentation of draft CSA to subject experts from relevant agencies in October 2017. Feedbacks from this will be compiled by the Coordinator and the final draft will be produced.	The final draft of CSA presented to RDTC Board and endorsed in November 2017.	Design and print about 500 copies by December 2017.
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Vegetable					
Fruits					
Poultry					
Piggery					
NWFP- Broon Grass & Bamboo & Cane					

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