

**INDIA-ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

**Three Year Work Program In Agriculture**

**2018-2020**

**Between**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**of the State of Israel - MASHAV**

**And**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**

**of the Republic of India**

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel - MASHAV (hereinafter referred to as 'Participants')

Recalling the Agreement for cooperation in agriculture signed between India and Israel in December, 1993, Agriculture Work Plan signed in 2006 and subsequent Action Plans of 2008, 2011 & 2015 and recognizing the ever growing bilateral relations between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the State of Israel,

Marking 25 years of diplomatic relations and recognizing the centrality of the Agriculture and Water sectors in the bilateral relations between India and Israel,

Based on the consultation held between India and Israel in New Delhi (on May 8, 2017) and in Jerusalem (May 10, 2017),

Acknowledging the success of the MIDH-MASHAV IIAP program as implemented during the last decade, MASHAV and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare have



decided to put forth a Work Program for Development Cooperation in Agriculture.

The terms of this program will ensure the further success of cooperation between the above mentioned Participants. It will strengthen the existing projects and initiatives being jointly developed (in IIAP).

## **I. Objectives**

- To accomplish the completion of the Centers of Excellence (CoE) as agreed upon in Phase 1-2 of the IIAP, and to bring them to a fully operational stage, and to enter into and implement Phase 3 of the IIAP as envisaged in the joint declaration between the Participants in January 2015. The Centers of Excellence will constitute the main platform and the backbone for capacity building, transfer of technologies, demonstration and dissemination of know-how in their respective clusters in their regions.
- Upon the completion of the COE's (Phases 1-2) both sides will explore the possibility to establish new Centers of Excellence within existing clusters in current or new states based on agreement between the Participants.
- To increase the value chain demonstrated within the fully operative Indo-Israel Centers of Excellence by introducing new components in the priority areas listed in Section III.
- To transform Centers of Excellence into commercially viable business models acting as demonstration centers and sources of planting materials for fruits and vegetables.
- To encourage private sector companies to engage and collaborate in their respective domain for establishing model value chains for specific crops.



## **II. Areas of Activity**

Within the framework of this Work Program, the Core activity is comprised and structured as a transfer of technology and know-how in accordance with the goals set in Section II. Furthermore, the following activities have been identified for extended cooperation within the fully operational Centers of Excellence:

- Post-Harvest Management (fruit & vegetables)
- Irrigation and Fertigation Technologies
- Introduction of New Varieties
- Plant protection (nematodes, bacteria)
- Pollination Technologies
- Water management Technologies for agriculture, including Water re-use
- Other activities as mutually defined in the Steering Committee

## **III. Implementation**

In order to implement this Work Program, the Participants agree to add training and capacity building programs in Israel and in India to the existing IIAP programs. The Participants will also hold consultations on other modes of implementation for the Program when applicable, such as PPP, B2G and G2S.

Over the period of this Work Program (2018-2020), in each of the above mentioned subjects listed in Section III, MASHAV will conduct the following programs, in addition to the existing planned IIAP activities:

- 1-2 short term consultancies in India per year
- 1-2 on the spot training activities in India per year



- 2 professional study tours or short term tailor-made courses in Israel per year, for 2 selected subjects from those areas listed in Section III

These activities, which represent one yearly cycle of the Work Program, are further outlined in the chart below in relation to the areas of activities described in Section III.

Subject	Short term consultations	On the spot training	Professional study tour or short term tailor-made courses in Israel
Post-Harvest Management (fruit & vegetables)	1-2	1-2	2 professional study tours or short term tailor-made courses for 2 selected subjects
Irrigation and Fertigation Technologies	1-2	1-2	
Introduction of New Varieties	1-2	1-2	
Plant protection (nematodes, bacteria)	1-2	1-2	
Pollination Technologies	1-2	1-2	
Water management Technologies for agriculture, including Water re-use	1-2	1-2	
<b>Total per year</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>2</b>
12-24 activities in India and 2 activities in Israel			

#### IV. Timeframe

The duration of this Action Work Program will be for three years between 2018 - 2020.

#### V. Cooperating Participants and Mechanisms

The following agencies have been identified as the points of contact and directors of implementation for the Work



**Program:**

- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Republic of India)
- MASHAV (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Israel through The Embassy of Israel, New Delhi)

A steering committee will be convened annually in order to review and assess the implementation of this work program and to mutually plan the activities for the upcoming year. The first meeting of the committee will be held in 2017.

**VI. Financing and Budgeting**

Each participant will cover the international travel expenses for its experts and trainees. The host country will cover all local expenses, including domestic travel, accommodation and all in-country logistical costs. In special cases, the host country will cover costs for additional items.

**VII. Evaluation and monitoring**

The Work Program will include evaluation and monitoring processes shared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and MASHAV. A shared reporting system will be established.

**VIII. Applicable Law**

The implementation of this Work Program will be governed by the applicable laws and regulation in force in the respective countries of the Participants where the programs and activities are being implemented.

**IX. Resolution of Disputes**

Any dispute that may arise between the Participants on the



interpretation or implementation of this Work Program will be resolved amicably through negotiations between the Participants.

#### **X. Modification**

1. The present Work Program may be modified by mutual consent of the Participants.
2. Any modification of this Work Program shall follow the same procedure as its entering into force as specified in Article XII.

#### **XI. Entry into Force, Duration and Termination**

1. This Work Program shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force between 2018-2020, unless either Participant terminates it by giving the other Party six (6) months prior written notice of its intention to terminate through diplomatic channels.
2. The termination of this Work Program shall not affect the projects or programs undertaken based on this Work Program which have commenced/but not been fully executed at the time of its termination.



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