NABARD jointly organized a workshop with MoEF&CC, Govt of India on Private Sector Facility under Green Climate Fund (GCF) at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 29th August, 2016. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), MoEF&CC, Govt of India, Shri Anil Madhav Dave. The other dignitaries who attended the workshop were - Shri Upendra Tripathy, IAS, Secretary, MNRE, Shri Ravi S. Prasad, IAS, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, Shri H.R. Dave, DMD, NABARD, Shri D. Prusty, IAS, Director, MOEF&CC, Shri. Kalyan Chakravarthy, IAS, Director General, EPTRI, Hyderabad and Dr. BG Mukhopadhyay, CGM, NABARD. The workshop was organized for nodal departments of State Governments, corporates and concerned Ministries of Central Government.

While inaugurating the workshop Hon’ble Minister emphasized that Indian agricultural scientists are perfectly capable of meeting the demands of our farmers and laid emphasis on the mobilization of financial resources for clean & green investment and sought greater involvement of stakeholders in the planning process. He also underlined the need to evolve a framework for impact assessment after completion of project and building of sustainability through our traditional knowledge.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC explained the national priorities under climate finance and emphasized on importance of GCF mechanism. He reiterated need for submission of quality proposals under GCF in line with national priorities.
Shri. H R Dave, DMD, NABARD, during his welcome speech elaborated the role played by NABARD in channelizing national and international climate finance resources. He expressed need for generation of transformational and high impact projects under GCF and indicated that NABARD would provide all the necessary support in the process.

NABARD made the presentations related to Green Climate Fund, submission of proposals under private sector facility of Green Climate Fund, etc. The Private Sector facility under GCF may be explored for sectors like renewable energy, transportation, energy efficiency, agriculture and water efficiency, forestry and land use, waste management and urban planning. The workshop provided an opportunity to the participants of private sector about accessibility of the fund from GCF for projects related to low emission and climate-resilient development pathways.

Vote of thanks for inaugural session was delivered by Dr.BG Mukhopadhyay, CGM, FSPD.