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CEOs ROUNDTABLE ON FERTILIZER SECTOR

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India International Centre Annexe, Lodhi Road, New Delhi



Overview

The World Agriculture Forum (WAF) hosted a high-level CEOs Roundtable on the Fertilizer Sector in collaboration with a visiting delegation from the International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC), led by its President, Mr. Henk van Duijn. This event brought together key stakeholders from India's agriculture sector and WAF's global network to discuss transformative strategies for the fertilizer industry and agricultural sustainability.

Focus of the Roundtable

Discussions centered on IFDC's ambitious plans for India, including the establishment of a Fertilizer R&D and Technology Development Centre. This initiative aims to enhance India's agricultural productivity and sustainability through innovative technologies and solutions. The roundtable also underscored WAF's commitment to fostering collaboration, innovation, and public-private partnerships to address global agricultural challenges.



Signing of MoU

A significant highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between WAF and IFDC to promote innovative methods in agriculture. The MoU formalized a strategic partnership to drive research, innovation, and policy advocacy in the agri-world.

- **Representing WAF** : Leena Jacob Chakraborty, Director International Programs, The Netherlands
- **Representing IFDC** : Henk van Duijn, President & CEO International Fertilizer Development Center, Muscle Sholas Alabama, USA



Distinguished Delegation

The delegation included prominent leaders:

- **Dr. M.J. Khan**, Special Advisor to WAF Board
- **Dr. Yashpal Saharawat**, Director, Resilience and Environment, IFDC
- **Dr. Upendra Singh**, Chief Scientist and VP, IFDC
- **Mr. Sharad Bhalla**, Strategic Advisor, OCP Group
- **Dr. Chanderdeep Tandon**, Additional Pro Vice Chancellor & Dean, Amity University
- **Mr. Mohan Saxena**, Managing Trustee, Agriliv Research Foundation

About WAF

The World Agriculture Forum is a global platform uniting governments, farmers, agribusinesses, experts, and development institutions to transform agriculture and food systems. Through policy advocacy, trade facilitation, and technology-driven solutions, WAF strives to bridge implementation gaps and promote sustainable agricultural development.

About IFDC

Established in 1977 with headquarters in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, USA, IFDC is a non-profit international research center recognized as a Public International Organization (PIO) by Executive Order 11977. IFDC specializes in innovative fertilizer and soil fertility research, technology transfer, and market development. Its mission is to enhance the livelihoods of resource-poor farmers by improving food security, alleviating poverty, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

Key Outcomes

- Strengthened collaboration between WAF and IFDC through the MoU.
- Strategic alignment on initiatives to enhance fertilizer technology, sustainability, and agricultural productivity in India.
- Reinforcement of WAF's role as a global convergence platform for sustainable agriculture.

This roundtable marks a significant milestone in fostering global partnerships to drive innovation and sustainability in agriculture. Together, WAF and IFDC are committed to empowering farmers, advancing research, and building resilient agri-food systems for a food-secure future.



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