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**Initiative on reducing effects of climatic changes**

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SANGAREDDY: In view of the fast changing climatic conditions, a new project 'CLIMARICE II -Sustaining Rice Production in a Changing Climate' was launched here to address the issue.

The interdisciplinary project with multi-partner (Bioforsk, IWMI, TNAU, IPRC) involvement was launched at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), ICRISAT campus on Monday.

The project is aimed at reducing uncertainties by validating the adaptation measures in close collaboration with farmers and other stakeholders, according to the Project Co-ordinator, Udaya Sekhar Nagothu.

By demonstrating applicability of selected adaptation technologies and building stakeholder capacity to implement them in their fields, the project focuses on integrating science and policy.

The three year project will cover Krishna basin in Andhra Pradesh and Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu. The project is supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi. Other partners in the Project include – Bioforsk, Norway; IPRC, Hawaii; TNAU, Coimbatore along with IWMI, Hyderabad.

The project was inaugurated by S.K. Joshi, Principal Secretary (Projects).

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Joshi said that there was need for strong institutions; adaptive managerial systems and progressive science to help farmers meet the challenges of extreme floods and droughts – arising due to climate change.

Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Special Commissioner, I&CAD, explained about the case of the recent natural disaster due to floods in Andhra Pradesh and highlighted the need for

appropriate mitigation strategy.

Dr. Goswami, Director IITM, Pune; Dr. Annamalai, IPRC Hawaii; Nils Otto Kitterod, Bioforsk, Norway and Dr, Jannes Stolte, Bioforsk made technical presentations based on climate modelling.

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