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### About the Conference

Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA), is an International Organisation that aspires to work for rural growth and development with priority emphasis on rural poor. This forum facilitates cooperation in rural projects between members and promotes consultancy, research and publication. The National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB) which is a member of APRACA chose the Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank and Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Bank for presentation of a paper **titled 'New / Efficient Approaches / Schemes of Agricultural Finance to cope with natural disasters'** at the Asian Open Forum on Rural and Agricultural Finance, organised by APRACA held between 13.6.2011 and 17.6.2011 at Teheran (Iran).

The meeting was attended by the delegates from India, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Korea, Mangolia, Nepal, Phillippines, Poland, Vietnam and Iran. India was also represented by the Executive Director, NABARD, Mumbai.

It was a rare opportunity and the occasion was used by the Special Officer to make a lucid presentation on the title, focusing on various initiatives taken by the Banks, Research Institutions, Extension Agencies, and Governments in providing need-based agricultural finance and other inputs to cope with issues relating to productivity, better prices, risk management, marketing, and research in the Indian context with specific reference to Tamil Nadu.

The presentation made by the Special Officer, TNSC Bank was well received and the Delegates and other participants from across the Asia-Pacific region were able to have glimpses of the various direct and indirect initiatives and Government / market-based approaches in tackling the demands of agricultural credit in a sustainable form in the wake of various challenges especially the natural disasters that affect the agriculture in a big way. The forum was quite appreciative of the focused manner in which the presentation was made on behalf of the Apex bank.

Executive Director, NABARD, and Delegates from other participant countries – Thailand, Cambodia, Iran, etc., also presented their papers for deliberations at the forum.

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