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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Agricultural Research Council in collaboration with Center for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI), with support from USDA and USAID, organized a Stakeholder Engagement Workshop under the program “Regulatory Harmonization in Pakistan for MRLs and Biopesticides” at National Agricultural Research Center, on Feb. 14. The focus of the event was the importance of Maximum Residues Limits (MRLs) for pesticides. Maximum residue limit(MRL) is the highest level of a pesticide residue that is legally tolerated in or on food when pesticides are applied as per Good Agricultural Practice. Various stakeholders involved in research commissioning and research implementation attended the workshop, including scientists throughout NARC system, CDRI, ERP-IPEP, Director, AZRC Umerkot and extension workers from provincial departments of

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Dr. Ali hails US support in agriculture sector

ISLAMABAD: In a collaborative effort to address climate, environmental, and economic challenges, the United States Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome, and the Chairman of the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, announced launching of "Fertilizer Right" project in Pakistan at NARC on Mar.14. This innovative four years project, costing

\$4.5 million, aims to help Pakistani farmers to enhance fertilizer use efficiency through innovative practices. As part of the U.S.-Pakistan "Green Alliance" framework, the project prioritizes cooperation to overcome agricultural challenges caused by climate change, with a shared objective of reducing carbon emissions that

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Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC along with Donald Blome, U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, and Dr. Shehzad Asad, Dy. Director General, NARC during the launching ceremony of “Fertilizer Right” project at NARC on Mar. 14.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC sitting on stage alongwith Dr. Babar E. Bajwa, Senior Regional Director Asia CABI, Mr. Ira Frydman, Director, Climate and Sustainable Growth Office USAID Pakistan, Mr. Christopher Rittgers, Agricultural Counselor, USDA, Dr. Jason Sandhal, Subject Expert during a stakeholders engagement workshop at NARC on Feb. 14.

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agriculture, private sector and from leading agriculture universities of Pakistan.

During the event, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, the Chairman of PARC, commended the collaborative efforts of CABI with the support of USAID and USDA in reducing the exposure of MRLs and aflatoxin in crucial commodities of Pakistan. He stressed the importance of eradicating such issues at the grassroots level to generate greater economic benefits for the country. The Chairman of PARC also reassured attendees that PARC would continue to work with CABI to implement initiatives that prioritize the health of both people and plants. Dr. Ali underlined the role of MRLs as a technical barrier to trade and emphasized that these initiatives would contribute to improved trade relations with neighboring countries.

Dr. Babar E. Bajwa, Senior Regional Director Asia at CABI, extended a warm welcome to all the participants attending the workshop. He highlighted the CABI and PARC partnership aligns well with the contemporary approaches taken by developed nations to address crop health challenges.

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contribute to climate change. With this vital initiative, the US and Pakistan are committed to build a sustainable future, supporting farmers and communities to overcome the complex environmental challenges of the future.

On this occasion, Chairman PARC, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali applauded the support extended by the United States to the agricultural sector of Pakistan for decades and also highlighted various collaborative initiatives between USDA and PARC. "Pakistani scientists are being trained under United States capacity building programs and these scientists are continuously contributing to the agricultural development in the country".

PARC to help ZTBL in capacity building: Dr. Ali

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diversification etc. ZTBL will conduct Zarai Baithaks as an integrated approach and invite Pakistan Agricultural Research Council Experts for their research outreach for the appropriate benefits of farming community in various parts of the country.

JICA project to uplift growers capacity building: Chairman PARC

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added that through improving the production of fruits & vegetables in Balochistan province, we can also boost the country's exports. Furthermore The Chairman said that PARC scientists can conduct such training in all provinces of the country.

DG, Agriculture Research Initiative, Dr. Muhammad Qasim kakar said that the people of Balochistan are thankful to JICA and the government of Japan and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council for arranging these training. Mr. Abdul Karim, DG Agriculture Extension Balochistan also expressed greetings to the government of Japan and JICA. It is not just a story of the Last 4 years but for over 70 years the people of Japan have been helping Pakistan. He said that if we want to sustain the success of this project then AO and field Assistants must impart acquired knowledge and the activities monitored by administrator. He stressed on strengthening the research infrastructure in Balochistan. Mr. Chingez, Field Assistant highlighted the challenges faced in agricultural sector of Balochistan. He mentioned that the training was very useful as it will help in bridging the knowledge gap in province.



Donald Blome, U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan along with Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC discussing agriculture research at NARC on Mar. 09.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC presenting a PARC Shield to Mr. Tadahisa Manabe, Head of Multicountry Program Division, Asian Productivity Organization, Japan during his visit to NARC on Mar. 16.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, holding a meeting with Lt. Gen. (R) Amir Riaz, during his visit at NARC on Jan. 26.



A group photo of Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, along with Dr. Shaista Sohail, VC Quaid-i-Azam University during her visit at NARC on Mar. 09.

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Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC is presenting PARC shield to Lt. Gen. (R) Amir Riaz during his visit at NARC on Jan. 26.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC presenting PARC Shield to Dr. Shaista Sohail, Vice Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University during her visit at NARC on Mar. 09



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC giving research activities briefing to a delegation from Azerbaijan during their visit to NARC on Mar. 17.



A group photo of Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC along with ECO-Science Foundation Delegation Mr. Mohammad Sadeghi, Member, Board of ECCIMA, Dr. Zehra Zamani, Director of Economic Research Department of ECCIMA, Dr. Roja Kianpour, ICCIMA, Prof. Dr. Komal Tayebi, President ECOSF at NIGAB, NARC on Feb. 03.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, is addressing to the participants of the seminar on agri stuff based silage at Livestock Research Institute (LRS), ASI, NARC on Dec. 30.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC in a meeting with Alison Bentley, Director Global Wheat Program, CIMMYT, Mexico and Dr. T.P. Tiwari, Mexico, Country Director CIMMYT at NIGAB, NARC on Jan. 25.



Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, Secretary PARC and Dr. Qaiser Shehzad, Project Manager, Royal Cell Biotechnology, Pakistan signing a letter of intent at PARC on Feb. 03. Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC along with senior scientists and members of PARC and Royal Cell Biotechnology, Pakistan, also witnessing the occasion.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC in a meeting with Professor Amir Mehmood, Dean, School of Business, Western Sydney University and Ms. Sabeeh Qayyum, Country Director, Innovative Research Universities during their visit at PARC on Feb. 03.

JICA project to uplift growers capacity building: Chairman PARC

ISLAMABAD: JICA/ API/ NARC conducted two days seminar on Capacity Development of Agriculture extension services in Balochistan. The 4-year project is jointly executed by JICA/ API/ NARC and Department of Agriculture Extension Balochistan. Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali was the chief guest. DG, National Agricultural Research Center, Dr. Shehzad Asad, Chief Advisor API/JICA, Mr. Kosuke Sawada, DG, (ARI) Balochistan, Dr. Muhammad Qasim Kakar, Representative DG, Agriculture Extension Balochistan Mr. Abdul Karim Jafar, besides a large number of Provincial Agriculture Officers and Field Assistants also participated in

the program at the National Agricultural Research Center Islamabad. Chairman PARC, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali said that we are producing high quality crops in Balochistan province so training and research are very important to support the development of agriculture in the province. Dr. Ali said that capacity building of agriculturists and farmers is crucial in elevating agriculture development in the province. Chairman PARC has expressed special thanks to Japanese Government for launching capacity building program in Pakistan. Dr. Ali said that the program to facilitate growers will ultimately contribute in improving the country's economy. He

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Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC along with Mr. Kosuke Sawada, Chief Advisor, JICA/API, Dr. Shehzad Asad, DDG, NARC and Mr. Abdul Karim Jafar, Rep. DG, Agriculture Extension Balochistan sitting on the stage during certificate distribution ceremony on completion of series of training programs under JICA/API/NARC project "Capacity Development of Agriculture Extension services in Balochistan Province" on Feb. 07.

PARC to help ZTBL in capacity building: Dr. Ali

ISLAMABAD: ZTBL will collaborate with PARC for up-scaling of PARC innovative technologies for uplift of farming. PARC and ZTBL extend into a joint venture where PARC through technical expertise and ZTBL the credit permission this technical and financial combination with help in transforming of agriculture which will improve farmers livelihood.

In the presence Members of Board of Directors of ZTBL PARC has signed a MoU with Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL) to establish a collaborative relationship in promoting and adapting latest/novel agricultural technologies,

practices, techniques and Agri mechanization for improving Farm efficiency and for the benefits of farming community. Under this MoU PARC and ZTBL may work jointly to conduct Webinars, field days, seminars, workshops etc. to disseminate latest developments in agriculture for uplifting the livelihood of farming community. Both parties may develop partnership, for running of joint ventures, pilot projects and Research activities i.e., establishment of demonstration plots, Research Trials on modern agricultural machinery, agronomic practices, crop

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Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC is holding meeting with Mr. Asad Ullah Habib, President/CEO ZTBL at NIGAB, NARC on Dec. 30.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC is presenting PARC shield to Dr. Muhammad Galal Mohamed Ahmed, Director General of National Center for Research, Khartoum & President of National Academy of Sciences, Sudan during his visit to NIGAB, NARC on Dec. 28.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC in a meeting with Ms. Florence Rolle, FAO Country Rep Pakistan, during her visit at PARC on Feb. 09.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC is briefing to Dr. Tariq Butt, Professor Swansea University, UK and Dr. Syed Farooq Shah, CEO Razbio Ltd, UK about the ongoing research activities during their visit at National Institute of Genomics & Advanced Biotechnology (NIGAB), NARC on Jan. 02.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, interacting with stallholders at a two days Citrus Gala on his visit to The University of Haripur, Haripur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, on Jan 24.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC alongwith Members PSD, Member NRD and other senior scientists of PARC and SARC are being briefed about wheat experimental blocks at SARC, Karachi on Jan. 30.