

I N T A F
International Task Force for the Rural Poor

cordially invites you to participate in the

Seventh INTAF World Conference 2008

to be held on

Saturday, 8th and Sunday, 9th November 2008

Venue:

Gramodaya College & Research Institute, Amarpurkashi,
Via BILARI – 202411, District Moradabad,
Uttar Pradesh, India

The theme of the conference is

“Poverty, Politics & Power”

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Seventh World Conference 2008

Programme

Saturday, 8th November 2008

- 10.00 am Arrival and registration of delegates
- 10.30 am Pre-Conference session:-

Formation of the Conference Steering Committee
Approval of the Agenda for the conference
- 11.00 am Inaugural Session: - Inauguration by the Chief Guest

Theme: Poverty, Politics and Power

A panel of guest speakers will give their opening contributions
Question/Answer session with the panel
- 1.00 pm LUNCH BREAK**
- 2.30 pm Working Session I

Theme: - Empowering the Rural Poor by Capacity Building
for Employability

Speakers:
Dr Kamal Taori, Director, International Institute for Holistic
Research & Voluntary Action, (India-Germany),
Chairperson, International Institute for Holistic Research &
Voluntary Action, (India-Germany) and of the Rural
Business Hub Foundation, India

Open discussion will follow.
- 4.30 pm Tea Break
- 5.00 pm Working Session II

Theme: Empowering the Rural Poor by Voluntary Civil
Action
Speakers: - Prof. Anand Kumar, Dr Rajesh Tandon and Mukat
Singh

Open discussion will follow.
- 6.30 pm Break
- 7.30 pm Dinner

8.30 pm Folk Music Evening

Sunday, 9th November 2008

10.00 am Working Session III

Theme: - Empowering the Rural Poor by Public Private Partnership
Speakers from Bajaj Capital and Tata Foundations

Open discussion will follow.

11.30 am Tea Break

12 noon INTAF World Assembly: - Business Meeting

Presentation of Recommendations, Common Declaration and Adoption

Reports of Convenors

Election of International Convenor

Election of the new International Co-ordinating Committee

INTAF Planning Session under the chair of the newly Elected International Convenor

1.30 pm Lunch Break

2.30 pm Closing Session.

What is INTAF ?

The International Task Force for the Rural Poor (INTAF) is essentially, a networking organisation of voluntary development workers who live and work among the rural poor for their sustainable development. It was formed in 1989 as the follow - up to an international seminar on "Working with the Rural Poor", held in Dec. 1988 in India.

The poor have no voice of their own at international forums. INTAF exists to represent the voice of these poor at this level and works to protect their interests and rights.

According to INTAF's constitution, a world conference should be held every three years. The last conference was held in London in 2005.

The aim of the conference is to draw the attention of the world community to the plight of the rural poor and the need to bridge the unjust gap between rich and poor.

The aim is also to show the public that this gap, if not bridged, poses problems to all humanity including the rich.

The World Conference is also the occasion for triennial elections of INTAF's International Co-ordinating Committee and other organisational business. The international gathering also provides an excellent opportunity to discuss and debate issues of concern to members of INTAF. The topic for 2008 is "Poverty, Politics and Power".

Among the delegates will be people from both North and South countries, the host country, India, guests and observers and, most importantly, the rural poor.

Conference fee

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| 1. Overseas Delegates | Rs. 300 |
| 2. Indian Delegates | Rs. 20 |

INTAF Membership fee

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| 1. One year membership fee | Rs. 50 |
| 2. Life membership fee | Rs. 300 |

Payments may be made at the time of registration.

For Further Information and Accreditation

Conference website: www.ivcs.org.uk/intaf/

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