

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

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The Bangalore Rural Development Symposium was held on 30th May 1983 from 9:00 to 5:00. Co-Sponsored by Canara Bank and the Institute of Cultural Affairs: India, the Symposium was held in the Auditorium of the Head Office of the Canara Bank. Forty-four persons from twenty-four organisations participated, including seven banks and fourteen voluntary organisations. The participants represented diverse backgrounds: agency heads, village level workers, consultants, bankers, farmers, university professors, health professionals.

Mr. G.P. Prabhu, General Manager of Canara Bank, inaugurated the Symposium; Mr. Narasa Reddy, Manager of the Canara Bank Rural Development Section, delivered the welcome; and Mr. Stuart Hampton of the ICA: India presided. Mr. B. Rudramoorthy, member of the India Steering Committee of the International Exposition of Rural Development, attended the Symposium and answered the questions of participants regarding the coordination and set-up of the three-year event.

After the participants had introduced themselves, the morning session consisted of a presentation on the design and intent of the International Exposition of Rural Development, followed by reports from each project or organisation on their objectives and activities.

The afternoon session included a conversation on expectations of organisations in face of the new national budget and repeal of the 35CCA tax benefit for donors to rural development. This was followed by the main workshop to determine the participants' viewpoints on the most important keystones to rural development. The product of this workshop was written as a series of seven paragraphs.

Reflective comments made by the participants indicated that they were pleased to have this opportunity to share their learnings and ideas with others; were surprised to find many others thinking similar thoughts on rural development; and found this programme to be a time to seriously re-evaluate their own project aims, objectives, and methods.

Voluntary organisations which participated were: Sri Sadguru Sai Shankar Trust, BIRDS, INGRID - Raichur, DEED, Trust for Human and Community Development, Sumana Halli Society, Vivekenanda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, Christa Sharan Social Welfare Society, Institute of Cultural Affairs: India, Rural Christian Mission Centre, CSI Hospital, Cooperative Farming Society, Friends World College, University of Bangalore Centre for Psycho-Social Development.

Participating banks were: Canara Bank, State Bank of India, Bank of India, State Bank of Mysore, Vijaya Bank, Vysya Bank Ltd, Syndicate Bank.

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