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To

## All CICTAB Member Institutions in SAARC Countries

### **International Programme on "Skill Development of Trainers in the area of Promotion and Financing of SHGs & JLGs for Financial Inclusion of Rural Poor" (Focused on Trainers Training) at BIRD, Lucknow (12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019)**

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are glad to inform that CICTAB is organising an International Programme on "Skill Development of Trainers in the area of Promotion and Financing of SHGs & JLGs for Financial Inclusion of Rural Poor" (Focused on Trainers Training) in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) at Bankers Institute of Rural Development, (BIRD), Lucknow from **12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**. The programme design, methodology, contents and terms of deputing the participants for the programme are indicated in the detailed programme format enclosed herewith for your perusal and consideration.

In the rural economic scenario in our member countries, self-help & Joint Liability Group approach with its built-in characteristics of informal group action, participative management and in particular their thrift orientation, assume significance to ensure equitable sharing of the opportunities for fruits of economic development.

In view of such significance and contemporary relevance of the subject area of the programme, at the request of CICTAB, NABARD has agreed to sponsor and collaborate in the conduct of the programme as above. NABARD, as the National level apex institution concerned with promotion and development of participative institutions for undertaking programmes of economic development, has undertaken commendable work in promoting self-help group approach and developing and financing self-help groups linkages with banks and rural financing institutions. Similarly, BIRD has done considerable field work in the spheres of promoting and developing self-help groups and its linkages with banks. On the basis of such field work BIRD faculty has built in competence to provide rich and relevant input for the programme. In view of association of NABARD, the programme will have the benefit of valuable training input from subject matter experts from NABARD as well as other related national level institutions.

