



International Farmers' Dialogue 2014
Farm Women Empowerment and Remunerative Technologies
December 4-10, 2014

Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University, Akola, Initiatives of Change International (IofC) and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural Foundation (PDAF) Akola, have the pleasure of inviting you for the 'International Farmers' Dialogue 2014' to be held at:

Main Campus of the Dr. PDKV, Krishi Nagar, Akola-4441 04, Maharashtra State, India
And
Asia Plateau, Initiatives of Change, Panchgani, India

For well over four decades we have been providing powerful global platform enabling farmers and stakeholders in India and around the world to explore, demonstrate and share transformative and balanced development impacting climate resilient life-changing technologies and good governance. Together, now, we cordially invite you to launch the imminent phase in transformation, unveiling powerful key thematic solutions aspiring, thereby, to validate the assurance of viable participative ventures offered by progressive and open minded farmers, NGOs, Learning communities, academicians, scientists, researchers and extension outreach specialists as well as policy makers and journalists.

Themes

- 1. Enriching Technology Solutions.** Revisiting farm women empowerment; implementing viable imminent socio-economic interventions preventing farmer suicides.
- 2. Encouraging Urban Farming and Resource management.** Popularizing interventions of rain water harvesting, waste water management, soil and water conservation, urban and terrace farming and kitchen gardening.
- 3. Vetting Resilient Technologies.** Identifying and promoting indigenous initiatives; inviting, extending and facilitating global exchanges.
- 4. Sharing Transformative experiences in Farming including effective self-help groups.** Endorsing emergent challenges in farming: sharing the farmer's perspective; case studies and best emergent practices in farming across the world.
- 5. Demonstrating GRAMPARI in action at Asia Plateau.** Showcasing exemplary viable low-cost options assuring improved health, sanitation and water manage.

Programme

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014 5 PM. Delegates assemble at Akola (Maharashtra). Akola is well connected by rail with Mumbai, Pune, Delhi and Nagpur. Nagpur and Aurangabad (about 3.30 hrs travel) are the nearest airports.

Thursday, December 4th, 2014 10 AM. Inauguration

Thursday-Saturday, December 4th-6th, 2014. Technical Sessions and field visits. Each day's programme shall consist of technical sessions and field visits. Visits include sites of organic farms, medicinal and aromatic farms and on-site dialogue with affected families.

Sunday, December 7th, 2014. Departure by road to Shirpur, district Dhulia (about 4 hr. travel). Visit to rain water recycled perennial reservoirs and irrigation facilities created and utilized by progressive farmers, including spectacular resultant transformation in the overall farming scenario.

Monday, December 8th, 2014. Travel by road to Asia Plateau, Panchgani. Arrival followed by Welcome session and visit to Grampari.

Tuesday, December 9th-10th, 2014. Technical sessions and field visits.

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014. Conference ends at 5 PM

Registration Details

International : US \$250.00 (Cash payable in USD). Includes stay, transport and food

National : INR 5,000.

Registration closes : October 1st 2014

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