



“मंथन” (“Manthan”)

Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) IIT Bombay Brainstorming Workshop (For NGOs in Maharashtra and Gujarat)

About RuTAG:

The development and dissemination of technologies for rural development has been diffuse, uneven, and slow, in spite of efforts by several agencies. This is mainly due to the lack of local technology action groups who can assist in upgrading the assessment of the technology needs and the current technology status of different rural occupation groups, i.e. farmers, rural artisans and the landless. Rural Technology support is critical for realizing the vast potential of the Rural Farm and Non-farm Sectors. RuTAG is conceived of as a mechanism to provide a higher level of S&T intervention and support. This intervention, which is essentially demand-driven, could be for bridging technology gaps, technology upgradation, technology training and demonstration or through any other innovative method. RuTAG is a synergizing and catalyzing mechanism, and not a major funding mechanism. It can, however, also provide help and advice in seeking funds from other agencies.

RuTAG IIT Bombay, with a regional focus, intends to bring together various entities such as a consortium of S&T Institutions working in the area, a consortium of S&T NGOs and voluntary agencies active in the area, a consortium of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Corporate Industrial houses in the private sector committed to rural development and having a presence in the area and a consortium of State and Central Government organizations already working for rural development in the area.

Objective of the workshop:

This will be a brainstorming session with NGOs to identify appropriate projects for investigations to revamp the rural economy. This workshop is mainly targeting NGOs who are working in rural development through technological interventions in the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat.

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The participation in the workshop is by invitation only. If you wish to attend the workshop, please fill out the following form and send it to us (via email/ fax/ post/ courier) so that it reaches us **no later than August 1, 2014**. We'll let you know by August 2, 2014 if you have been selected as a participant. RuTAG will provide travel support (bus/train) and local hospitality for all the participants (1 representative per NGO).

Please note that participation would be restricted to a few so that meaningful/ useful discussions can be held. Those not selected for this round will be considered for future workshops and their problems would also be discussed in the workshop.

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Application Form

1. Name of the NGO
2. Contact Details:
 - a. Contact Person's Name: _____
 - b. Address: _____

 - c. Phone (Office): _____
 - d. Mobile: _____
 - e. Fax: _____
 - f. Website: _____
 - g. Email: _____
3. Nature of activities:

4. Geographical reach (where do you work):

5. Presently working/ Interest in the following sectors (please tick the appropriate box)

Sector	Water	Energy	Agriculture	Health	Education	Livelihoods	Others (Please specify)
Working at present							
Interested in future							

6. Examples of projects (completed and ongoing)

7. Please provide a few key indicators regarding the size of your organization

- No. of employees/people:
- Annual budget:
- No. of beneficiaries:

8. Technical problems encountered/ working on (use extra sheets, if required)

9. Expectations from RuTAG or any other suggestions