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# **PROCEEDINGS**

## **OF**

# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**Agenda GA2023-01**

**Call to order**

A call to order of the General Assembly 2023 was made by the facilitator, Dr. Krishna R. Salin, Honorary Director of NEDAC. The meeting program, instructions, and detailed agenda notes had been circulated among all members and invitees through email by the NEDAC Secretariat prior the meeting. Representatives from all member countries, except Bangladesh, China, Iran, and Kenya, were present at the meeting.

**Agenda GA2023-02**

**Roll Call**

Eighteen (18) participants were present; three virtually participated from the NEDAC office in New Delhi, including Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Honorable Chairman of NEDAC. The list of member attendees, invitees, and observers is at [Annex GA2023-01](#). Permission to start the proceedings was given by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, who virtually presided over the meeting.

**Agenda GA2023-03**

**Introduction of participants**

All participants introduced themselves and agreed to take up the agenda circulated.

**Agenda GA2023-04**

**Welcome address**

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Honorable Chairman (HCN) of NEDAC, presided over the session virtually from the NEDAC office in New Delhi. He firstly expressed sincere appreciation to the Cooperative Development Authority of the Philippines, specifically to Mr. Joseph B. Encabo, Co-chairman and his dedicated team members, Federation of People's Sustainable Development Cooperative (FPSDC), and Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives (NSCC), for their diligent efforts in organizing this event in Manila. The HCN noted their kind support and commendable contribution to the General Assembly.



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Mr. Bansal expressed gratitude to all participants in this auspicious gathering and expressed regret for not being physically present. He concluded by expressing his eagerness to meet everyone again at the upcoming meeting in 2024.

**Agenda GA2023-05**

**Address by Co-Chairman**

Mr. Joseph B. Encabo, Co-chairman of NEDAC and Chairman of the CDA, Philippines, welcomed everyone to Manila. As a host, he wished to provide the best hospitality possible, so all delegates could enjoy their visit to Manila, Philippines.

**Agenda GA2023-06**

**Address by Vice Chairman**

Mr. K.B. Upreti, Vice Chairman of NEDAC and Chairman of the National Cooperative Bank Limited (NCBL), Nepal, delivered an address during the session. He expressed his pleasure at the collective presence, emphasizing the occasion's significance in fostering collaborations between NEDAC and member cooperatives.

**Agenda GA2023-07**

**Statement by Permanent Invitee Member, ICA AP**

ICA AP Regional Director, Mr. Balu Iyer, extended warm greetings and stated that ICA AP is eager to continue its collaboration with NEDAC and welcomed all members to join the ICA AP Workshop organized in Manila as a joint event with NEDAC.

**Agenda GA2023-08**

**Vote of Thanks**

The facilitator delivered a vote of thanks. The following agenda items were proceeded.

**Agenda GA2023-09**

**Confirmation of Minutes of the last General Assembly**

The proceedings of the previous General Assembly held on 4 November 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand, have been circulated among NEDAC members. Since no comments or suggestions were received, it was confirmed and approved by the General Assembly, as in Annex GA2023-02.

**Agenda GA2023-10**

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



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One Executive Committee meeting was held on 5 April 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The minutes of this meeting was taken note of by the General Assembly, shown as Annex GA2023-03.

### **Agenda GA2023-11**

#### **Report of NEDAC Sub-Committees on BTAs**

The following sub-committee on eight (8) BTAs were reported:

The Executive Committee, in its deliberations in November 2018, had decided on eight Broad Thematic Areas (BTAs) and related Sub Committees as follows:

- (i) Strategic Communication and NEDAC website
- (ii) Capacity development/ training
- (iii) Experiential Learning and Study Visits
- (iv) Ideas to Action through Exchange Programmes
- (v) Sustainable Development and Response of Cooperatives to Climate Change
- (vi) Complete Value Chain and Cooperative to Cooperative (C2C) trade platform
- (vii) International Cooperative Trade Fairs platform
- (viii) Advocacy and policy dialogues

From time to time, the Sub Committees have deliberated and taken steps as reflected in the Proceedings of EXCOM meetings. These were taken on record.

Considering the progress on the BTAs, the GA 2022 proposed to form different Focus Groups as follows, with the responsibility of each Focus Group coordinating country member/s mentioned against each:

1. Focus Group on Cooperative-to-Cooperative Trade among NEDAC members - Philippines
2. Focus Group on Mainstreaming Social and Solidarity Economy in Global Forums - India
3. Focus Group on Climate Action and SDGs - Nepal
4. Focus Group on International Trade and Agri Commodities - China
5. Focus Group on Emerging Technologies and Threats - Kenya
6. Focus Group on Coastal Cooperatives - Sri Lanka
7. Focus Group on Fisheries Cooperatives - Thailand
8. Focus Group on Dairy Cooperatives - Bangladesh
9. Focus Group on Livestock Cooperatives - India
10. Focus Group on Cooperatives-Centered Communications - NEDAC Secretariat
11. Focus Group on Capacity Development - NEDAC Secretariat

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Given the emerging importance of the underlying issues related to the BTA (v): Sustainable Development and Response of Cooperatives to Climate Change, NEDAC organized a Workshop on Sustainable Financing and Achieving SDGs for Agricultural Cooperatives in Bangkok from 21 – 25 August 2023, collaborating with APRACA and ICBA. One of the major outcomes of this Workshop was an understanding of the need for more effective interventions by NEDAC in contributing to the financial empowerment of agricultural cooperatives, facilitating them to become more climate-resilient and financially sustainable while playing a more significant role in climate action towards Net Zero targets.

On behalf of the Focus Group on Cooperative-to-Cooperative Trade among NEDAC members, Ms. Christie R. C. Plantilla, FPSDC, introduced e-commerce platforms that facilitate trade among Filipino cooperatives. Additionally, she highlighted the Coop Biz initiative by the CDA, which has yet to be introduced on any international platform. She proposed that NEDAC, collaborating with member countries, could explore how they can collectively engage with this trading platform. Further more, initiatives with other countries beyond NEDAC can be done to expand the reach and impact of this trading platform.

Mr. Vergel M. Hilario of the CDA emphasized the potential for future cooperation between Philippines members and NEDAC to benefit farmers. Such collaboration can lead to decreased farm input costs, ultimately resulting in enhanced productivity and a more competitive product exchange.

The Co-Chair of NEDAC, Mr. Joseph B. Encabo, has encouraged NEDAC members to actively participate in Coop Biz, which will expedite the government approval process. Furthermore, this collaborative effort is open to not only NEDAC members but also other cooperatives. He will discuss with FPSDC and NSCC how to deliberate the payment methods for this trading platform. Then, a video presentation highlighting the features and benefits of Coop Biz was showcased with all the attending delegates. He thanked HCN for allowing them to share this platform and hope NEDAC will fully support it.

Mr. Karnail Singh Lathar from The Haryana State Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation Limited(HAFED) shared insights into their expertise in producing and exporting high-quality Basmati rice to Middle Eastern countries. He also expressed keen interest in exploring export opportunities to NEDAC member countries, facilitated and coordinated through NEDAC if any members expressed interest.

Mr. Ritesh Dey, a National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) representative, provided an update on an e-commerce platform known as “NCUI Haat”. This platform will facilitate capacity building and support in product registration, branding, and promotion. All these services are free of cost, and NCUI is committed to providing support across all aspects of the trading platform.



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Ms. Tara Gurung of NCBL highlighted the underrepresentation of women in the agricultural cooperatives sector. She emphasized the need for improvement and suggested collaboration with other organizations to address this issue.

### **Agenda GA2023-12**

#### **Report on NEDAC Activities in 2022-2023**

NEDAC activities and collaborative activities in 2022 and 2023 (after the last GA) were reported as follows:

Major activities of NEDAC in 2022 (after September) were:

1. NEDAC General Assembly 2022 was the first in-person event after the COVID-19 pandemic. It was organized in Bangkok, Thailand, from November 3-6, 2022.

Major activities of NEDAC in 2023 up to September 2023 were:

1. NEDAC – Executive Committee (EXCOM) was held as an in-person meeting from April 4-6, 2023, in Kathmandu, Nepal.
2. NEDAC/NCBL Workshop on “Current Trends, Prospects, and Challenges to Climate-resilient Cooperative Sector” was organized on 5 April 2023 as a side event of the EXCOM meeting.
3. As part of the Coop Talk series, NEDAC organized a webinar on “Gender mainstreaming for sustainable development of cooperatives” on 10 July 2023, 3-4 PM (Bangkok Time, GMT+7). It was organized to commemorate the International Day of Cooperatives (the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of July every year).
4. NEDAC Workshop on “Sustainable Financing & Achieving SDGs for Agricultural Cooperatives” was jointly organized with APRACA, Thailand, and ICBA from August 21 – 25, 2023.
5. NEDAC, using its in-house expertise, conducted a study on Thailand's agricultural product marketing practices, with Thalad Thai, one of the biggest agricultural wholesale markets in Asia, located near Bangkok, Thailand. A report was prepared and submitted to the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India, on their request. The report, which highlights the facilities and operational details of Thalad Thai Market, is also available for NEDAC members upon request.
6. NEDAC was also a co-organizer of three international training programs by AIT: One titled “iFloc 2023: Sustainable Shrimp Farming”, the second titled “Shrimp Health & EHP Workshop”, and another Master Class on “Cutting-edge Aquafeed Technologies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Aquaculture” in Bangkok.

General Assembly noted an increase in the number of participants in the in-person event hosted by NEDAC Training Centre Bangkok (NTCB).



**Agenda GA2023-13**

**Discussion on NEDAC Work Plan 2023-2025 and finalization/adoption of Work Plan**

Proposed NEDAC Strategic Work Plans for the calendar years 2023-2025 were presented in the General Assembly, as follows:

The Strategic Work Plan (SWP) was formulated and adopted in March 2019. The SWP budget will be revised on a normative basis by at least 20% upwards of the grand total amount on an annual basis. The Work Plans for calendar years 2023 - 2025 will mostly cover in-person activities as approved in EXCOM Meeting 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The year 2023 will have the following work plan. These will be suitably amended by EXCOM or Chairman NEDAC based on operational needs. The source of income of NEDAC has been primarily membership fees and activities of NEDAC Training Centre, Bangkok.

S l N o	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	Activities planned in 2023	Annual Budget revised in US\$	Expected Income in US\$
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	5,000	2,500	To be held in Bangkok on a payment basis (if feasible). NTCB may have a Branch Training Centre in	ITP on Organic Farming and Certification	7,000	15,000



		countries.			other countries with approval by the Chairman.			
		b. One-day country-specific workshops would be organized:						
		• Thailand	1500	500	In NTCB			
		• Philippin	1500	750	By FPSDC			
		es	1500	750	By KUSCO			
		• Kenya	1500	750	By NCBL			
		• Nepal	1500	750	By MARA			
		• China	1500	750	By NCDC			
		• India	1500	750	By CoopDep			
		• Sri Lanka	1500	750	By RDCD			
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2	<b>Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more</b>	a. Study Visits to Fisheries / Livestock / Agro Forestry Projects- International visits	5,000	2000	To be done on a payment basis. Coord by NEDAC Sectt.	Exposure visits to Inland fish farming in Thailand	2000	10,000





	<b>productive and sustainable</b>	<p>b. Four country specific study visits to be organised by members, for example, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenya, 1500</li> <li>• Japan, 1500</li> <li>• Thailand, 1500</li> <li>• China, 1500</li> <li>• Philippines, 1500</li> </ul>	1500	0000	Self-financing basis	Exposure visit on Industrial Agricultural Technology Practices in Cambodia	8,000	18,000
		<p>c. Study of pilot projects in member countries</p>	2500	1000			Max one activity in a country	Studies similar to Thalad Thai Market study done by NEDAC, as requested by member countries
3	<b>Reduce rural poverty</b>	<p>a) Promote Cooperative to Cooperatives Trade through the organisation of Trade</p>	0000	0000	Explore possibility of holding International Coop Trade Fair in Member Country			

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		Fairs.						
		b) Workshop by apex cooperatives with policymakers-in countries	2500	0000	Funding by non-NEDAC sources	ITP on Sustainable financing and achieving SDGs for cooperatives	7,000	15,000
		c) Online learning systems-virtual mode	2500	2500	By NEDAC Trg Centre Bangkok in partnership with others			
4	<b>Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems</b>	a) International training programs for 20 participants of 1 week duration at NEDAC Training Centre Bangkok	20000	0000	To be held in Bangkok with partnership and international resource persons on a payment basis.	ITP on Digital Tools for Fisheries and Aquaculture	10,000	22,500
		b) Dynamic website to be operated & maintenance	1500	1000	By NEDAC Sectt	NEDAC Website maintenance	200	



5	<b>Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises</b>	a) Focused Workshop of Member Cooperative Leaders- in Member countries	2500	1500	By NEDAC Trg Centre Bangkok in partnership with others	Workshop on Current trends, Prospects, and Challenges to Climate-resilient Cooperative sector	1,000	10,000
		b) Technical support for study of best practices in NEDAC geographic areas of eligible countries and technical support to Focus Groups	5,000	2500	Through NEDAC Sectt		0000	
		c) Capacity development workshop of Apex cooperative organisation leaders	2500	1500	NEDAC Sectt to facilitate study visits and workshops for leaders		0000	
6	<b>Coordinate d Action</b>	a) Meetings- EXCOM, GA	11,000	5,000		EXCOM and GAm meetings	15,000	



	Among NEDAC Members Through Fully Functional NEDAC Secretaria t	b) Monthly Staff Salaries, Secretariat expenses, official travel Sectt& activities / Chairman	30,000 0000 0000	75,000 500 2500	NEDAC Staff to be continued		50,000 700 5,000	
		c) Auditors fees						
		d) Consultancy-research studies, software support, online trade promotion platform, etc.	0000 0000 0000	6000 6000 3000	Start Contingency		500 5,000 500	5,000
		e) Maintenance and upkeep of Bangkok office						
		f) Internship program						
		g) Unforeseen expenses						
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		109,500	<b>116,250</b>	Meet		<b>112,90</b>



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Mr. S. Bhima Subrahmanyam, representing the National Federation of State Cooperative Banks Ltd. (NAFSCOB), introduced the concept of the NEDAC Centre of Excellence (CoE) jointly with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, providing a comprehensive background that emphasizes its relevance to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in the context of climate resilience and green finance. This initiative is designed to extend its benefits not only to NEDAC members but also to a global audience. It is not limited solely to agricultural cooperatives but aims to offer solutions to the pressing global challenges that affect our population.

The collaborative efforts involving NEDAC and AIT as an affiliated organization will serve as a platform to promote NEDAC to international entities. The establishment of this Centre will significantly contribute to strengthening NEDAC and its ability to address these critical global issues.

Dr. Krishna R. Salin elaborated on the selection of AIT, highlighting its appeal due to the presence of highly skilled professionals proficient in various fields, particularly those relevant to the goals of the CoE, such as Food Security and Climate Change. Many of these experts are engaged in international roles with reputed organizations, including the FAO and various UN bodies.

Following this, HCN suggested that possibility of setting up this centre be explored in suitable institutions in India and Phillippines along with AIT, Bangkok, Thailand and the proposal should be discussed further. Should a consensus be reached on this proposal, it will be disseminated to relevant stakeholders. The HCN suggested that NEDAC should forge closer collaboration with similar international organizations to engage in capacity development programs and management initiatives. The proposed approach involves initiating these efforts through NEDAC Committees, intending to extend the program to other organizations once it is sustainable. The proposed framework will help position NEDAC as the leading entity in this initiative, with support from collaborating organizations, and strengthen the overall capabilities of NEDAC in contributing more effectively to the global challenges collectively faced by humanity.



HCN further suggested that NEDAC should plan to host a joint training program in collaboration with the Centre for International Cooperation & Training in Agricultural Banking (CICTAB) and other relevant organizations in New Delhi, India. Training programme on Dairy Farming and Fertilizer Business for members of NEDAC may be organized in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) and National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI). He also suggested organizing outreach programs in cooperation with international organizations in Europe.

Activities planned for the calendar years 2023 - 2024 are summarized as follows:

S.N.	Tentative date	Type of activity	Description
1	6 November 2023	Board meeting	General Assembly & EXCOM meeting 2023 in Manila, Philippines
2	November 2024	Establishment of a NEDAC Centre of Excellence (CoE)	CoE on Green Finance & Sustainability, collaborating with AIT. Activities to be formulated under the CoE
3	5 - 9 Feb 2024	International training program (in-person)	Executive Leadership Training Programme
4	6 - 10 May 2024	International training program (in-person)	Organic Farming and Certification
5	19 - 23 Aug 2024	Exposure visit to Indonesia/Vietnam	Exposure visit on Precision Farming Technology and Practices
6	30 September-4 October 2024	International training program (in-person)	International Coffee Day in the Philippines

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7	18 - 22 Nov 2024	GA and EXCOM Meeting (in- person)	Venue to be decided
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**Agenda GA2023-14**

**Venue and the host of the next General Assembly**

The next General Assembly in 2024 shall be organized as an in-person event. The General Assembly has noted the previous decision to conduct the next General Assembly in Kenya, as earlier proposed by KUSCCO. The HCN will discuss this with KUSCCO and take a decision. If this is not feasible, NCBL agreed to host the next GA in Nepal.

**Agenda GA2023-15**

**Closing of General Assembly**

On completion of the agenda and the proceedings, the General Assembly was closed with a vote of thanks to the host and the Chair.

Signature of Honorable Chairman, Mr. Pankaj Kumar  
Bansal: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 05 January, 2024  
Place: New Delhi





**Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in  
Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC) General Assembly & EXCOM meeting**

November 6, 2023

Dusit Thani Manila, Makati City, Philippines

**Registration / Attendance**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organizaion</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Position in NEDAC Office Bearers</b>
1	Mr. Krishna Bahadur Upreti	Chairman	National Cooperative Bank Limited (NCBL)	Nepal	Vice Chairman
2	Ms. Tara Gurung	NCBL BOD Member	National Cooperative Bank Limited (NCBL)	Nepal	Observer
3	Mr. Joseph B. Encabo	Chairman	Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)	Philippines	Co-Chairman
4	Mr. Subrahmanyam Bhima	Managing Director	National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB)	India	Member
5	Mr. Ritesh Dey	Director	National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)	India	Member
6	Ms. Christie Rowena C. Plantilla	CEO	FPSCD	Philippines	Member
7	Ms. Maria Hidelita Bernal	COO	FPSCD	Philippines	Observer
8	Ms. Zenaida R. Reno	SEC	NSCC	Philippines	Observer
9	Ms. Anabel Rigucera	Farm Manager	NSCC		Observer
10	Ms. Guadalupe Garcia	COO	NSCC		Observer
11	Mr. Vergel M. Hilario	Executive Director, Union of Legitimate Service Contracting Cooperatives (USLCC)	Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)	Philippines	Observer
12	Dr. Bijender Singh	Chairman	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	India	Member

13	Ms. Savitri Singh	Dy CEO	National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)	India	Observer
14	Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav	Chairman	KRIBHCO	India	Special Invitee
15	Mr. Balu Iyer	Regional Director	ICA AP	India	Special Invitee
16	Dr. Krishna R. Salin	Honorary Director	NEDAC	Thailand	Honorary Director
17	Mr. Karnail Singh Lathar	Additional General Maneger (Systems)	Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED)	India	Observer
18	Ms. Rasita Srikerdkruen	Program Coordinator	NEDAC	Thailand	NEDAC Secretariat



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Location: Bangkok, Thailand  
Date: 4 Nov 2022, Thursday  
Time: 9:30 AM Bangkok Time

**PROCEEDINGS**  
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**4 November 2022**

**9.30 AM, Bangkok Time**

**Novotel Bangkok Future Park Rangsit, Bangkok, Thailand**



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**Agenda GA2022.01**

**Call to order by Facilitator**

A call to order of the General Assembly Session 2022 was made. The meeting notice, agenda, and detailed notes on the agenda had been circulated among all members and invitees well in advance through email by the NEDAC secretariat. Representatives from all member countries, except Bangladesh, China, Iran, and Kenya, were present in the session.

**Agenda GA2022.02**

**Roll call**

It was done. 16 members were present. The quorum was reported as complete. The list of member-attendees, invitees and observers is at [Annex GA2022-02](#). Permission to start the proceedings was given by Mr. K.B. Upreti, Vice-Chairman, NEDAC, who chaired the General Assembly, in the absence of Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Chairman.

**Agenda GA2022.03**

**Introduction of participants**

The introduction of participants was done. All the members agreed to take up the agenda circulated.

**Agenda GA2022.04**

**Welcome address**

Mr. K.B. Upreti, Vice-Chairman, NEDAC, who chaired in the absence of Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Chairman, addressed the session by appreciating the presence of the member countries; India, Nepal, the Philippines, and Thailand. He welcomed all the participants and executive members and thanked them for their visit and attendance. He placed on record the exemplary contribution made by the outgoing Chairman, particularly in terms of reviving NEDAC and taking it to great heights. He suggested that the General Assembly request Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak to be Emeritus Chair Senior Advisor to NEDAC. The Chair's suggestion on Mr. Nayak was greeted with oral applause of approval. Thereafter, he requested Honorary Director Dr K R Salin to go ahead with the agenda circulated.



### **Agenda GA2022.05**

#### **Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Assembly Session**

The minutes of the previous GA session virtually held in October 2020 had been circulated among members immediately after it was held. The minutes were also hosted on the NEDAC website. No comments were received. The minutes were confirmed by the GA. The appointment of Dr P.S. Gahlaut as Honorary Secretary General in pursuance of the last GA decision was noted and confirmed.

### **Agenda GA2022.06**

#### **Noting of Proceedings of EXCOM meeting held after the last General Assembly Session**

Two meetings of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of NEDAC were conducted after the last General Assembly Session. They were held in March 2021 and January 2022 in a virtual mode due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The minutes of the two meetings had been circulated among members immediately after they were held. The minutes were noted.

### **Agenda GA2022.07**

#### **Report of each Sub-Committee on Broad Thematic Areas (BTAs)**

The GA appreciated the efforts. Each sub-committee on eight (8) BTAs were reported, as follows:

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1. Committee on Agriculture Cooperatives and Food Security- IFFCO, India
2. Committee on Response to Pandemics by Cooperatives- FPSDC, Philippines
3. Committee on Mainstreaming Social and Solidarity Economy in Global Forums- CURACI, Iran
4. Committee on Climate Action and SDGs- NCBL, Nepal
5. Committee on International Trade and Agri Commodities- MARA, China
6. Committee on Emerging Technologies and Threats- KUSCCO, Kenya
7. Committee on Coastal Cooperatives- DCD, Sri Lanka
8. Committee on Fisheries Cooperatives- AIT, Thailand
9. Committee on Dairy Cooperatives- RDCD, Bangladesh
10. Committee on Livestock Cooperatives- Govt. of Uttarakhand, India
11. Committee on Cooperatives-Centered Communications- NEDAC Secretariat

## 12. Committee on Capacity Development- NEDAC Secretariat

After the presentation, General Assembly agreed that as the world becomes more resilient to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Committee on *Response to Pandemics by Cooperatives* shall be replaced with a more progressive focus group discussion. For instance, in the Philippines, they will focus on the cooperative-to-cooperative trade among the NEDAC members. This was agreed.

### Agenda GA2022.08


#### **Report on NEDAC Activities in 2021 and 2022 (calendar years)**

The GA appreciated the efforts. NEDAC activities in 2021 and 2022 were presented, as follows:

#### **Major activities of NEDAC in 2021:**

1. NEDAC - Executive Committee (EXCOM) was organised virtually on 27 March 2021.
2. NEDAC organised virtual events and meetings under the NEDAC committees as follows:
  - a. Keynote Coop Talk Series I: Welfare of Society and Cooperative Movement – 29 April 2021
  - b. Keynote Coop Talk Series II – Fish Feed Business: Updates on the Aquafeed industry in China –24 May 2021
  - c. Keynote Coop Talk Series III Collaborative Ecosystem: Building Competitive and Resilient Agri-Cooperatives – 29 July 2021
  - d. The first meeting of the NEDAC Committee on ‘Mainstreaming Solidarity Economy in Global Forums’ chaired by CURACI, Iran – 27 December 2021
3. The programs jointly organised with LINAC-NCDC are as follows:
  - a. International webinar – entrepreneurship development on ‘Seaweed Business by Cooperatives’ – 28 January 2021
  - b. Online training program on ‘Emerging Technologies in Agriculture and Allied Sectors for Cooperative’ – 29-30 June 2021
  - c. Hybrid workshop on ‘Entrepreneurship Development in Coconut Oil Production, Processing and Marketing’ – 30 October 2021
4. Celebrating the International Day of Cooperatives 2021, NEDAC organised a short technical session on ‘Cooperatives and Socio-environmental Changes: Experiences from Thailand’ on 3 July 2021.
5. Joint organiser with National Co-operative Bank Limited (NCBL), Nepal organised an exclusive conference on ‘Microfinance on Cooperatives Society’ during 3-4 August 2021.
6. Hosted the Global ICA meeting, partnering with NCDC in September 2021.
7. Visit by Nepal delegation at the NEDAC office in New Delhi, India in October 2021.
8. NEDAC participated in the LINAC-LIFIC Inauguration of the Fisheries Incubation Centre in New Delhi, India on 16 November 2021.



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9. Meeting with the new Chair of CDA, Philippines via Zoom Conference Platform on 1 December 2021. The meeting emphasised cooperative to cooperatives trade, field visits in the Philippines, and other collaborations to strengthen the close relationship between NEDAC and Philippines member institutions.
  10. NEDAC sponsored for NEDAC Rural Voice Award for Excellence at the Rural Voice Agriculture Conclave and Awards 2021 on 23 December 2021 in New Delhi, India.

Major activities of NEDAC in January 2022 up to September 2022:

1. NEDAC presented the NEDAC – Rural Voice Award for Excellence to Mr. Chab Kongmon, Executive Vice President of the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) at its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand on 27 January 2022.
2. NEDAC -- Executive Committee (EXCOM) was organised virtually on 31 January 2022.
3. NEDAC organised the following virtual mode meetings and symposiums under various NEDAC sub-committees:
  - a. The First Meeting of NEDAC Committee on Emerging Technologies and Threats – 26 February 2022
  - b. NEDAC Keynote Coop Talk Series IV: Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization: Opportunities for Agri-based Cooperatives. It was organised under 'Agriculture Cooperatives Food Security Committee' – 26 March 2022
  - c. The First Meeting of NEDAC Committee on Fisheries Cooperatives – 30 April 2022
  - d. The First Meeting of NEDAC Committee on Livestock Cooperatives – 29 June 2022
4. International Symposium on 'Innovative Technologies for the Sustainable Aquaculture Value Chain in Asia', jointly organised with Anhui Academy of Agricultural Sciences (AHAAS), China, and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand –31 May 2022.
5. NEDAC office visit by IFFCO delegation led by Mr. Dileep Sanghani, Chairman of IFFCO, India.
6. Dr. K.R. Salin, Honorary Director of NEDAC attended the Asian Credit Union Forum 2022 as a Special Invitee on 29 August 2022
7. NEDAC website has been relaunched with substantial improvement in its design and content. The security audit was also completed, and the final report and Project Completion Certificate were issued.

The General Assembly expressed their appreciation to the NEDAC Secretariat for conducting several activities despite the pandemic disruptions. They suggested further that more activities should be conducted in person. Mr. Joseph B. Encabo, Chairman of the Cooperative Development Authority, Philippines, added that NEDAC should ensure more participation of women because now it is time to gear towards a more progressive and resilient organisation.

## Agenda GA2022.09

### **Discussion on NEDAC Strategic Work plan (SWP) 2023 and 2024 (two calendar years) and finalisation/ adoption of the work plan**

The international travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are currently being eased. Hence, Strategic Work Plan (SWP) for calendar years 2023 and 2024 may involve mostly face-to-face activities, as broadly presented below. NEDAC Work Plan for 2023 and 2024 was approved by GA. The GA desired that the overall budget may be increased or decreased by EXCOM or Chairman NEDAC. Continuation of NEDAC personnel/staff, Honorary Director and Honorary Secretary General for a further period of two years (2023 and 2024), was approved. CA audited accounts of NEDAC for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 August 2022 report was noted and accepted.

Sl No	Strategic Objective as per adopted SWP	Activities under the Strategic Objective, as per SWP	The budget mentioned in SWP in US\$	Budget proposed in US\$	Remarks
1	<b>Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition</b>	a. International training programs of 1-week duration at NEDAC Training Centre Bangkok (NTCB) or in Member countries.	10,000	5000	To be held in Bangkok on payment basis. NTCB may have Branch Training Centre in other countries with approval by Chairman.
		b. One-day country-specific workshops would be organised: - Thailand - Philippines - Kenya - Nepal - China - India - Sri Lanka - Bangladesh	3000 3000 3000 3000 3000 3000 3000 3000	1000 1500 1500 1500 1500 1500 1500 1500	In NTCB By FPSDC By KUSCCO By NCBL By MARA By NCDC By Coop Dep By RDCD
2	<b>Make agriculture, forestry, and fisheries more</b>	a. Study Visits to Fisheries / Livestock / Agro-Forestry Projects- International visits	10,000	0000	To be done on a payment basis. Coord by NEDAC Sectt





	<b>productive and sustainable</b>	<p>b. Four country specific study visits to be organised by members, for example, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kenya, 3000</li> <li>- Japan, 3000</li> <li>- Thailand, 3000</li> <li>- China, 3000</li> <li>- Philippines, 3000</li> </ul>			
		c. Study of pilot projects in member countries	5000	2000	Max one activity in a country
3	<b>Reduce rural poverty</b>	a) Promote Cooperatives to Cooperatives Trade through the organisation of Trade Fairs	0000	0000	Explore the possibility of holding an International Coop Trade Fair in a Member Country
		b) Workshop by apex cooperatives with policymakers - in countries	5000	0000	Funding by non-NEDAC sources
		c) Online learning systems - virtual mode	5000	5000	By NEDAC Training Centre Bangkok in partnership with others
4	<b>Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems</b>	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 a payment basis. International resource persons on a 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 Training 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
		c) Capacity development workshop of Apex cooperative organisation leaders	5000	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 be continued
		b) Monthly Staff Salaries, emeritus-related expenses, official travel Sectt / Chairman	60,000	150,000	
		c) Auditors' fees	0000	1000	
		d) Consultancy-registration, study, etc.	0000	5000	Start Contingency
		e) Maintenance and upkeep of Bangkok office and Delhi local office	0000	12,000	
		f) Internship Program	0000	12,000	
		g) Unforeseen expenses	0000	6000	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	262,800	<b>232,500</b>	Meet through NEDAC funds	

The SWP was approved. The overall SWP budget may be revised by EXCOM or Chairman, as the actual expenses will be more apparent after a few in-person events are organised. The budget heads may be re-appropriated based on operational requirements by the Honorary Secretary General.

The General Assembly suggested several ways to increase NEDAC income and membership, as follows:

- NEDAC shall provide more services to add more sources of funds.
- The membership base should be expanded to increase the income of NEDAC.



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- Inviting more countries in the ASEAN region as a member will help the organisation generate more income and visibility.
  - A concrete plan should be created to increase the number of members and revenue.
  - When the host country organises events/activities, they shall invite prospective organisations and cooperatives in their country to join NEDAC. Discounts can be given to member countries for enrolment in every such event to promote more participation.
  - Designing a specific program to engage non-members from other countries.

NEDAC will offer an annual subscription on its website to advertise various events by member countries. The GA agreed that each member shall pay a fee of US\$ 500 annually for website maintenance, posting event advertisements, and linking individual member webpages to the NEDAC website.

#### **Agenda GA2022.10**

#### **Election of NEDAC Executive Committee (EXCOM) Office Bearers (Chairman, Co-Chairman, Two Vice-Chairmen, and Members)**

The General Assembly unanimously elected Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Managing Director of NCDC, India, as Chairman of NEDAC for the term of 2023 and 2024.

The General Assembly also elected Mr. Joseph B. Encabo of CDA, Philippines, as Co-chairman for the term of 2023 and 2024, as the Philippines would host the next General Assembly Session in 2024.

The General Assembly unanimously approved Mr. K.B. Upreti, NCBL, Nepal, to continue to be one of the Vice-Chairmen for the term of 2023 and 2024. The other position of the Vice-Chairman will remain vacant until the EXCOM makes a decision. The General Assembly also selected the Executive Committee members and constituted the EXCOM for the years 2023 and 2024. The complete list of the office bearers is given in Annex GA2022-01.

The General Assembly commended the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, for his excellent leadership in reviving NEDAC over the past few years and through the pandemic disruptions. The General Assembly also agreed to continue availing Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak's services as an Emeritus Chair Senior Advisor to NEDAC.

The GA proceedings up to this agenda item are approved by Mr. K.B. Upreti, Vice-Chairman, NEDAC, who chaired in the absence of the outgoing Chairman:

Signature as approval by Mr. KB Upreti:





**Agenda GA2022.11**

**Speech by New Chair, NEDAC**

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, the newly elected Chairman of NEDAC, shared his experiences in NCDC and the prospects for NEDAC to play a more proactive role in the cooperative sector. With his new position, Mr. Bansal solicited every member's support in taking forward the activities of NEDAC with renewed vigour. He expressed his optimism that despite difficulties, NEDAC will succeed in all of its endeavours with the cooperation and support of everyone.

**Agenda GA2022.12**

**Venue and Host of Next General Assembly**

As the COVID-19 situation is improving and most travel restrictions are currently eased, it was decided that the next General Assembly in 2024 shall be organised as a face-to-face event, hosted by the CDA, Philippines.

**Agenda GA2022.13**

**Closing of General Assembly**




On completion of the agenda and the proceeding, the General Assembly was closed with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Agenda GA2022.11 onwards approved by the new Chair, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal: \_\_\_\_\_





**NEDAC**

 **Location:** Bangkok, Thailand  
 **Date:** 4 Nov 2022 Thursday  
 **Time:** 1.30 PM Bangkok Time

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**4 November 2022**

**1.30 PM, Bangkok Time**

**Novotel Bangkok Future Park Rangsit, Bangkok, Thailand**



**PROCEEDINGS OF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**4 November 2022 at 1.30 PM BANGKOK TIME  
Novotel Bangkok Future Park Rangsit**

**Agenda EC2022.01**

**Call to order by Facilitator**

The Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting started as scheduled with the call to order. The list of participants is at Annex EXCOM2022-01.

**Agenda EC2022.02**

**Roll call**

It was done.

**Agenda EC2022.03**

**Introduction of participants**

The introduction of participants was done.

**Agenda EC2022.04**

**Welcome address by Chairman, NEDAC**

Chairman, NEDAC, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, extended a hearty welcome to all participants.

**Agenda EC2022.05**

**Address by Co-Chairman, NEDAC**

Mr. Joseph B. Encabo, Co-Chairman, addressed the meeting.

**Agenda EC2022.06**

**Address by Vice Chairman, NEDAC**

Mr. K.B. Upreti, Vice Chairman, addressed the meeting.

**Agenda EC2022.07**

**Adoption of the agenda & confirmation of minutes of the last meetings**

The two Minutes/Proceedings of the previous EXCOM meetings held in March 2021 and January 2022 in a virtual mode were circulated in time. They were confirmed. The two minutes are at Annex EXCOM2022-02.



**Agenda EC2022.08**

**Finalisation of Workplan for 2023 & 2024**

The Strategic Work Plan (SWP) already adopted by the General Assembly (GA) session was noted for operationalisation by the EXCOM. The overall SWP budget may be revised by Chairman, as the actual expenses will be more apparent after a few in-person events are organised.

**Agenda EC2022.09**

**Membership status 2022**

Membership status was noted by the EXCOM. NEDAC Secretariat to follow up actively. Several ways to increase the organisation's membership were suggested during the General Assembly Session. EXCOM members stressed the need to bring different sectors under the NEDAC membership base, giving examples of allied sectors like horticultural cooperatives, and universities and hospitals under the cooperative sector. NEDAC should invite potential non-members from such sectors to attend the training and other activities.

**Agenda EC2022.10**

**Discussion on the next EXCOM meeting**

The next EXCOM meeting shall be organised as an in-person event. It was decided that NCBL will host the next EXCOM meeting in Nepal in the last week of February 2023.

**Agenda EC2022.11**

**NEDAC Secretariat Matters**

The EXCOM noted that GA had approved and accepted the NEDAC accounts audited up to 31 August 2022. Chairman NEDAC may engage more consultants and incur expenses in this regard, on a need basis, as already authorised earlier by previous EXCOMs and confirmed by GA.

**Agenda EC2022.12**


**Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

The EXCOM agreed to seek and include organisations from more diverse sectors as members under the umbrella of NEDAC.

**Agenda EC2022.13**

**Closing of EXCOM meeting and Vote of Thanks to the Chair**

On completion of the agenda and proceedings, the EXCOM meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Signature of Chairman:  
Date: 28 November 2022  
Place: New Delhi

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4 November 2022

Novotel Bangkok Future Park Rangsit, Pathum Thani, Thailand

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**NEDAC**

# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF

## **EXCOM MEETING**

**5 April 2023**

9.30 AM, Kathmandu Time

Hotel Royal Singi, Kathmandu, Nepal



**PROCEEDINGS OF  
NEDAC EXCOM MEETING**

**5 April 2023  
9.30 AM, Kathmandu Time  
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**Agenda EC 2023-01**

**Call to order by Facilitator**

A call to order of the EXCOM Meeting 2023 was made. The meeting notice, agenda, and detailed notes on the agenda had been circulated among all members and invitees well in advance through email by the NEDAC secretariat. Representatives from all member countries, except Bangladesh, China, Iran, and Kenya, were present at the meeting.

**Agenda EC2023-02**

**Roll call**

It was done. Twenty (20) participants were present. The list of member-attendees, invitees, and observers is at [Annex EXCOM2023-01](#). Permission to start the proceedings was given by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Chairman, NEDAC, who chaired the EXCOM Meeting.

**Agenda EC2023-03**

**Introduction of participants**

The introduction of participants was done. All the members agreed to take up the agenda circulated.

**Agenda EC2023-04**

**Welcome address**

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Chairman NEDAC, addressed the session and appreciated the presence of the member countries; India, Nepal, the Philippines, and Thailand. He welcomed all the participants and executive members and thanked them for their visit and participation. Chairman, NEDAC expressed his gratitude to Mr. K. B. Upreti, Vice-Chairman, NEDAC and Chairman of NCBL, and Mr. Min Raj Kadel, Chairman of NCF, for hosting and providing hospitality to NEDAC. In his welcome address, Chairman, NEDAC stressed the need for NEDAC to become a more vibrant organization. He also cited how Indian cooperatives are progressing through major initiatives like the computerization of PACSs with the help of government support, adoption of model By-Laws, exemption on tax etc. National Cooperative Exports Ltd. was set up to promote export business in the cooperative sector. He also said cooperatives should be strengthened in such a way that they should contribute to the economic development of respective countries. After that, he requested Honorary Director Dr. K.R. Salin to proceed with the meeting agenda.



### Agenda EC2023-05

#### **Address by Co-Chairman**

Co-Chairman was represented by Mr. Virgilio R. Lazaga, Representative of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) from the Philippines. He emphasized the development of agriculture cooperatives in the region and reiterated the Philippines' whole-hearted support to NEDAC.

### Agenda EC2023-06

#### **Address by Vice-Chairman**

Mr. K. B. Upreti, the Vice-Chairman, welcomed all the members with his warmest greeting to Nepal. He thanked NEDAC for accepting his invitation to organize an EXCOM Meeting in Nepal. He also said that we all come together to achieve the common goal of empowering cooperatives.

### Agenda EC2023-07

#### **Adoption of the Agenda & Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes/proceedings of the previous EXCOM Meeting held on 4 November 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand, had been circulated among members. The minutes (Annex EXCOM 2023-02) were confirmed.


### Agenda EC2023-08

#### **Discussion on the Work Plan for 2023-2024**

The following activities were proposed and noted by the EXCOM members are as follows:

#### **Tentative NEDAC Activities, 2023**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Type of activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Joint organization (if any)</b>
<b>June</b>	Exposure visit to Thailand	Theme: Freshwater aquaculture in Central Thailand	Expected no of participants: 15
<b>August</b>	International training program (in-person)	Sustainable financing and achieving SDGs for cooperatives	ICBA, India and APRACA, Thailand At NTCB, Bangkok
<b>September</b>	International training program (in-person)	Topic to be decided	New Delhi/Agra, India
<b>November</b>	Board meeting	General Assembly 2023 in Philippines	CDA, FPSDC, and NSCC



In 2023, several activities, such as an international training program, workshop, and exposure visit, were presented to be organized by the NEDAC Training Centre, Bangkok. To increase the income of NEDAC, some of the planned activities, such as the international training programs, will require a registration fee. In May 2023, an online meeting of all members will be conducted to discuss these and other secretariat-related issues within NEDAC. NEDAC accounts from 1 January to 31 December 2022 were audited, and the report was presented and accepted by EXCOM.

#### **Agenda EC2023-9**

##### **Membership Fee Status 2023**

The membership status was noted by the EXCOM. NEDAC Secretariat will actively follow up to encourage member organisations to remit membership dues. Many of the EXCOM Members supported the genuine cause of the pandemic, due to which some members could not pay their subscriptions. Chairman, IFFCO suggested that this matter can be individually taken up by Chairman, NEDAC to decide any waiver of membership fees on a case by case. The decision was accepted by all the members of EXCOM.

#### **Agenda EC2023-10**

##### **Discussion on next EXCOM meeting**

Next meeting of the General Assembly is proposed to be held on 6-7 November 2023 in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur, the Philippines, hosted by CDA and other cooperatives in the Philippines.

#### **Agenda EC2023-11**

##### **NEDAC Secretariat matters**


It was informed that at present, there is only one staff in NEDAC Secretariat in Bangkok. Chairman, NEDAC informed EXCOM Members that the services of Mr. Jeetendra Pareek, Assistant Director and Mr. Ankur Loonia, Senior Assistant from NCDC are looking after the accounts and designing work of NEDAC Secretariat, respectively. Ms. R. Vanitha, Chief Director is assisting Chairman, NEDAC from India.

#### **Agenda EC2023-12**

##### **Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

NEDAC HQ Bangkok raised the issue of bank charges incurred by NEDAC while receiving membership fee remittances by bank transfer. It was decided that member organizations, while remitting the annual fees, should bear the respective bank charges deducted at source.

The need for a trading platform for promoting trade and exchanging goods and expertise among cooperatives was raised. It was decided that a suitable online platform be developed and integrated with



the NEDAC website to serve as a forum to facilitate the exchange of products and services among NEDAC member cooperatives. Honorary Director will follow up on this.

**Agenda EC2023-13**

**Closing of EXCOM**

On completion of the agenda and the proceedings, the EXCOM meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Signature of Chairman, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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