



NEDAC

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PROCEEDINGS
OF
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Held on 17 October 2020 at 1.00 PM BANGKOK TIME on
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Call to order by ZOOM Video Conference Facilitator

Call to order of the General Assembled (GA) session 2020 was done. Members from all member countries except China and Iran were present in the video conference. Meeting notice, agenda, detailed notes on agenda and videoconference login details had been circulated among all members and invitees well in advance through email by the NEDAC secretariat.

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Roll call

It was done. The list of attendee members, invitees and observers is at Annex. Quorum was reported as complete.

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Introduction of participants.

It was done.

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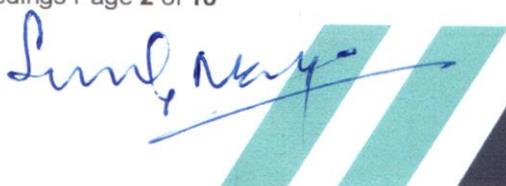
Welcome address by Chairman, NEDAC.

The Chairman, NEDAC, Mr Sundeep Kumar Nayak, IAS, Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India delivered the welcome address. He paid homage, on behalf of the NEDAC, to the cooperators who have lost their lives due to the SARS COV 19 during the ongoing pandemic. He highlighted the achievements of NEDAC since 2018 and thanked all the members, invitees and observers for their guidance and support in meeting the objectives of NEDAC. He also spoke about the future plans of NEDAC in the context of the long term NEDAC Strategic Work Plan as already approved by NEDAC EXCOM in March 2019 and presented to FAO RAP, Bangkok.

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Statement by Permanent Invitee Member, ICA AP

Mr Balu G Iyer, Director ICA AP stated that NEDAC had made substantial progress on many fronts. He appreciated the International Cooperatives Trade Fair organized jointly by NEDAC at New Delhi in October 2019. He mentioned that ICA AP took part in the Trade Fair. He added that ICA AP would look forward to manifold activities of NEDAC and extend support wherever required to Committees.





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Statement by Permanent Invitee Member, FAO

Mr Tomio Shichiri, Representative FAO stated that he had attended the last General Assembly of NEDAC held in 2018 and NEDAC had made tremendous progress since then. He complimented the members and EXCOM of NEDAC for the systems approach in FARM TO FORK in NEDAC Work Plans. He reiterated the role and commitment of FAO RAP in promoting the network for the growth of agriculture and allied activities in the region.

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Address by Dr Dhansingh Rawat, Distinguished Guest. Dr Dhansingh Rawat, Honorable Cooperation Minister, Government of Uttarakhand State in India was the Distinguished Guest. He addressed GA and mentioned about the big role being played by the agriculture sector and cooperatives in India to achieve the goals of Doubling the Farmers Income set by Honorable Prime Minister of India. Dr Rawat also spoke about the integrated cooperative development of Uttarakhand State. He invited the GA participants to Uttarakhand State. Dr Rawat lauded the role of NEDAC particularly in respect of promotion of international trade. He said that he personally took part in the first ever and highly successful International Cooperatives Trade Fair organized jointly by NEDAC at New Delhi in October 2019.

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Address by Mrs. Padma Kumari Arya, Chief Guest. Mrs. Padma Kumari Arya, Honorable Minister Government of Nepal, Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation was the Chief Guest. She addressed the GA and emphasized the commitment of the Government of Nepal to the cause of cooperatives. She appreciated the role being played by NEDAC. She reiterated her Government's continued support to NEDAC. She highlighted the prime focus on food security.

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Vote of Thanks. GA discussed the addresses by the Distinguished Guest and the Chief Guest and unanimously voted thanks to the dignitaries for their inspiration.

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Confirmation minutes of last General Assembly session. The minutes of the GA held in November 2018 were confirmed.

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Noting of proceedings of EXCOM held after the last General Assembly session

It was noted that four meetings of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of NEDAC have held after the last GA. They were held in November 2018, March 2019, October 2019 and December 2019. The minutes of the four meetings were noted.

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It was discussed that as decided in the EXCOM, based on advisory of FAO RAP to go for registration of NEDAC as a local entity in Thailand, NEDAC secretariat had approached authorities in Thai Government through the CPD. However, the Thai authorities have declined to register NEDAC as requested. Hence the background of setting up of NEDAC was reiterated by the General Assembly to the effect that a per proposal made by ADG/RR, FAORAP in Singapore Consultation Conclusion 34 in June 1989 and Recommendation 9.1 of the Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Sydney convened by the ICA/ROAP in February 1990, NEDAC was set up as a regional network by FAO RAP for promotion and development of agricultural and allied sector cooperatives. The General Assembly thankfully noted that then ADG RR, FAO RAP had addressed the EXCOM meeting held in Bangkok in March 2019 and based on her advice NEDAC has successfully embarked upon multi-year Strategic Work Plan submitted to FAO RAP formally in November 2019. NEDAC is on a growth path which needs the strategic vision and support of FAO RAP. Accordingly, the General Assembly, while noting that no financial support flows from FAO to NEDAC which has now become self-financed, resolved to request FAO RAP to continue to nurture and support NEDAC as it has been doing since the start of NEDAC in the context that more such promotional role of FAO RAP is more required now than earlier.

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Report of Chairman of each Sub-Committee on BTAs.

It was noted that Sub Committees on Broad Thematic Areas (BTA) have deliberated and taken steps which are reflected in the proceedings of EXCOM meetings. Considering the progress on the BTAs, the GA decided to form the following Committees:

1. NEDAC Committee on Agriculture Cooperatives and Food Security: Chaired by Shri Dileepbhai Sanghani, IFFCO, India
2. NEDAC Committee on Response to Pandemics by Cooperatives- Chaired by Ms Tetay Christie Plantilla, CEO, FPSDC, Philippines
3. NEDAC Committee on Mainstreaming Solidarity Economy in Global Forums- Chaired by Member, Iran
4. NEDAC Committee on Climate Action and SDGs- Chaired by Mr KB Upreti, Chairman, NCBL, Nepal
5. NEDAC Committee on International Trade and Agri Commodities- Chaired by MARA, China
6. NEDAC Committee on Emerging Technologies and Threats- Chaired by Mr George Magutu, National Chairman, KUSCCO, Kenya
7. NEDAC Committee on Coastal Cooperatives- Chaired by Mr Suvinda S Singappuli, Commissioner Cooperatives, Govt of Sri Lanka
8. NEDAC Committee on Fisheries Cooperatives- Chaired by Dr K R Salin, Chair, Aquaculture & Aquatic Resources Management, SERD, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand
9. NEDAC Committee on Dairy Cooperatives- Chaired by RDCD, Govt of Bangladesh
10. NEDAC Committee on Livestock Cooperatives- Chaired by Dr Dhansingh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister, Uttarakhand Government, India



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11. NEDAC Committee on Cooperatives Centered Communications- NEDAC Secretariat
 12. NEDAC Committee on Capacity Development- NEDAC Secretariat

The GA further resolved that composition of these twelve Committees would be decided by Chairman, NEDAC. NEDAC Secretariat would take steps on modalities of operation of the Committees.

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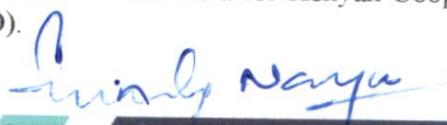
Report on NEDAC Activities in 2019 and 2020.

The GA noted the major activities of NEDAC in 2019 as follows:

1. Organizing/Holding of NEDAC - Executive Committee (EXCOM) at Bangkok from 7-8 March followed by field visit on 9 March. Hon'ble ADG, FAO RAP, Bangkok and H.E. Ambassador of India in Thailand addressed the NEDAC EXCOM Meeting held at Bangkok. This is the first time in the history that the ADG, FAO RAP and the Ambassador of India addressed a NEDAC meeting.
2. Organizing Road Show in support of India International Coop Trade Fair (IICTF) (scheduled in October 2019) on March 8, 2019 at Rembrandt Hotel, Sukhumvit - Soi 18 Bangkok. NEDAC made necessary contacts with NEDAC - Members for participation in the IICTF. NEDAC was a joint organizer of IICTF.
3. Holding of International Senior Leadership Programme for Executives in Cooperatives, June 23-29 2019 by the NEDAC Training Centre, Bangkok. The programme was attended by 23 Senior Officers / Executives.
4. NEDAC members (other than India) from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Nepal, Iran took part in IICTF held at New Delhi on 11-13 October 2019. IICTF was successful with participants from 35 countries 75 business memoranda were signed by different cooperative, private, government and business entities. These memoranda will involve business of USD 1.2 billions in coming years. IICTF provided opportunity for cooperative buyers, sellers, exporters, policy makers to build and pursue new relationships.
5. Organizing / Holding of NEDAC Executive Committee Meeting in New Delhi on October 12, 2019 on the sidelines of IICTF. It adopted the NEDAC Strategic Work Plan emerged out of EXCOM meeting held at Bangkok in March 2019.
6. NEDAC Strategic Work Plan presented to ADG FAO RAP in November 2019.
7. Memorandum of Intent with AIT Bangkok taken up in November 2019.
8. Organizing / Holding of NEDAC Executive Committee Meeting in Colombo, Sri - Lanka, December 12 and 13, 2019.
9. Emphasis on capacity building of cooperatives through training / field visits and working of the Sub-Committee on BTAs.

The GA noted the major activities of NEDAC in in 2020 up to September 2020 as follows:

1. Training programme for Senior Executives planned in April - May 2020.
2. Organization of the following virtual mode programmes with support of NCDC:
 - a. Webinar on Cyber Risks and Mitigation for Cooperatives - 11 May 2020
 - b. Cyber Risks and Mitigation Strategies: Lessons from Asia for Kenyan Cooperatives. 15 July 2020 (in partnership with KUSCCO).



- c. Aquaculture and Value Chains - 17 July 2020 (in partnership with AIT).
- d. Appraisal of Project Proposals for financing by Lending Institutions - 23 September 2020 (in partnership with NCBL).

Mr WI Khan, Program Adviser reported on the accounts of NEDAC.

The GA noted the Memorandum of Intent signed with AIT, Bangkok

NEDAC has signed 2 Memoranda of Intent, (MOI) with the prestigious Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok for collaborative work in the mandate of NEDAC.

Noting the activities of NEDAC, and, since the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok is a regional institution of prominence and has paid application fee to NEDAC while applying for membership of NEDAC, the GA decided that AIT, Bangkok be admitted as Permanent Invitee Member, with suitable modification to that effect in the NEDAC Constitution, without voting rights and the right to contest elections, as a special case of prominent regional (Asia Pacific) technical institution.

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Discussion on NEDAC Workplan 2021-2022 and finalization / adoption of Workplan.

The GA noted that NEDAC source of income has been primarily membership fees and activities of NEDAC Training Centre, Bangkok. The GA expressed satisfaction on the contribution by members and urged them to pay fees in time. The GA noted that some members have decided to cease their membership from 2020. The Strategic Work Plan (SWP) broadly indicate Work Plans for 2021 and 2022 were approved by the GA. Each of the years 2021 and 2022 will have the following work plan. These will be suitably amended by EXCOM or by Chairman NEDAC based on operational needs and, also in the light of earlier EXCOM decisions held during 2019, after last GA of 2018. An activity on organic farming shall also be included.

SI No	Strategic Objective as per adopted SWP	Activities under the Strategic Objective, as per SWP	Budget mentioned in SWP in US\$	Budget proposed in US\$	Remarks
1	Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition	a. International training programs of 1 week duration at NEDAC Training Centre Bangkok (NTCB) or in Member countries.	10,000	5000	To be held at Bangkok on payment basis NTCB may have Branch Training Centre in other country with approval by Chairman.

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		<p>b. One day country specific workshops would be organised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thailand 3000 • Philippines 3000 • Kenya 3000 • Nepal 3000 • China 3000 • India 3000 • Sri Lanka 3000 • Bangladesh 3000 				<p>In NTCB By FPSDC By KUSCO By NCBL By MARA By IFFCO By CoopDp By RDCD</p>
2	Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable	a. Study Visits to Fisheries / Livestock / Agro Forestry Projects- International visits	10,000	0000		To be done on payment basis. Coord by NEDAC Sectt
		<p>b. Four country specific study visits to be organised by members, for example, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenya, 3000 • Japan, 3000 • Thailand, 3000 • China 3000 • Philippines 3000 				Self financing basis
		c. Study of pilot projects in member countries	5000	2000		Max one activity in a country
3	Reduce rural poverty	a) Promote Cooperative to Cooperatives Trade through organisation of Trade Fairs.	0000	0000		Explore possibility of holding International Coop Trade Fair in Member Country
		b) Workshop by apex cooperatives	5000	0000		Funding by non

		with policy makers- in countries			NEDAC sources
		c) Online learning systems- virtual mode	5000	5000	By NEDAC Trg Centre Bangkok in partnership with others
4	Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems	a) International training programs for 20 participants of 1 week duration at NEDAC Training Centre Bangkok	40000	0000	To be held at Bangkok in partnership with other Institutions, on payment basis. International resource persons on payment basis.
		b) Dynamic website to be operated & maintenance	3000	2000	By NEDAC Sectt
5	Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises	a) Focused Workshop of Member Cooperative Leaders- in Member countries	5000	3000	By NEDAC Trg Centre Bangkok in partnership with others
		b) Technical support for study of best practices in NEDAC geographic areas of eligible countries and technical support to Focus Groups	10,000	5000	Through NEDAC Sectt

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		c) Capacity development workshop of Apex cooperative organisation leaders	5,000	3000	NEDAC Sectt to facilitate study visits and workshops for leaders	
6	Coordinated Action Among NEDAC Members Through Fully Functional NEDAC Secretariat	a) Meetings- EXCOM, GA	22,000	10,000	NEDAC staff to continue subject to satisfactory performance as directed by Chairman, NEDAC who will also decide increase / decrease in number of staff in Secretariat or Chair Office.	
		b) Monthly Staff Salaries and official travel Sectt / Chairman	60,000	90,000		
		c) Auditors fees	0000	1000		
		d) Consultancy- registration, study etc	0000	5000		
		e) Maintenance and upkeep of Bangkok office and Delhi local office	0000	12000		
		f) Internship program	0000	12,000		Start
		g) Unforeseen expenses	0000	6000		Contingency
		GRAND TOTAL	2,19,000	1,72,500	NEDAC funded	

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Election of NEDAC EXCOM office bearers

The General Assembly unanimously elected Mr Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC India as Chairman of NEDAC for the term 2021 and 2022.

The General Assembly unanimously elected Mr KB Upreti, Chairman, NCBL Nepal as Vice-Chairman of NEDAC for the term 2021 and 2022.

Sundeep Kumar Nayak



The General Assembly unanimously elected Mr MSM Riyas, Chairman, CoopYES Sri Lanka as Vice-Chairman of NEDAC for the term 2021 and 2022 subject to the condition that he clears the NEDAC membership fees dues up to 2020 within one week.

In the light of the fact that the next General Assembly would be held in Kenya, it unanimously decided Mr George Magutu, National Chairman, KUSCCO Kenya as Co-Chairman of NEDAC till the next General Assembly.

The General Assembly unanimously authorized the Chairman, NEDAC to select Executive Committee members and constitute the Executive Committee for the term 2021 and 2022.

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Speech by New Chairman.

Expressing his gratitude to the members of the General Assembly for reposing its faith in him by electing him again as Chairman of NEDAC for the term 2021 and 2022, Mr Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC said that the aims and objectives of NEDAC would be met through all out efforts in the difficult times. He also welcomed the Co-Chairman and the two Vice Chairmen. He thanked Mr Orlando Ravanera, Chairman CDA, Philippines for serving NEDAC as its Co-Chair till the 2018 General Assembly.

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Venue and Host of the next General Assembly.

It was decided that the next General Assembly would be held in Kenya. KUSCCO Kenya volunteered to host the next General Assembly.

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Closing of General Assembly.

On completion of the agenda and the proceedings, the General Assembly came to a close with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sundeep nayak
27 Oct 2020
Chairman, NEDAC

ANNEX

Attendance of Members Eligible to Vote in NEDAC General Assembly held on 17 Oct 2020

No	Country	Name	Name of the organization	Attendance
1	Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Rezaul Ahsan Secretary	Rural Development & Co-operative Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives (RDCD)	Representatives attended
2	Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman Deputy General Manager (PI, Dev.&PR)	Bangladesh Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Limited (BMPCUL)	Attended
3	China	Ms. Guo Naying Director	Department of Rural Cooperative Economy under MARA	Absent
4	India	MD	National Cooperative Development Corporation	Representative attended
5	India	Mr. N. Satyanarayana Chief Executive Dr. Kala Nand Sinha Executive Director	National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)	Attended
6	India	Mr. Tarun Bhagava Deputy General Manager Coop Relation	India Farmers Fertiizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)	Attended
7	India	Mr. Bhima Subrahmanyam Managing Director	National Federation of State Co-operative Banks Ltd (NAFSCOB)	Attended
8	India	Managing Director	The Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd (HAFED)	Representative attended
9	India	Mr. Bimal Kumar Mishra Managing Director	National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd (FISHCOPFED)	Attended
10	India	Mr. N. Sambasira Rao Managing Director	Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd (KRIBHCO)	Absent
11	India	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, IAS Managing Director	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)	Attended
12	India	Mr. A. Praveen Reddy Chairman	MULKANOOR Cooperative Rural Bank & Marketing Society Ltd. (MCRC & MS)	Attended
13	India	Mr. Loka Bapu Reddy Chairman	Telangana State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd (TS Markfed)	Absent
14	India	Mr. Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS Managing Director	Adhra Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd (T.S. Markfed)	Absent
15	India	Mr. Pravir Krishna, IAS Managing Director	Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd., (TRIFED)	Absent
16	India	MD	Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd (GUICOMASOL)	Attended
17	India	Mr. K.N Rajanna Chairman	The Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd	Absent
18	India	President	Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd (TSCAB)	Absent
19	India	Mr. Manasij Mukhopadhyay Managing Director	The West Bengal State Cooperative Bank Ltd (WBSCB)	Absent

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20	India	Mr. Udit Prakash Rai, IAS Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Government of India A& N Islands	Absent
21	India	Mr. T.Prasad Rao Dora President	Odisha Fisheries Cooperative Corporation Ltd (FISHFED)	Absent
22	India	Dr. P.S. Gahlaut Managing Director	Indian Potash Limited	Attended
23	India	Ms. K. Nirmala, IAS Managing Director	Telangana State Cooperative Oilseeds Growers' Federation Ltd	Absent
24	India	Mr. Lakshman Banik General Manager (Administration)	The West Bengal State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd, (WBSCB)	Absent
25	India	Mr. Jyotindra M.Mehta President	National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Ltd (NAFCUB)	Attended
26	India	Mr. Jyotindra Mehta Chairman	Gujarat Urban Cooperative Banks Federation (GUJFED)	Attended
27	India	Mr. Anbalagan P, IAS Managing Director	Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd., Raipur (C.G.) India	Absent
28	India	Mr. R. Meenakshi Sundaram, IAS Secretary	Department of Cooperative Government of Uttarakhand	Attended
29	India	Mr. Varun Roojam, IAS Managing Director	The Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (Markfedpunjab)	Absent
30	India	Mr. R. Elangovan Chairman Dr. K Rajendran Managing Director	Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank Ltd (TNSC Bank)	Attended
31	India	Mr. K. Mohammed Saleem Managing Director	Rasipuram Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd	Attended
32	India	Mr..... Managing Director	The Erode Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd	Attended
33	India	Mr. M. Murugan Additional Register and Managing Director	Tamil Nadu Cooperative Marketing Federation (TANFED)	Absent
34	India	Mr. P.Sanjeevi Kumar Operations Head	Tiruchengode Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd	Attended
35	India	Mr.... Managing Director	Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society	Attended
36	India	Mr. G. Narasimman Managing Director	The Salem Agricultural Producers Co-op. Marketing Society Ltd	Attended
37	India	Mr. Rameshan Paleri Chairman	Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society Ltd (ULCCS)	Absent
38	India	Dr.D Amladas Managing Director	Tamil Nadu Consumers' Co-operative Federation Ltd	Absent
39	India	Mr. S. Cheran Managing Director	Perundurai Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Society	Attended
40	India	Ms. I. Rani Kumudini, IAS Chief Executive	National Fisheries Development Board (Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India	Absent

41	India	Dr. Avinash Anand Managing Director	Uttarakhand Sate Sheep, Goat, Rabbit Farmers Cooperative Federation Ltd (USGCF)	Attended
42	India	Mr.E.Sarangapani	Pondicherry Co-opeartive Milk Producers' Union Ltd	Absent
43	India	Mr. Shree Prakash Chadra Director	Dairy Development of Uttarakhand	Attended
44	Kenya	Mr. Georage Magutu National Chairman	Kenya Union of Saving & Credit Cooperatives Ltd	Attended
45	Nepal	Mr. Chakra Bahadur Parajuli Member Secretary	National Coopeartive Development Board (NCDB)	Attended
46	Nepal	Mr. K. B. Upreti Chairman Mr. Badri Kumar Guragain Chief Executive Officer	National Coopeartive Bank Ltd (NCBL)	Attended
47	Philippines	Mr. Orlando R. Ravanera Chairman	Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)	Attended
48	Philippines	Mrs. Christine R.C.Plantilla Chief Executive Officer	Federation of People's Sustainable Development Cooperative (FPSDC)	Attended
49	Sri Lanka	Mr. Suvinda S. Singappuli Commissioner of Cooperative Development & Register of Cooperative Societies	Department of Cooperative Development	Absent
50	Sri Lanka	Mr. M.S.M. Riyas Chairman	Cooperative Youth Empowerment Society Ltd	Attended

Invitee Members who attended NEDAC General Assembly on 17 Oct 2020				
No	Country	Name	Name of the organization	Attendance
1	Thailand	Dr Prasun K Das	APRACA	Attended
2	Asia Pacific	Mr Tomio Shichiri	Representative FAO	Attended
3	Thailand	Prof KR Salin	Asian Institute of Technology Bangkok	Attended
4	Asia Pacific	Mr Balu G Iyer	ICA Asia Pacific	Attended

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