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## ‘Regional cooperation is vital for fisheries sector’

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**Kochi:** Regional cooperation between African and Asian countries is vital to improve the fisheries sector in respective countries, said Manoj Nardeo-singh, secretary general of African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO).

“Fisheries sector has high potential to change the lives of the people in many African and Asian countries. The sector can play a vital role in the economic development these nations”, he said. He was speaking at the valedictory function of an international workshop-cum-training organized by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) under the auspices of the AARDO in Kochi on Tuesday.

Urging the scientists and professionals working in the sector to seek regional collaborations for the betterment of the fisheries, he said focusing on value addition would help transform the lives of coastal communities.

The workshop was aimed at imparting training on topics such as marine fisheries assessment, fish stock estimation, marine fisheries environment, impact of climate change on fisheries and responsible fisheries.