

Regional & Global Cooperation



- *Appropriate mechanism would be developed to get the support and recognition from the governments in South Asian countries as Director General of Meteorological Departments of the member countries in South Asia are also already supporting this initiative. Besides, recognition from Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Meteorological Department are desirable. Even international organisations like FAO, WB, WMO's recognition would be added advantage.*
- *Also, link could be given to MODIS, FAO, other organisations, international bodies, organisation, BAMIS portal of Bangladesh. SAFOAM could be the member of Group on Earth Observations Global Agricultural Monitoring Initiative (GEOGLAM) which are issuing qualitative information of monthly crop condition through crop monitor website like exceptional bad, good and other categories. Some of the proposed initiatives on this area are as follows.*
- *Foster regional collaboration and cooperation in to science of Agricultural Meteorology and allied sciences and support the efforts of national Meteorological, Agriculture, Hydrological, Horticulture, Veterinary science and Animal husbandry, ICAR, WMO, World Bank, ADB, CAGRI, IPCC, FAO and other international entities working in the South Asian region.*
- *Linking with regional projects like RIMES, ADPC.CARE may be made. All the regional projects are expected to support as it is regional initiatives and these regional projects may synergise the activity of SAFOAM.*
- *SAFOAM & SAMA would work together to address all the relevant regional activities in collaborating mode and use Atmospheric Science & Ocean Science for the use of common man.*
- *SAFOAM would use the SASCOF to build the capacity of different NMHS in building and issuing seasonal & sub-seasonal and impact-based weather forecast for the farmers in South Asia.*
- *For carrying out research programme on interdisciplinary science involving physical science, earth science and biological science, a national or international institute on agrometeorology may be set up. Such recommendation may be made to all the SAARC countries through SAFOAM platform. As setting up of such institute may not be an easy task at this stage of the forum and existing SAARC system but such concept may be included or explored with the in-built existing SAARC system.*
- *Request may be made to World Bank to allocate an extra day or session for showcasing SAFOAM activities in the next South Asia Hydromet Forum (SAHF) programme.*