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Agro-biodiversity conservation and management today has not only remained as the subject of discussion for the researchers, agri-planners, policy makers, farmers and all those stakeholders associated with the agricultural sector, but also it warrants attention of each and every one of the Society in the contexts of ever-increasing population pressure, growing concern of malnutrition and hunger, and above all alarming situations being experienced due to climate change. It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me to be a Member of the National Steering Committee and having got opportunity to be associated in organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Agro-biodiverisity Congress (IAC 2016) to be held at New Delhi, India during November 6-9, 2016. I am sure, the Congress would provide an appropriate platform for greater deliberation by the experts associated in different segments of agro-biodiversiry management from allover the globe and come out with advisories/action plans which would greatly help in enriching the available Road Maps/Action Plans made for effective management of agro-biodiversity in different countries/regions, including that of India.

I wish the Congress a great success.

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