



COTTON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR AFRICA

Training Programme on Relevance and Techniques of Organic Cotton Production

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

21-25th January, 2013

**Central Institute for Cotton Research,
Regional Station, Coimbatore, India**



Day – 1 (January 21, 2013)

Time	Topic	Resource person
9.00 - 9.30 AM	Registration & Status of organic cotton - Experience sharing – Interactive Session	Trainees & CICR Scientists
9.30 - 10.15 AM	Organic Cotton Cultivation- A pragmatic approach for resource poor and market challenged farmers	Dr. A.H. Prakash Project Coordinator (Cotton Improvement) & Head, CICR, Coimbatore
10.15-11.00 AM	Yield Potentials and Characteristic features of cotton genotypes	Dr. S. Manickam Principal Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
11.00 - 11.15 AM	Tea break	
11.15 - 12 Noon	Organic seed production in cotton	Dr. K. Rathinavel Principal Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
12.00 - 12.45 PM	Certification procedures involved in organic cotton production	Dr. Tom P. Silas Assistant Director Directorate of Seed & Organic Certification Government of Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore
12.45 – 2.00 PM	Lunch Break	
2.00 - 5.00 PM	Visit to Textile Mill	Dr. Venkatakrisnan Incharge, CIRCOT Unit Coimbatore

Day – 2 (January 22, 2013)

9.30 - 10.15 AM	Nutrient management in organic cotton	Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan Principal Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
10.15 - 11.00 AM	Non chemical method of weed control	Dr. P. Nalayini Principal Scientist CICR, Coimbatore

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11.00 - 11.15 AM	Tea Break	
11.15 - 12 Noon	Physiological constraints and its alleviation in organic cotton cultivation	Dr. S.E.S.A. Khader Principal Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
12.00 - 12.45 PM	Panchagavya and other biological preparations	Dr. E. Somasundaram Professor (Agronomy) TNAU, Coimbatore
12.45 – 2.00 PM	Lunch Break	
2.00 - 5.00 PM	Visit to Compost & Vermicompost Unit at TNAU, Coimbatore	Dr. K. Velayutham Professor and Head Department of Central Farm, TNAU, Coimbatore

Day – 3 (January 23, 2013)

9.30 - 10.15 AM	Pest management- Bioagents, parasites, predators and host plant resistance	Dr. B. Dharajothi Senior Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
10.15 - 11.00 AM	Pest and nematode management using biopesticides	Dr. J. Gulsar Banu Principal Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
11.00 - 11.15 AM	Tea Break	
11.15 - 12 Noon	Management of diseases in cotton through biological agents	Dr. Gunasekaran Senior Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
12.00 - 12.45PM	Field visit - CICR Demonstration Plot	Dr. Isabella Agarwal Senior Scientist CICR, Coimbatore
12.45 – 2.00 PM	Lunch Break	
2.00 - 5.00 PM	Visit to Ginning Unit & Seed processing Centre (SIMA)	Dr. Asha Rani SIMA-CDRA

Day – 4 (January 24, 2013)

Time	Topic	Resource person
9.30 - 12.45 PM	Visit to Bio-control laboratory, TNAU, Coimbatore	Dr. Kuttalam Professor and Head Department of Agricultural Entomology TNAU, Coimbatore
12.45 – 2.00 PM	Lunch Break	
2.00 - 2.45 PM		Dr. K.R. Kranthi Director, CICR, Nagpur
2.45 - 3.30 PM		Dr. P.K. Chakrabarthy Head, Division of Crop Improvement CICR, Nagpur
3.30 - 3.45 PM	Tea Break	
3.45 - 4.30 PM		Dr. Blaise Desouza Head, Division of Crop Production, CICR, Nagpur
4.30 - 5.15 PM	Contract farming – Useful approaches for ELS and Organic farming	Dr. Usha Rani Scientist (Senior Scale) CICR, Coimbatore

Day – 5 (January 25, 2013)

Time	Topic	Resource person
9.30 - 12.30 PM	Field & Laboratory Visit at CICR	
12.30 – 2.00 PM	Lunch break	
2.00 – 3.00 PM	Course Evaluation & Validation	Participants
3.00 – 3.15 PM	Tea Break	
	Valedictory function	
	Departure to Respective Countries	Participants