






**NEDAC**


 **Location:** Manila, Philippines  
 **Date:** 6 Nov 2023 Monday  
 **Time:** 11.00 AM Philippines Time

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

**6 November 2023**

**11.00 AM, Philippines Time**

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**Agenda EXCOM 2023-01**

**Call to order**

The Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting started following the General Assembly with the call to order by 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 to the meeting.

**Agenda EXCOM 2023-02**

**Roll Call**

Representatives from all member countries, except Bangladesh, China, Iran, and Kenya, were present at the meeting. The list of participants is at Annex EXCOM 2023-01.

**Agenda EXCOM 2023-03**

**Introduction of participants**

All participants introduced themselves.

**Agenda EXCOM 2023-04**

**Welcome address by Hon'ble Chairman, NEDAC**

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, HCN of NEDAC, graciously welcomed all participants.

**Agenda EXCOM 2023-05**

**Address by Co-Chairman, NEDAC**

As the host, Mr. Joseph B. Encabo, Co-chairman of NEDAC and Chairman of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) of the Philippines, expressed a warm welcome to all participants.

**Agenda EXCOM 2023-06**





**Address by Vice Chairman, NEDAC**

Mr. K.B. Upreti, Vice Chairman of NEDAC and Chairman of the National Cooperative Bank Limited (NCBL) of Nepal, addressed the meeting with a welcome note.

**Agenda EXCOM 2023-07**

**Adoption of the Agenda and confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes/proceedings of the previous EXCOM meeting held on 5 April 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal, were displayed for any comments and suggestions. It was confirmed and approved by the EXCOM, as in Annex EXCOM2023-02.

**EXCOM 2023-08**

**Membership status 2023**

The EXCOM noted membership status as of 31 October 2023. Various ways for improving and expanding membership subscriptions were deliberated during the meeting. One of these is to look for new members from countries with strong cooperative organizations, particularly Japan and Korea. Participants emphasized the importance of HCN reaching out to ICA AP to encourage their members in Asia to join NEDAC. Additionally, there was a request for HCN to meet with unpaid members from India. Activating NEDAC members is identified as a priority in our ongoing efforts.

**EXCOM 2023-09**


**Discussion on the next EXCOM meeting**

It was decided that the next EXCOM meeting shall be organized in March /April 2024 in Bangladesh or China.

**EXCOM 2023-10**

**NEDAC Secretariat Matters**

Accounts of NEDAC had been audited up to 30 September 2023. The General Assembly and EXCOM duly acknowledged and approved the audited accounts for the aforementioned period. In consideration of the overall capital fund, HCN proposed to continue to discuss its effective utilization. It was decided to consult expert to get maximum return through interest either in Thailand or India.



The posts of one Program Coordinator and one Consultant will continue until December 2024. Based on requirements, the Honorary Director and Honorary Secretary General will continue until December 2024. The Honorary Director may hire short-term consultants within the approved budget for specific projects with the approval of the Chairman.

**EXCOM 2023-11**

**Any other matters with permission from the Chair**

**EXCOM 2023-12**

**Closing of EXCOM meeting and Vote of Thanks**

On completion of the agenda notes and proceedings, the EXCOM meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to 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	FPSDC	Philippines	Member
7	Ms. Maria Hidelita Bernal	COO	FPSDC	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



**NEDAC**

# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF

## **EXCOM MEETING**

**5 April 2023**

9.30 AM, Kathmandu Time

Hotel Royal Singi, Kathmandu, Nepal



**PROCEEDINGS OF  
NEDAC EXCOM MEETING**

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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

Place: New Delhi

**List of participants attended the Executive Committee Meeting 2023**

5 April 2023

Hotel Royal Singi, Kathmandu, Nepal

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