

**FIRST MEETING OF THE ICA ROAP
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)
24 JULY, 1994**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE
Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
New Delhi, India

MINUTES OF THE ICA ROAP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT COLOMBO (SRI LANKA) ON 24TH JULY 1994

The first meeting of the ICA ROAP Executive Council was held at Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 24th July, 1994. A list of the participants is enclosed. The Secretary informed that Mr. Yang Deshou, Chairman of the Regional Assembly, was not attending the meeting due to injury on the foot. Mr. Riazuddin Ahmed from Pakistan has also informed that due to unavoidable reasons, he would not be able to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 Opening

Mr. Lionel Samarasinghe, President, National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka welcomed the participants on behalf of the host movement.

Agenda Item No. 2 Election of Chairman

Mr. Yang Deshou from China and Chairman of the Regional Assembly was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Executive Council in absentia. Mr. Lionel Samarasinghe from Sri Lanka was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman and presided the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 35th
Regional Council Meeting held at Beijing,
on 19 April, 1993.

The minutes of the 35th Regional Council Meeting held at Beijing, China, on 19th April, 1993, which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed with the amendment that in Article 7 relating to elections in the Draft Rules under Agenda Item 3 for qualifications for election as Vice President, the words "Congress, General Assembly and Board" be added and the words "Regional Council" be replaced by "Executive Council".

Agenda Item No. 4 Draft Rules of the ICA ROAP Executive
Council

The Executive Council adopted the draft rules as proposed in the agenda with the suggestion to include Vice President of ICA from the region to be included in the Council. Thus Article 3a (iv) may be added as under:

" 3a (iv) Vice President of the ICA from the Region".

Agenda Item No.5 Amendment to the rules of the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia & the Pacific to provide Associate Membership

The Council discussed at length clause 4 (c) as proposed in the agenda and proposed the following :

"4 (c) Associate Members

- i. National level cooperative organisations from the region which are not members of the ICA could be admitted as Associate Members of the Regional Assembly on payment of subscription fee as decided by the Regional Assembly;

Observers

- ii. Parastatal organisations and others at national and regional levels directly concerned with the promotion and support to the cooperatives could be admitted as observers on payment of annual subscription fee as decided by the Regional Assembly;

Special Invitees

- iii. Special invitees like international organisations and others whose presence may be useful and desirable could be invited as special invitees. For special invitees no subscription fee will be applicable."

The Associate Members, Observers and Special Invitees will be entitled to submit written papers in advance and present their views in the meetings, but will not be entitled to vote or contest in elections.

The Council agreed to recommend the above suggestions to the next Regional Assembly Meeting to be held in Delhi in October 1994 for consideration.

Agenda Item No.6 ICA ROAP Work Plan and Budget for 1994-95

The information given in the agenda notes were noted by the Council.

Mr. Malte Jonsson, SDA, introduced the work programme of the ROAP for the period 1994-95 to the meeting.

Mr. S. Chandra, Chairman, ICA Fisheries Committee for Asia and the Pacific. Mr. Pradit Machima, Secretary, ICA Consumer Committee and Mr. W.U. Herath, Secretary HRD Committee, briefly reported on the activities of their respective committees and project activities. Dr. Daman Prakash briefed on the MAFF Project.

Agenda Item No. 7 Report on IDACA Activities

Mr. Shiro Futagami, Managing Director, IDACA, briefly introduced to the meeting the training programmes completed in 1993 and the programmes being planned for 1994, which was noted by the council.

Agenda Item No. 8 Consideration of Draft Proposals for Recognition of Cooperatives by ICA : Recognition Awards

The Secretary briefly explained the proposal on "Recognition of cooperatives by ICA " as proposed in the agenda.

The Council, after discussing, decided that a small committee be constituted to examine the proposal in detail. The Chairman was authorised to constitute the committee.

Agenda Item No. 9 Report on Cooperative Ministers' Conference, Sri Lanka, July 1994

Mr. Robby Tulus, Senior Policy Adviser, ICA ROAP, briefed the meeting about the preparations for the Cooperative Ministers' Conference.

The Secretary supplemented the information.

Agenda Item No. 10 Finalise the dates of the Regional Assembly Meeting

Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, President, NCUI, informed the meeting that all arrangements with regard to holding the Regional Assembly Meeting in Delhi are being made. However, the dates of the meeting may have to be advanced by a few days.

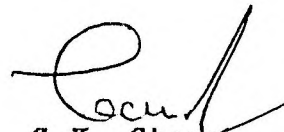
(Later on Mr. Vishwanathan confirmed that there will be no change in the dates of the Regional Assembly Meeting and that it will be held from 5th to 7th October, 1994, as originally planned).

Agenda Item No. 11 Venue and date of next meeting

The Council felt that it would be too early to have a meeting of the Executive Council at the time of the Regional Assembly in October 1994 in Delhi. However, if the Secretariat considers the need to have the meeting, it could be convened.

It was proposed that a meeting could be held some time in the middle of 1995 at ROAP in New Delhi.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



G.K. Sharma
Regional Director

List of Participants

1. Mr. Lionel Samarasinghe, Chairman & Member for Sri Lanka
2. Md. Shahid Ullah, Member for Bangladesh
3. Mr. Rong Jun, alternate Member for China
4. Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, Member for India
5. Mr. Tadashi Torii, Member for Japan
6. Mr. Junya Tanabe, Member for Japan
7. Mr. Yong Jin Kim, Member for Korea
8. Dr. M.D. Ali Baharum, alternate Member for Malaysia
9. Mr. U. Myo Myint, Member for Myanmar
10. Mr. Lim Ho Seng, Member for Singapore
11. Pol. Lt. Gen. Chalerm Rojanapradit, Member for Thailand
12. Mr. Abduganiev Burkhamddin, Member for Uzbekistan
13. Dr. Hoang Minh Thang, Member for Vietnam
14. Mr. Ranjith Hettiarachchi, Member for ACCU

Secretary : Mr. G.K. Sharma, RD, ICA ROAP

ICA Hq. : Mr. Lars Marcus, President
Mr. Bruce Thordarson, Director-General
Mr. J-E Imbsen, HRD Director

Special Invitees:

1. Mr. M. Ohya, Chairman, Consumer Committee
2. Mr. S. Chandra, Chairman, Fisheries Committee
3. Mr. Shiro Futagami, MD, IDACA

Observers :

1. Mr. Narong Marukatut, Thailand
2. Mr. H. Nishido, Japan
3. Mr. Irgashev Takubdjion, Uzbekistan
4. Ms. Sushila Palihakkara, Sri Lanka
5. Mr. K. Shakagori, Japan

ICA ROAP

1. Mr. Malte Jonsson, SDA
2. Mr. Robby Tulus, Senior Policy Adviser
3. Dr. Daman Prakash, Project Director-AGMT
4. Mr. W.U. Herath, HRD Adviser
5. Mr. Pradit Machima, Consumer Adviser
6. Mr. Guo Yong Kang, Agriculture Adviser
7. Ms. Akiko Yamauchi, Gender Programme Adviser
8. Mr. Prem Kumar, Manager (Admn)

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AGENDA NOTES



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Agenda Item No. 1 Opening

- i) Welcome on behalf of host movement
- ii) Introductory Remarks

Agenda Item No. 2 Election of Chairman

The Members of the Council are requested to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

**Agenda Item No. 3 Confirmation of the minutes of the 35th
Regional Council Meeting held at Beijing,
China, on 19 April, 1993**

The Minutes of the 35th Regional Council Meeting held at Beijing, China on 19th April, 1993 have been circulated to all the members. No comments have been received. The minutes may be confirmed. For Minutes please see annex to these notes.

**Agenda Item No. 4 Draft Rules of the ICA ROAP Executive
Council**

The Regional Meeting for Asia and the Pacific held at Beijing, China, on 21-22 April, 1993, after detailed discussions, had decided that the Regional Council may be replaced by the Executive Council. It was further decided that the Executive Council may consist of :

- a. one delegate from each member country;
- b. chairmen of Specialised Committees in the region;
- c. one delegate from each member regional organisations.

Regarding the constitution of the Council, various suggestions were made. However, the consensus was that national unions could nominate the delegate to the executive council through consensus of the members within the country. When there is no agreement, the Chairperson of the Regional Assembly may nominate the delegate from such a country. Accordingly, the draft rules have been attempted, which are enclosed.

The Executive Council may consider the draft rules enclosed.

**Agenda Item No.5 Amendment to the rules of the ICA
Regional Assembly for Asia and the
Pacific to provide Associate Membership**

Under Article 4 of the rules approved by the Regional Assembly Meeting held at Beijing, China, on 19-20 April, 1993, the membership of the Regional Assembly consists of representatives appointed by the ICA member organisations with head office in the region and the ICA international member organisations who have members in the region.

Non-members of the ICA international organisations, governments and para statal organisations concerned with the promotion of cooperative principles and cooperatives and supporting ICA activities could be invited to the Regional Assembly Meetings as observers and would be allowed upon payment of registration fee as decided by the Regional Assembly.

There are number of national level bodies like the Cooperative Development Authority in the Philippines, the National Cooperative Development Corporation, India, and others who are exclusively working for promoting and supporting cooperatives and having close collaboration with the ICA. It would be desirable that such bodies are associated with the ICA more closely than being invited as observers. It may, therefore, be desirable to add the following to clause 4 of the rules :

- "4. c. National level para-statal organisations and others at the national and regional level directly concerned with the promotion and support to the cooperatives could be admitted as Associate Members of the Regional Assembly on payment of subscription as decided by the Regional Assembly."

The Associate Members will be entitled to submit written papers in advance and present their views in the meetings, but will not be entitled to vote or contest in elections.

The Council may consider the above suggestion and in case finds favour with the proposal, recommend to the next Regional Assembly Meeting for consideration.

Agenda Item No. 6 ICA ROAP Work Plan and Budget for 1994-95

The International Cooperative Alliance Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICA ROAP) budgets and work plans are valid for periods from 1st July to 30th June. The budget and work plans are prepared by the Regional Office after consultation with the different Regional Committees and presented to the Regional Council for possible comments. As almost no activity can be carried out without financial support from the different donor organisations, the final approval is given by the donors and ICA Head Office at the so called Annual Planning Meeting held every year in November/December at the ICA Regional Office in New Delhi, where ICA Head Office and all ICA ROAP donors participate.

With the reorganisation of the ICA structure, the ICA member organisations in the Region through their Regional Assembly and Regional Executive Council have to play a greater role in guiding and financing the activities of the Regional Office. Today only 10% of the administrative costs are covered by direct member contribution from four member countries; 17% by ICA Head Office; and 73% by donor organisations.

Looking at the total costs of the ICA ROAP including all activities, an increasing part, about

30%, is covered by the ICA member organisations for expenses in connection with regional and national educational activities, meetings, consultations, research, etc.

The ICA Asian and Pacific region has increased and geographically it includes member countries in West Asia as Israel, Jordan, Iraq and Kuwait and new countries of the former Soviet Union. All together ICA ROAP serves 25 countries with 61 member organisations. More than 63% of the total ICA individual membership is coming from the Asian and the Pacific region.

Objectives

In its development work the ICA ROAP strives to achieve the following objectives :

- i. The establishment and growth of independent, democratic and economically viable cooperative organisations in which men and women participate on equal terms;
- ii. Strengthening of collaboration between cooperative organisations;
- iii. Influence public opinion, governments, international authorities and international organisations on matters pertaining to development of cooperative organisations;
- iv. Enhancement and encouragement of the involvement of the weaker sections of the society as women and youth in the activities of cooperatives; and
- v. Promoting awareness among the cooperative organisations of the importance of an environmentally sustainable cooperative development.

Priorities

The priorities for the ICA ROAP activities are as follows :-

- i. To achieve appropriate cooperative legislation;
- ii. To promote understanding and economic cooperation between cooperatives at regional level;
- iii. To develop Data Bank in ROAP and NCOs for better planning, improved information sharing and assessment of progress of cooperatives;
- iv. Formation of NCOs where they do not exist and bring the movement under ICA membership from such countries;
- v. To promote and strengthen national cooperative organisations and inculcating among them the concept of "Cooperation among Cooperatives" and "self-reliance";
- vi. To strengthen national sectorial cooperative organisations;
- vii. To create an awareness among cooperative members on the protection of environment and encourage the cooperatives to play a positive participatory role; and
- viii. To encourage the participation of women and youth in cooperatives.

Target Groups

The direct target groups for ROAP's development programme would be :

- i. National level business and promotional organisations and cooperative training institutions;
- ii. Cooperative leaders and management personnel at national level; and
- iii. Government ministries and departments responsible for cooperative development.

The indirect target groups would be :

- i. Cooperative leaders and management staff in secondary and primary level cooperative societies;
- ii. The individual members and their family members being the ultimate beneficiaries of ICA ROAP's development work; and
- iii. Weaker sections of the society, women and youth.

In development projects where ICA ROAP is the implementing agent the indirect target groups may also be direct target groups.

Development Projects

The ICA ROAP Development Programme is carried out through the following eight technical projects :

1. Policy Development and Legislation Project;
2. Development Planning and Coordination Project;
3. Agricultural Cooperative Development Project;
4. Consumer Cooperative Development Project;
5. Human Resource Development Project;
6. Gender Integration Project;
7. Agricultural Management Training Project; and
8. Rural Women Leaders Training Project.

Additional technical projects may be established on an ad-hoc basis depending on how and when financial resources are available.

The Work Plan and Budget for 1994-95

This work plan and budget has been agreed upon with ICA Head Office and donor organisations at the Annual Planning Meeting held in New Delhi in November 1993, and will be reviewed at the next Annual Planning Meeting.

The activities for 1994-95 are planned as follows :

Overall Programmes

- ICA Executive Council Meeting, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 24th July 1994.
- 3rd Ministers' Conference, Colombo, 25-30 July 1994.
- ICA Regional Assembly Meeting, New Delhi, October 1994.

Programmes According to Projects

Policy Development and Legislation Project (PDLP)

- Consultations with member organisations on policy development and legislation reforms;
- Policy legislation studies, advisory service and research;
- Inception of Government-Movement Forums;
- Study and research on cooperative credit and banking;
- Technology transfer and technical cooperation on credit, banking and fishery; and
- Preparatory meetings for Symposium on cooperative enterprise including private/public sectors.

Development Planning and Coordination Project (DPCP)

- Develop and expand ICA ROAP Data Bank and support member organisations in data bank activities;
- Planning, coordination and evaluation of ICA ROAP activities through meetings with member organisations and donors;
- Project identification, formulation and follow-up with member organisations and donors; and
- Interaction with member organisations, prospective members, governments, UN and other international organisations.

Agricultural Cooperative Development Project (ACDP)

- Annual meeting of ICA Regional Committee on Agriculture for Asia and the Pacific;
- ICA/JA ZENCHU/IDACA Regional Seminar on Perspective Planning;
- Assist member organisations in formulation and implementation of perspective planning for projects;
- Regional seminar on Agro-Processing;
- Regional seminar on Agricultural Cooperative Marketing in the Rep. of Korea; and
- Consultancy on Australian Cooperative Development Project.

Consumer Cooperative Development Project (CCDP)

- Two meetings of ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation for Asia and the Pacific;

Training programmes on consumer cooperatives :

- Managers from Bangladesh/Sri Lanka/India in India;
- Managers from Korea/Malaysia in Japan;
- Leaders from Vietnam in Thailand;
- Store managers from Singapore in Japan and from Indonesia/Malaysia/Philippines in Singapore;
- Modern management for leaders/managers/staff in Bangladesh/Sri Lanka/India; and
- National seminars/workshops in Thailand, Myanmar and Malaysia.

Programmes for university cooperatives :

- Follow-up workshop in India; and
- Regional Sub-committee.

Gender issues :

- Women consumer coop leaders from Fiji to Japan;
- Technical cooperation on women cooperatives in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines; and
- Income generating activities for women cooperatives in Bangladesh and India.

Consultancy:

- Fact finding mission to Nepal;
- Action plan for consumer coops in the Philippines; and
- In Thailand by a consultancy from Singapore.

Human Resource Development Project (HRDP)

- Assist member participation projects through training of 20 animators from five countries;
- Adopt Han model of member participation methodology in two countries;
- Assist one national member organisation in re-designing the cooperative education/training systems;
- Consultancy in two countries on personnel policies to enable member organisations to evolve better personnel policies, planning systems and implementation strategies;
- Strengthen the network of HRD institutions in the Region;
- Assist member organisations on youth projects and programmes;
- Survey on school cooperatives in eight countries and one regional overview; and

- Technical support for cooperative development agencies to identify and work out proposals for two projects for disadvantaged groups.

Gender Integration Project (GIP)

- Orientation workshop on gender issues for policy makers and trainers;
- Support national cooperative organisations in organising national gender awareness workshops;
- Assist member organisations in conducting women empowerment projects;
- Country networking of women cooperatives and women members;
- Collect and compile and publish data on gender;
- Workshop on gender awareness; and
- Liaison with UN and other institutions on gender issues.

Agricultural Management Training Project (AMTP)

- To plan, organise and be responsible for a six months training course for strengthening management of agricultural cooperatives in Asia for 15 participants from the Asia-Pacific region;

This is the 9th Course carried out by ICA ROAP. The programme will consist of lectures and field studies in India, study visits in Indonesia, home country assignments, lectures at the Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA) and study visits in Japan.

- Follow-up workshops in Indonesia and China for former participants of previous Courses.

Rural Women Leaders Training Project (RWLTP)

- This activity consists of one Course for six women from three countries of the Asia-Pacific region and is held for four weeks duration at IDACA.

In addition to the programmes under the above eight projects, ICA ROAP may be asked to carry out activities which are not included in the work plan and budget. These activities may become part of the above projects or form separate projects.

ICA-CICOPA-NCUI Field Project in India

For 1994-95 the ICA International Committee of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Cooperatives (CICOPA) has started a project in India in collaboration with the ICA ROAP and the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), to strengthen artisanal cooperatives. The project operates from two field stations, Delhi and Bangalore. The objectives are to improve the overall performance of artisanal cooperatives through better management, improved production and marketing skills and establish and strengthen institutional building efforts.

Environment & Cooperatives

Since 1991 the ICA Regional Office has taken keen interest in environment-related issues. Several documents and field studies on Environment and Cooperatives have been published.

A number of articles on the subject have been prepared and issued for publication in the region. A presentation on the subject was also made at the 30th ICA Congress held in Tokyo in 1992. It is now planned to encourage the member-organisations to convene national level action-plan oriented workshops aiming at generating a greater awareness on environment-related issues and developing national plans of action.

Agenda Item No. 7 Report on IDACA Activities

I. TRAINING PROGRAMMES COMPLETED IN 1993

The following 9 courses have been completed during the year 1993.

1. **The 7th ICA/JAPAN Training Course for strengthening Management of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia, Part II**

21.2-25.4.1993 15 participants from 11 countries Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand & Vietnam

2. **General Course on Agricultural Cooperatives**

24.5-16.7.1993 20 participants from 20 countries Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon Central Africa, China, Colombia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Paraguay, Philippines, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Poland and South Africa

3. **ICA Training Course for Leaders of Rural Women in Asia**

12.6-8.7.1993 6 participants from 3 countries Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam

4. **Training Course on Agribusiness Management Development for Pondok Pesantren Leaders of Indonesia**

11.7-2.8.1993 22 participants from Indonesia

5. **Training Course for Cooperators from selected Countries**

19.8-15.9.1993 13 participants from 2 countries Thailand and Korea

6. **Training Course on Rural Development and Agricultural Cooperative System**

23.8-8.10.1993 10 participants from China

7. **Farm Guidance Course with special reference to Environmentally friendly Agriculture**

20.9-7.10.1993 9 participants from 3 countries Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Tonga

8. Training Course on Agricultural Cooperative System

20.9-10.10.1993 5 participants from China

9. ICA/CUAC/IDACA Regional Seminar on Perspective Planning for Regional Development of Agricultural Cooperatives

8.11-26.11.93 17 participants from 10 countries Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED BY IDACA FROM 1963 TILL 1994

A.	Group Training Programmes		2,616
1.	ICA Training Courses including those organised in colla- boration with ICA	738	
2.	AARRO Training Courses	253	
3.	JICA Training Courses	1,072	
4.	Training Courses with MAFF's Grants	252	
5.	Other Training Courses	301	
B.	Individual Participants		504
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>3,120</u>

TOP TEN COUNTRY-WISE NO. OF PARTICIPANTS DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS (as of April 1994)

1.	Korea	136
2.	Thailand	113
3.	India	86
4.	Indonesia	83
5.	Malaysia	81
6.	China	78
7.	Brazil	75
8.	Philippines	69
9.	Sri Lanka	61
10.	Bangladesh	43
	Other Countries	207
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,032</u>

II. TRAINING PROGRAMMES PLANNED FOR 1994

The following ten courses are planned for the year 1994.

1. Training Programmes to be Organised in Collaboration with ICA ROAP

(1) The 8th ICA/Japan Training Course for Strengthening Management of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia, Part II

Funding Institution: I C A / M A F F G o v t . o f J a p a n
Period: Feb. 21-April 25, 1994
No. of Participants: 15 from 11 countries
Invitation issued from: ICA ROAP

(2) ICA/CUAC/IDACA Regional Seminar on "Perspective Planning for Regional Development by Agri. Coops

Funding Institution: CUAC/IDACA
Period: Oct.17-Nov.5, 1994
No. of Participants: To be decided
Invitation issued from: ICA ROAP

(3) Training Course for Leaders of Rural Women in Asia

Funding Institution: ICA/MAFF, Govt. of Japan
Period: Oct.17-Nov.12, 1994
No. of Participants: 6 from 3 countries
Invitation issued from: ICA ROAP

2. Training Programme to be organised in collaboration with Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO)

(1) AARRO Seminar

Funding Institution: AARRO
Period : Nov. 20-Dec 10, 1994
No. of Participants: 18 from member countries
Invitation issued from: AARRO

3. Training Programmes to be Organised by IDACA with Grants from MAFF, Government of Japan.

(1) Training Course for Cooperators from selected Countries

Funding Institution: MAFF, Govt. of Japan
Period : Aug.19-Sep.15, 1994
No of Participants : 13 from 2 countries
Invitation issued from: IDACA

(2) Farm Guidance Course with special reference to Environmentally-friendly Agriculture

Funding Institution: MAFF, Govt. of Japan
Period : Sep.20-Oct.9, 1994
No of Participants : 9 from 3 countries
Invitation issued from: IDACA

(3) Training Course on Agricultural Cooperative System

Funding Institution: MAFF, Govt. of Japan
Period : Sep.19-Oct. 9, 1994
No of Participants : 5 from China
Invitation issued from: Asian Agri.Tech. Exchange

4. Training Programmes Commissioned by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

(1) General Course on Agricultural Cooperatives

Funding Institution: JICA
Period : May 16-July 8, 1994
No of Participants : 17 from 17 countries
Invitation issued from: JICA

(2) Training Course on Rural Development and Agricultural Cooperative System

Funding Institution: JICA
Period : Aug.22-Oct.7, 1994
No of Participants : 10 from China
Invitation issued from: JICA

5. Training Programme Commissioned by Japan/Indonesia Science and Technology Forum

(1) Training Course on Agribusiness Management Development for Pondok Pesantren Leaders of Indonesia

Funding Institution: Govt. of Indonesia
Period : June 19-Aug.13, 1994
No of Participants : 20 from Indonesia
nominated by Government of Indonesia

Agenda Item No 8. Consideration of Draft Proposals for Recognition of Cooperatives by ICA : Recognition Awards.

1. Cooperative Societies are promoted and organised in many developing countries at the initiative of the government or other agencies. Many of such societies do not follow Cooperative Principles in their working. As such these cooperatives even though have a legal

status of a cooperative, they lack ingredients of a genuine cooperative. At present, there is no system under which genuine cooperatives and cooperatives only in name can be recognised or differentiated.

It may, therefore, be desirable that ICA may consider recognising genuine cooperatives based on their performance and issue "Recognition Awards". To start with, such Awards be introduced for primary agriculture, credit, banking, consumer, industrial, artisans workers, fisheries, tourism, insurance and other trading cooperatives.

2. ICA may prescribe an application form in which any genuine cooperative having operations for at least 3 years and interested can apply for an Recognition Award through the ICA national member organisation. ICA will have a committee of three experts who will examine these applications along with the comment of member national organisation and recommend to the ROAP for issue of suitable awards.

3. The National Federation/Expert Committee may get the facts verified or prescribe procedures to satisfy itself with the contents of the application. ICA may charge a fee for covering the expenses of postage, processing etc. The Recognition Award may consist of Gold, Silver and Bronze based on the performance. The gold award will be issued once in 5 years and silver and bronze once in three years to any cooperative.

4. The criteria for consideration of Awards is proposed as under:

Gold

- i. Not less than 90% of the members utilise the services of the cooperative;
- ii. Not less than 75% of the business of the cooperatives is with its members;
- iii. Have democratically elected management.
- iv. Have provided patronage dividend to its members for the last 5 years.
- v. 75% of the members have been oriented in (a) cooperative values and principles; (b) objects, functions and working of the cooperative;
- vi. Board of Directors have attended orientation towards their functions and responsibilities;
- vii. The cooperative is free to appoint its staff including the Chief Executive;
- viii. 75% of the regular staff have been professionally trained;
- ix. Society is affiliated to the federal organisation.
- x. Has been able to finalise accounts within the prescribed period for the closing date of the accounts and accounts have been audited regularly within one year of its closing date of accounts.

- xi. Annual General Meetings and elections have been held regularly as per the law and bye-laws;
- xii. Undertakes social obligations like environment, friendly activities, community services etc.
- xiii. Society has created Education Fund.
- xiv. The percentage of Women Directors in the Board.

5. Silver

- i. 75% of the members utilise the services of the cooperative;
- ii. At least 50% of the business of the cooperatives is with its members;
- iii. Have democratically elected management.
- iv. Have provided patronage dividend to its members for the last 3 years.
- v. 50% of the members have been oriented in (a) cooperative values and principles; (b) objects, functions and working of the cooperative;
- vi. Board of Directors have been oriented towards their functions and responsibilities;
- vii. The cooperative is free to appoint its staff including the Chief Executive.
- viii. 60 % of the regular staff have been professionally trained;
- ix. Society is a member of the federal body of the cooperatives;
- x. Have been able to finalise accounts prescribed closing date of the accounts and accounts have been audited regularly.
- xi. Annual General Meetings and elections have been held regularly as per the law and bye-laws;
- xii. Undertakes social obligations like environment friendly activities, community services etc.
- xiii. The society created Education Fund.
- xiv. The percentage of Women Directors in the Board.

6. Bronze

- i. Not less than 50% of the members utilise the services of the cooperative;
OR
Not less than 50% of the business of the cooperatives is with its members;
- ii. Have democratically elected management.

- iii. Have provided patronage dividend to its members for the last 3/5 years.
- iv. 30% of the members have been oriented in (a) cooperative values and principles; (b) objects, functions and working of the cooperative;
- v. Board of Directors have attended orientation towards their functions and responsibilities;
- vi. The cooperative is free to appoint its staff including the Chief Executive.
- vii. 50% of the regular staff have been professionally trained;
- viii. Society is a member of the federal organisation.
- ix. Have been able to finalise accounts within the closing date of the accounts and accounts have been audited regularly;
- x. Annual General Meetings have been held regularly as per the law and bye-laws;
- xi. Undertakes social obligations like environment friendly activities, community welfare activities etc.
- xii. Society created Education Fund.
- xiii. What is the percentage of Women Directors in the Board.

7. In case the Council agrees with the proposal, updated draft with the comments of council members will be placed in the next meeting of the Regional Assembly for consideration.

Agenda Item No. 9. Report on Cooperative Ministers' Conference, Sri Lanka, July 1994

Members may recall that in the Cooperative Ministers' Conference held in Jakarta, it was agreed to hold the Third Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Colombo which is now being held from 25th to 30th July, 1994. Invitations and information regarding the Conference has already been sent to you separately. It was also agreed at that time that a preparatory meeting for the Ministers' Conference in the form of a Consultation should be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Accordingly, the Consultation was held in Kuala Lumpur from 17th to 22nd April, 1994. The recommendations of the Consultation will be the base for the forthcoming Cooperative Ministers' Conference (a copy of the recommendations of the Consultation is enclosed).

The Consultation in Kuala Lumpur took note of the improved relations between cooperative and the government in their attempt to eliminate obstructive elements which hamper the growth and development of cooperatives. Three background papers, which placed emphasis on relevant recommendations from the Sydney and Jakarta Ministers' Conferences, were presented and debated upon. There was great focus in addressing the issues at hand inasmuch as prior analysis had already been made at two sub-regional seminars, one held for ASEAN member countries in Solo, Jakarta, in December 1994, and one for the SAARC members countries held in Colombo in March 1994, not to mention a number of national level workshops as well.

The upcoming Ministers Conference will add substance to four dominant issues discussed in Kuala Lumpur. The first one deals with the follow up of the Sydney and Jakarta Conferences, where emphasis is placed on structural, legal and educational issues, for which the provision of technical assistance and in-depth studies are required in view of the constantly changing environment in the Asia Pacific region. The second one addresses the issue of Cooperative Competitiveness in the market-oriented economy, where strategic formulation needs to be undertaken by both the government and the movement to create strong cooperatives that can withstand competition, and yet continue to contribute to the caring society. The third one deals with the need to set up a minimum framework to allow a regular forum of government-cooperative collaboration to continue. The fourth one addressed the issue of an important UN Resolution on the Status and Role of Cooperatives, for which governments are requested to sponsor and support the said Resolution at the forthcoming UN General Assembly in 1994.

With the assumption that all the above recommendations will be adopted by the Ministers Conference, challenges and opportunities before the cooperative movements in the region will certainly be a greater one. The task of achieving professionalised management, entrepreneurial capacities, capital mobilisation, effective education and other related thrusts are indeed formidable. This should be met by improved vertical and horizontal integration as well. On the other hand, the opening up of markets and the globalised nature of interactions will allow cooperatives to increase its comparative advantage as a unique sector to meet these challenges. Towards this end, bilateral and multilateral financial support should be tapped to back the above mentioned capacities and to accelerate our efforts in reaching to the poor and disadvantaged members in the region.

Preparations towards the executive of the Colombo Conference has been progressing very well. The organising committee has made special efforts to coordinate implementation with various other ministries in Sri Lanka towards a safe and successful end. The Opening Ceremony will be held at the BMICH (Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall), to be inaugurated officially by H.E. D.B. Wijetunga, President of Sri Lanka.

Background paper and programme of the Conference is being sent to the members separately. Further progress will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Agenda Item No.10 Finalise the dates of the Regional Assembly Meeting

The Regional Council Meeting held in Beijing, China, in April 1993 had recommended to convene the next meeting of the Regional Assembly in India in October 1994 at the invitation of Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, President of the National Cooperative Union of India, which was agreed in the Regional Assembly.

Mr. Vishwanathan who will be attending the meeting will be requested to indicate the dates and venue of the meeting which may be finalised accordingly.

Agenda Item No.11: Venue and Date of next meeting

35th Meeting of the ICA Regional Council for Asia and the Pacific

Beijing (China) : 19th April 1993

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MINUTES OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE ICA REGIONAL COUNCIL
FOR ASIA & THE PACIFIC HELD AT BEIJING (CHINA)
APRIL 19, 1993

The 35th Meeting of the ICA Regional Council for Asia and the Pacific was held at Beijing, China, on 19th April, 1993. As Mr. A.S. Lozada, Chairman, reached Beijing late due to missing flight connections in Hong Kong, Mr. Yang Deshou, Member for China, was elected to preside the meeting.

The following were present :

1. Mr. Yang Deshou, Acting Chairman & Member for China
2. Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, Member for India
3. Mr. Yehudah Paz, Member for Israel
4. Prof. Sri-Edi Swasono, Member for Indonesia
5. Mr. Y. Nakaoka, Alternate Member for Japan
6. Mr. Masao Ohya, Member for Japan
7. Mr. Churll-Hee Won, Member for Korea
8. Mr. Yong-Jin Kim, Member for Korea
9. Prof. Ungku A. Aziz, Member for Malaysia
10. Mr. Riazuddin Ahmed, Member for Pakistan
11. Mr. Lim Ho Seng, Member for Singapore
13. Mr. Sawat Saengbangpla, Member for Thailand
14. Mr. Muammer Niksadi, Member for Turkey
15. Mr. Isakov Djurakuzi, Member for Uzbekistan

Secretary : Mr. G.K. Sharma, Regional Director, ICA ROAP

ICA HQ. :
1. Mr. Lars Marcus, President, ICA
2. Mr. Bruce Thordarson, Director-General, ICA
3. Mr. C.Thorselius, Dy. Director-General, ICA

Special Invitees

1. Mr. Shiro Futagami, Managing Director, IDACA
2. Mr. Yves Regis, Chairman, CICOPA

Observers

1. Mr. P. Ramachandra Reddy, India
2. Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy, India
3. Mr. J.K.Lumunon, Indonesia
4. Mrs. K. Siswoko, Indonesia
5. Mr. Akira Kurimoto, Japan
6. Mr. S. Jargal, Mongolia
7. Dato S.M. Azman, Malaysia
8. Mr. Bashir Ahmed Siddiqui, Pakistan
9. Mr. Usaf Zai Taseer, Pakistan
10. Mr. Gregorio I, Gaite, Philippines
11. Mr. Tigin Sertcan, Turkey
12. Mr. Somchit Supabanpot, ACCU
13. Mr. Augustine Kang, WOCCU

ICA ROAP

1. Mr. Guo Yong Kang, Agricultural Adviser
2. Mr. Malte Jonsson, SDA
3. Mr. Pradit Machima, Consumer Adviser
4. Mr. Prem Kumar, Manager (Admn)
5. Drs. Robby Tulus, Adviser - CP & L
6. Mr. W.U.Herath, HRD Adviser

Agenda Item No.1 : Inauguration

Mr. Yang Deshou, on behalf of the host movement, expressed warm welcome to the Councillors. He said that since all countries in the region have very close geographical, cultural, economic links, he hoped that the meeting would have good results. He specially welcomed the members from Israel, Turkey and Uzbekistan who are attending the meeting for the first time.

Mr. Lars Marcus, President, ICA, while addressing the Council said : I think it is necessary to bring you some greetings from colleagues in the other three continents. Now the consequences of the new structure is that the Asia, Europe, America and Africa will be separate entities in the ICA structure. This is something new and the thinking behind this proposal to the Congress in Tokyo of the Executive was, the world that is too big for the ICA and nations are too small for the members. We want members in the neighbourhood to come closer to each other and to find the best solutions they can for the future.

It is also a question of how cooperatives shall be able to survive in the changing world. What will happen to global unity needed. I have a firm belief that cooperators will need to be united at the global level. For our business the market economy now being felt by all cooperatives is creating an economic environment for our national activities which for some are getting increasingly difficult. We need to find solutions to these and they have to come from you ourselves. The other concern is for our members and their families. They need global collaboration as to how to care for their own future and for the safety of the environment, for the safety of economic situation. Then together we all need to work for development of cooperatives in countries where they are not so strong. This is the responsibility we share between ourselves in the ICA. This is not a European issue, nor an Asian or an African issue. But for Africa it is the biggest problem. In my opinion, it is something which they finally have to solve by themselves.

We have the ICA to represent us all in the global society and that will be of increasing importance for our activities. Asia and the Pacific is a fast growing part of the ICA membership. The changes will come here too and they are on the way. You can see the new competition here in Beijing. I am in favour of market economy. You can see the consequences with foreign resources coming and I foresee many problems ahead and the cooperatives here in Asia facing this change, will have to develop strong strategies. Because we are so local, so national

that we think the world around is also working that way we are used to be working. The question of cooperative future is the question of how we are able to renew ourselves, adopt ourselves, identify the needs of the members and do not spoil our resources and things that we need ourselves in the next century...This is the view point from the Director and myself and from the Executive of the ICA on the future. I can only wish you good luck. I look forward with great interest to the meeting of the day and the day-after-tomorrow".

Agenda Item No.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 34th Meeting

The minutes of the 34th Meeting held at Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 February 1992, which had been circulated earlier, were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 3 New Structure and Regional Assembly Draft Rules

The Director-General, ICA, introduced the subject by referring to the document entitled "The International Cooperative Alliance and its Development Programme" circulated at the meeting.

After the DG, RD/ROAP explained the draft rules and on his suggestion, the Regional Council discussed at length the draft rules for the Regional Assembly circulated at the meeting clause by clause and recommended for consideration by the Regional Meeting as under:

DRAFT STANDING RULES
OF THE
ICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR ASIA & THE PACIFIC

1. Name & Status

It shall be called the ICA Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific and forms part of the governing structure of the International Cooperative Alliance in accordance with Article 16 of the ICA Rules.

2. Objects

The basic purpose of the Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific is to promote collaboration among the ICA member organisations at the Asia-Pacific regional level and provide a forum for discussion of regional as well as global issues.

3. Functions

The Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific shall :

- a. submit reports proposals and resolutions for the consideration of the General Assembly;
- b. establish the priorities for the ICA work programme in the region;
- c. establish policies for the financing of ICA office(s) in the region;
- d. establish Regional Specialised Committees and approve their constitutions;
- e. implement the decisions of the ICA General Assembly in the Region;
- f. nominate one candidate for election as ICA Vice President;
- g. draw up its business procedures and representation rules, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

4. Membership & Representation

- a. The Regional Assembly for Asia and the Pacific shall consist of representatives appointed by the ICA member organisations with head office in the region, and by the ICA international member organisations, who have members in the region. No specific term is fixed for such appointments. The representatives will continue representing this organisation till written intimation is received by ROAP about their withdrawal or replacement from the appointing organisations.
- b.
 - i. Every member organisation shall be entitled to appoint/nominate at least one voting representative.
 - ii. Member organisations from countries in the region shall be entitled to additional votes/delegates based on ICA subscription formula or as otherwise approved by the Regional Assembly.
 - iii. The total number of voting representatives from any country shall not exceed the maximum number of member organisations from any country in the region.

Member organisations from the region shall have the right to send non-voting observers to the Regional

Assembly, with no limit imposed on their number, upon payment of established registration fee for observers.

ICA members from other regions may also attend Regional Assembly meetings as observers upon payment of the registration fee for observers.

Non-members of ICA, International Organisations, Governments and Parastatal Organisations concerned with the promotion of Cooperative Principles and cooperatives and supporting ICA activities may be invited to the Regional Assembly meetings as Observers and will be allowed to attend the meeting upon payment of the registration fee as decided by the Regional Assembly.

5. Meetings

The Regional Assembly shall, as a rule, take place every second year, alternating with the General Assembly.

Time and venue of the meeting shall normally be decided by the previous Regional Assembly.

An extraordinary convocation of the Regional Assembly may be convened by the Regional Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Regional Assembly.

The Regional Director shall be responsible for preparation and circulation of meeting documentation, and together with host organisation, for practical organisation of the Regional Assembly.

All questions on which the Regional Assembly votes shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. Voting by correspondence may be allowed under special circumstances if voting representative is not able to attend.

The languages of the Assembly shall be English. Delegates using other than English shall arrange their own interpreters.

The meeting shall be on self-financing basis.

6. Finance

The delegates and their member organisations shall be responsible for covering the expenses of their participation at the Regional Assembly.

A registration fee will be charged in order to offset the cost of ICA documentation, interpretation, staff participation, etc. as decided by the Regional Assembly.

Basic costs of organising the Regional Assembly shall be borne by the host organisation(s).

7. Elections

The Regional Assembly shall elect at its first session a Chairman, normally from the host organisation, who shall preside over the meeting.

The Assembly may elect one or more than one Vice Chairman as deemed necessary.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will continue till next meeting of the Assembly.

The Regional Assembly shall also nominate one candidate for election as ICA Vice-President by the General Assembly. Each member organisation, and international member, in the region is entitled to submit nominations. Candidates must have served on one or more ICA governing bodies for at least two years. The Governing Body shall include : ICA Executive Committee, Regional Assembly, Regional Council. If there is no unanimty, voting, is to be conducted by secret ballot. The Regional Director shall be responsible for communicating the name of the regional nominee to the ICA Secretariat not less than three months prior to the next General Assembly.

The Vice President shall serve a four-year term and is eligible for re-election if nominated again by the Regional Assembly.

8. Special Dispositions

The Rules and Procedures of the Regional Assembly, and any subsequent amendments, shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly, as laid down in Article 16 of the ICA Rules.

The Regional Assembly, as the policy-making body of ICA in the continent (s), shall not duplicate with the functions of the Regional Directors/Regional Offices/Regional Councils, which are the technical arm of ICA as laid down in Articles 22 and 23 of the ICA Rules.

Agenda Item No. 4 Future Status of Regional Council in view of the restructuring of the ICA

The Regional Council discussed the question of future status of the Regional Council in view of the restructuring and made the following recommendations for consideration by the Regional Meeting :

1. The Regional Council may be replaced by Executive Council for the region.

2. The Executive Council may consist of :
 - a) one delegate from each member country;
 - b) chairmen of Specialised Committees in the region.
3. The meetings of the Executive Council may be convened in between the Regional Assembly Meetings and prior to the meetings of the Regional Assembly.

If the above recommendations are approved by the Regional Meeting, they may be included in the rules of the Regional Assembly."

Agenda Item No.5 Consideration of Nomination of Vice President from Asia and the Pacific Region for ICA

The Council recommended the name of Mr. M. Horiuchi, President of JA-ZENCHU (CUAC), Japan, for consideration by Regional Meeting as nominee of the region for ICA Vice-President.

Agenda Item No.6 Consideration of Registration Fee to be charged from the members for attending Regional Assembly Meetings

The Regional Council considered the above subject and recommended to the Regional Assembly to approve the proposal as given in the agenda of charging USD 100 from the delegates, observers, etc.

Agenda Item No.7 Work Programme of ROAP - 1993-94

The Secretary introduced the work programme of the ROAP for the period 1993-94 to the meeting which was noted by the Council.

The Secretary also informed the meeting about the changes in personnel of the ROAP and introduced the staff attending the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8 Report on IDACA Activities

Mr. Shiro Futagami, Managing Director, IDACA, gave information about the training programmes planned for 1993.

The information given in the Agenda was noted by the Council.

Agenda Item No.9 Venue and date of next meeting

The Regional Council considered the invitation of Mr. B.S. Vishwanathan, Member for India & President of the National Cooperative Union of India, and recommended that the next Regional Assembly meeting be held in September/October 1994 in India.

The Council also proposed that the newly formed Executive Council may meet in March 1994 in New Delhi and in December 1994/January 1995 in Sri Lanka along with the Regional Cooperative Ministers Conference.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



G.K. Sharma
Secretary/Regional Director
ICA ROAP

New Delhi
29 April 1993

THE DRAFT RULES OF THE ICA ROAP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**Preamble**

1. The Regional Assembly for Asia & Pacific Region in its meeting held on 21-22 April, 1993 in Beijing, China, decided to have a Regional Executive Council consisting of representatives from the National Cooperative Movements of the Asia-Pacific Region. The Council shall be known as the "Executive Council for ICA ROAP".
2. The Council shall be to :-
 - a) advise on the overall policy and programmes of the ROAP;
 - b) review the results of the activities of the ROAP; and
 - c) make recommendations to the Regional Assembly on matters concerning the cooperative movements in general and the Asia-Pacific region in particular;
 - d) serve as a permanent contact organ between the national cooperative movements and the ROAP.
3. The Executive Council will consist of :
 - a)
 - i. One delegate from each member country;
 - ii. Chairmen of Specialised Committees in the region;
 - iii. One delegate from each member regional organisations.
 - b)
 - i. The Apex Members National Union from each country would nominate one delegate to the Executive Council.
 - ii. In countries where there is more than one National Organisation as members, the nomination shall be through consensus of the members within the country. When there is no agreement, the Chairperson of the Regional Assembly may nominate the delegate from such a country).
4. The meetings of the Executive Council may be convened in between the Regional Assembly Meetings and prior to the meetings of the Regional Assembly. Notice shall be issued to the members normally not less than three months in advance of the date of the meeting. However an urgent meeting may be called with a notice of at least 3 weeks
5. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Executive Council shall be elected by the members at the meeting of the Executive Council from a period of two years or till the next meeting of the council whichever is later.
6. A member of the Executive Council shall continue till either he is withdrawn or replaced by another delegate.
7. The members of the Executive Council may submit items for inclusion in the agenda of the Council meetings. Such items shall be submitted at least six weeks in advance of the date of the meeting.
8. The Regional Director shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council.

Recommendations of the Asia-Pacific Consultation on
Coop-Government Collaboration
Kuala Lumpur, April, 1994

1. Noting that considerable progress on structural improvements has been achieved in some countries, particularly in Japan, the Consultation recommends that a specific technical assistance be sought to study successful experiences in organisational adjustments, and formulate a suitable model for the purpose of improving the structure and organisation of cooperatives in the Asia Pacific region.
2. To improve capital mobilisation and enhance members confidence in the management integrity of finance related activities of cooperatives, the government could consider suitable regulatory and institutional framework to ensure the safety and soundness of cooperatives; in this regard the Consultation recommends that a study be conducted. Where necessary, financial assistance from bilateral or multilateral aid organisations should be sought to develop the above mentioned regulatory and institutional model.
3. Cooperative elections, audit, education and training should, as far as possible, be undertaken by the cooperatives themselves; the government, however, should continue to extend assistance for audit, education, and training. Towards this end, the government may consider financial assistance in strengthening the management capacities of the cooperatives.
4. In an effort to improve cooperative education under the current conditions, technical assistance should be sought to study and strengthen potential centres of excellence in existing cooperative education and training institutions in the Asia-Pacific region.
5. In view of the current socio-economic trends and the resulting environment in the Asia Pacific Region, the Consultation recommends that a strategy formulation for the Year 2000 be undertaken jointly by the government and cooperatives in view of the significant contributions that cooperatives can provide to the caring society.
6. In an attempt to gain full support from the Asia Pacific Region on the Secretary General's Report to the United Nations General Assembly in 1994 on the " Status and Role of Cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends". the Consultation recommends that governments from the Asia Pacific Region sponsor and support the UN Resolution on the above at their forthcoming General Assembly in the later part of 1994.
7. It is the view of the Asia Pacific Consultation that a regular government cooperative consultation is needed. For this purpose, it is necessary to set up a proper secretariat facility to support the preparation, and follow up activities, of the Regional Consultation. It has been expressed that the Secretariat should be housed at the International Cooperative Alliance, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

The Consultation recommends that this proposal be considered by the national cooperative organisations and be taken up with their respective governments to enable the Ministers' Conference to take the appropriate decision.

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ICA ROAP BUDGET FOR 1994-95 (IN SFR)*

ANNEX

Activity Code	Activity details	BUDGET (SFR)	-- SOURCE OF FUNDS --							OTHERS
			ICA-HQ	MOs	SCC	MAFF	JCCU	CCA		
2000	Policy Development and Legislation Project	1,196,500	0	727,000	0	0	0	0	469,500	0
2100	Development Planning & Coordination Project.	198,000	0	6,000	192,000	0	0	0	0	0
2200	Agricultural Coop Development Project	348,000	0	202,000	76,000	0	0	0	0	70,000
2300	Consumer Coop Development Project	320,000	0	87,000	0	0	0	203,500	0	29,500
2400	Human Resource Development Project	310,000	0	85,000	106,000	0	0	0	0	119,000
2500	Gender Integration Project	188,600	0	50,000	0	0	0	78,600	0	60,000
2600	Agricultural Management Training Project	730,000	0	10,000	0	720,000	0	0	0	0
2700	Rural Women Leaders Training Project	140,000	0	0	0	140,000	0	0	0	0
2800	OTHERS : 2810 - CICOPA Project	102,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102,000
	Total of ROAP Projects	3,533,100	0	1,167,000	374,000	860,000	282,100	469,500	380,500	
2900	ROAD Administration	292,000	50,000	30,000	38,000	77,000	26,100	42,000	5,000	23,900 (Deficit)
	Less : Budgeted under specific projects	175,100	0	0	30,000	77,000	26,100	42,000	0	
	ROAP Administration Net	93,000	50,000	30,000	8,000	0	0	0	5,000	
	Total ROAP Budget	3,626,100	50,000	1,197,000	382,000	860,000	282,100	469,500	385,500	
	Total ROAP Budget in Percentage	100%	1.38%	33.01%	10.53%	23.72%	7.78%	12.95%	10.63%	

* SFR 1.5 = US\$ 1