

UNESCO Imparts Training to Farmers to Mitigate Flood Hazards



Chakwal 16-18 November 2016: A three-day training “Community Based Training Programme on Watershed Management for Flood and Drought Control” was jointly organized by UNESCO and Soil and Water Conservation Research Institute (SAWCRI) in Chakwal.

This conference was part of UNESCO project to mitigate flood hazards, where participants of the training acquired knowledge of watershed management approaches which will result in reduced soil erosion through reduction in water runoff and improved storage of rainwater, hence mitigating flood hazard.

Participants also learned practical utilization of stored rainwater through efficient means to grow high value crops for improving livelihood of farmers and poverty alleviation. Training was attended by farmers and relevant Government and Semi Government professionals from Agriculture Extension, Soil Conservation, Water Management, NGOs and academia in district Chakwal, Punjab.

Concluding session of the meeting was attended by Ms. Vibeke Jensen, Director/Representative UNESCO, Mr. Raza Shah, Programme Officer UNESCO, Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Director BARI/SAWCRI, and Mr. Inoue Hiromu, JICA. During the training farmers visited fields where they saw water saving techniques being used by BARI, and were briefed on soil conservation activities, rainwater harvesting techniques and the high efficiency irrigation system on farms in Kallar Kahar and Murid. They also visited sites to see the impact of gypsum application on soil moisture retention and crop yields.
