



**“Support to Agroecological
Transformation Processes in India (SuATI)”**
Indo-German Technical Cooperation (TC) Project

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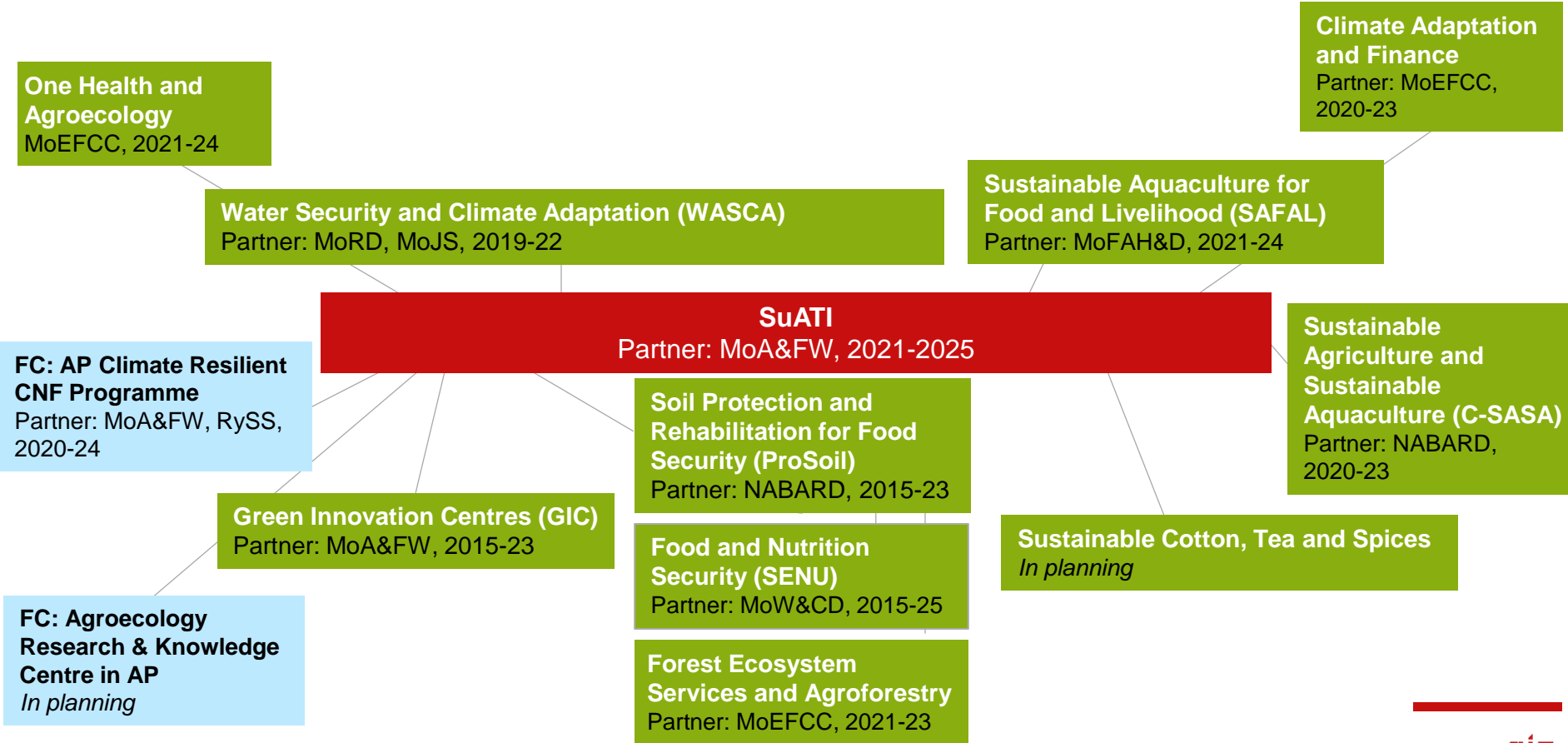
Background

- Agroecological approaches are gaining momentum worldwide in view of the global agricultural sustainability crisis
- India has significantly stepped up its engagement to make agriculture more sustainable, remunerative and climate-resilient
- In 2019, the German Parliament has passed a motion to gear its Development Cooperation in the agricultural sector towards agroecological principles
- Indo-German Lighthouse “**Agroecology and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources**” to be signed between BMZ and MoA&FW – will provide a thematic focus for bilateral cooperation to develop joint initiatives

Opportunities of Agroecology for India

- National and State policies and programmes in India are increasingly geared towards sustainable agricultural practices and approaches.
- Strengthened consumer awareness and successful business models, particularly in the organic food sector, have increased the demand for sustainably produced food.
- Agroecological approaches may help upscale and broaden the scope and reach of various agriculture policies and programmes as well as private sector initiatives
- Agroecological approaches can contribute towards the achievements of SDGs, NDCs and other commitments
- Agroecological and other innovative measures are of "no regret" nature and enhance resilience of farming communities against multiple shocks (e.g. climate change, economic crises, Covid-19 pandemic).
- As a front-running nation in sustainable agriculture, India may help pave the way for the transformation of global agri-food systems, which may open up economic opportunities.

Existing Agroecology support ecosystem of Indo-German Cooperation projects



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Duration: 01/2021-12/2025

Lead Partner:

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW)

Implementation states:

Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Assam



SuATI Objective: Agroecological transformation processes for agriculture and food systems are strengthened at national and state level

- It's a **Technical Cooperation** project wherein GIZ would provide technical support at national and state level
- Foster further **evolution of diversified approaches** in sustainable farming - special emphasis on natural farming and organic farming
- Strengthening of **scientific evidences** of positive impacts of AE-approaches, in cooperation with national and sub-national research institutions
- Thematic focus on **market development** (inputs, post harvest etc.) for organic and natural products and **consumer awareness** (rural/urban, private consumers, public sector)
- Development of **successful business models** for organic, natural and other sustainable agricultural approaches for producer groups

Output 1: Agroecological Knowledge Systems



To improve sharing and application of knowledge on agroecological and other Indian sustainable agricultural practices

Main Activities

- Support platforms etc. for assimilation and dissemination of knowledge across functional levels of agroecological and other sustainable practices
- Strengthen capacity of educational, research and training institutions to deliver agroecological skills for research, advisory and extension
- Engage with private, public and civil society initiatives for uptake of agroecological and other sustainable agricultural practices
- Support the conceptual development of planned Agroecological Knowledge & Research Centre in AP, supported by German Financial Cooperation

Output 2: Implementation of Agroecological Initiatives at State Level



To strengthen policy, public and private sector initiatives and their implementation with focus on market development and consumer awareness in the states

Main Activities

- Facilitate inclusion of AE approaches in state agriculture policies and action plans (, SAPCC, agriculture and allied sector plans, etc.)
- Create discussion and collaboration spaces among producers/collectives, consumers, private sector and government (e.g. on collective certification systems such as PGS and others)
- Strengthen successful business models, multi cropping system e.g. market identity/“brand label” for organic/AE FPCs and other producer groups
- Encourage government procurement of locally sourced and diverse food produce from agroecological producers (schools, hospitals, canteens, etc.)
- Support awareness-raising around safe and local food (e.g. through social media/digital platforms)

Partners

- State agriculture dep., other relevant sector dep.
- Meso-level, e.g. State Federations of FPOs
- Consumer groups
- Private sector
- CSOs

Output 3: National Policy Frameworks and Programmes



To support further development of national policy frameworks and programmes for uptake of AE principles and practices

Main Activities

- Support multi-level and inter-institutional policy dialogue through expert groups, fora, think tanks and similar instruments
- Inform policy on evidences of agroecological benefits emerging from Knowledge Systems (Output 1) and State Level Implementation (Output 2)
- Technically support MoAFW in integrating agroecological principles and approaches into key programmes and missions / sub-missions
- Support policy and expert dialogues between India and Germany

Partners

- MoAFW departments
- MoAFW advisory bodies and committees
- Int. and national universities, policy platforms
- Int. org.

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