

## **COP 22 - 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

The twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) is being organized in Marrakech, Morocco from 7-18 November 2016. COP 22 started with a bang, with the welcome news that more than 100 countries have now ratified the Paris Agreement. In her opening address, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa said that, while early entry into force of the Paris Agreement is a cause for celebration, it is also a timely reminder of the high expectations that are now placed upon governments.

A 15 member delegation is participating in the COP 22 on behalf of CECOEDECON, PAIRVI and Beyond Copenhagen Network (BCPH). The delegation includes representatives from academia, media, research, farmers association, scientists and civil society organizations. CECOEDECON has set up an exhibition to raise issues of the farmers who face the impact of a changing climate. CECOEDECON, PAIRVI and BCPH will also host special side events during the conference to inform and influence the climate change negotiations. On November 7, Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment, Forest & Climate Change, has visited the exhibition and met with the delegation.