

## VOTE OF THANKS

**Dr. Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General**

APRACA, Bangkok, Thailand

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Good morning and good afternoon as per your locations in South, Southeast, East Asia and Pacific Island! Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' welfare, Government of India **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji**, It is a great honour for us that you accepted our invitation for delivering the inaugural address to this Regional Policy Forum hosted jointly by NABARD and APRACA and shared the on-going initiatives and visions of self-reliant India and the regional cooperation in agricultural development.

I on behalf of APRACA member institutions extending our appreciation to Shri Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Shri Debasish Panda, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Government of India for their deliberations on innovative ways to deliver financial services to smallholder farming community.

We are thankful to APRACA Chairman Mr. DPK Gunasekera for his encouraging words and support to APRACA activities. We are extremely grateful to Dr. G R Chintala, Chairman NABARD and Chairman-elect of APRACA for hosting this Regional Policy Forum who is an incredible supporter to APRACA activities and its engagements with the systemically important financial institutions and national governments in the Asia-Pacific region.

Our heartfelt appreciations go to Dr. Ashok Dalwai, CEO NRAA, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India to accept our invitation to moderate both the Technical sessions. We are extremely thankful to our esteemed speakers: Dr. Michael Hamp, Lead Technical Specialists in inclusive financial Services, IFAD; Mr. Zhang Wencai (**jung wenzai**), Vice President of Agricultural Development Bank of China; Dr. P Satish, Executive Director of Sa-Dhan and Mr. Emanuel Torres, Sr Vice President of Philippine Guarantee corporation for their time to speak in this forum and share their experiences.

We are extremely happy that this Regional policy forum is being attended by **82 participants** from APRACA member and partner institutions from **18 countries** in the region. We thank you all for your time to join this event.

A big thanks to Team NABARD in head office and New Delhi regional office for their ready to support at any point to time on any issues faced by APRACA Secretariat. I am also sincerely thankful to all my colleagues worked on the background specially at the APRACA Secretariat and other arms of APRACA to make this event successful.

Thank you one and all.