

भारतीय बागान प्रबन्ध संस्थान बेंगलुरु
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANTATION MANAGEMENT BENGALURU
(An Autonomous Organization of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

# Two Day INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

Climate and Nature-based
Financial Risks – Implications for
Indian Banking & Financial sector
for a Net Zero Economy

**24TH & 25TH JANUARY 2023** 

# **Background**

Climate change is affecting productivity in agri-food sector, acquaculture and fisheries and demands changes in technologies and practices to adopt climate change mitigation and adaptation by these sectors. The agriculture sector, together with forestry and other land uses, contributes nearly a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). Half of this share comes from direct agricultural emissions, mainly from livestock, with most of the rest from deforestation of which agriculture is the main driver (OECD), 2021). Plantations, which act as carbon sink can substantially contribute to negate the carbon emitted by other sectors through innovative agroforestry projects. Indian banking and financial sector have a crucial role to contribute to India's path towards Net Zero by mitigation through their own operations and also indirectly through financing green projects in order to mitigate climate risk, biodiversity loss and other nature based risks. There is a need for financial institutions to understand that globally sustainability reporting is undergoing a transition from standards set by 'Taskforce on Climate related financial disclosures (TCFD) to 'Taskforce on Nature-based financial disclosres' (TNFD). These have policy imperatives on framing rules for India's sustainable finance sector comprising issue of Green Bonds, access to Climate Funds and creation of innovative financial instruments for financing hard-to-abate sectors.



# About IIPM



IIPM Bengaluru is an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, established in 1993, to facilitate management education, training and research & consultancy for plantations and associated agri-business sector. It is co-promoted by the Commodity Boards of India viz., Coffee Board, Tea Board, Rubber Board, Coconut Development Board, Spices Board and Agri-Plantation Associations & Industries.



# **Objectives**

- To create awareness about the significant role of Indian banking and financial sector in combating climate change while promoting biodiversity and natural capital
- To disseminate information on Global Standards for Reporting of Climate and Nature –based Financial Risks
- To explore the extent to which corporate entities and financial sector participants are aligned to such global standards
- To assess the status of innovative financing mechanisms and products for achieving Net Zero Economy and identify scope if any, for more such innovations.
- To deliberate on financial sector's role in providing green finance to grass-root level institutions like Farmer Producer Organizations /Farmer Producer Companies in driving bottom-up strategy towards Net Zero Economy.





#### **Conference Themes**

Conceptual / empirical/ Case study based papers can be submitted within the ambit of the following themes. The themes of the conference include, but not restricted to the following topics related to climate risks and nature-based financial risks:







- Understanding the dual role of banks and the financial sector as a mitigator and as a financial service provider of climate mitigation and nature conservation projects
- Integrating climate risks in Project Finance by banks/FIs
- Globally accepted frameworks for Sustainability Reporting
- Unravelling financial risks corresponding to disclosures under TCFD (Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) framework
- Understanding nature-related financial risks corresponding to disclosures mandated by TNFD (Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures)
- Implications of Climate/Nature-based risks on Agri Loans/Agri-Food SME Loan Portfolios
- Green bonds issue in India and trends in Climate Bonds in Europe
- ESG Reporting, Audit and Steps to prevent Greenwashing by Corporate entities
- Potential for Agri-Plantation Companies in attracting Green Finance
- Challenges in carbon measurement in agri-plantation sector of India
- Optimization of Carbon sequestration, Water conservation, Biodiversity and Ecosystem services in plantations
- Sustainability Reporting frameworks mandated by Govt. of India and status on Indian companies's compliance
- Carbon Accounting, Carbon Markets, Carbon Standards and Methodologies
- Status of Sustainable Finance and Sustainable investments in India and emerging markets
- Policies to accelerate Green Finance and Green Investments in India and emerging markets
- Blue Finance as an emerging variant under Climate finance

# **Target Audience**

Research Scholars, Academicians, Members of Farmer Producer Companies, Agri-plantations, Food and allied sector based Industry participants, Executives from Banks and Financial Institutions.

Paper submission Guidelines:

- Manuscript must be original and should not have been published previously any where
- Manuscript should follow the one column format
- Manuscript must be written in English using MS-Word
- Only "Times New Roman" font should be used 12,
- Title should be capital letters font size 14,
- Line space should be 1.5, Margins Normal, and Document should be in A4 size.
- Papers should be between 3000 and 8000 words in length.
- Maximum number of authors allowed is 3 (separate registration for co-authors)
- Cover page to provide title of the paper, author(s) name, designation, address & contact details, including E-Mail id.
- Plagiarism should be less than or equal to 15%

#### **Key Dates:**

**Submission of Extended Abstract: 10TH DECEMBER 2022** 

Submission of Full Paper: 12TH JANUARY 2023

Conference Dates: 24th and 25th January 2023

SUBMISSIONS of Abstract, papers and queries regarding conference, accommodation etc. can be emailed to iccnr2023@gmail.com

No TA/DA will be paid to the paper presenters or participants. Institute may facilitate for accommodation and accommodation charges need to be borne by participants.

#### **Conference Venue:**

Indian Institute of Plantation Management (An organisation of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) Jnanabharathi Campus, P.O. Mallathahalli, Bengaluru – 560056.

#### **Conference Sponsor:**

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Regional Office, Bengaluru, India.



### **Registration Fee:**

Participants	National (INR) (₹)	International (USD) (\$)
Research Scholars	500	10
Academicians	750	15
Industry Participants	1000	25

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#### **Mode: Offline**

Selected papers will be published as a book with ISBN number and also in one of the special issues of a SCOPUS-indexed journal.

#### **Chief Patron:**

Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi,
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