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## South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security under the leadership of IFAD and UNOSSC

### “1. Knowledge Exchange and Coordination Workshop” was held in IARTC.

The First South-South Knowledge Exchange and Coordination Workshop organized in the framework of the partnership initiative on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security (SSTC-ADFS) jointly supported by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) was held in IARTC between 22-24 July, 2015 .

The Opening Remarks of the workshop were made by the Director General of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM), Ass. Prof. Masum BURAK, Regional Director of Europe and Central Asia, of United Nations Development Programme, Ras-



islav VRBENSKY, Inter-institutional Coordinator of United Nations South South Cooperation Office, Rogel NUGUID and Representative of North Africa, Europe and Central Asia Unit of International Fund for Agricultural Development Abdelkarim SMA.

In total 45 senior officers and experts from Algeria, Morocco, Hungary, Uzbekistan, Turkey, UNDP and FAO attend to the workshop.

During the workshop the representatives of relevant ministries and centers of excellence in Algeria, Hungary, Morocco, Turkey, and Uzbekistan as well as other stakeholders exchanged information and views on the successful home-grown solutions on management of farmer-based organizations along with other

areas covered by the SSTC-ADFS initiative including effective water resources management, agricultural biotechnology, and livestock development contributing to food safety.

Representatives of national authorities in charge of the coordination of technical international cooperation /South South cooperation explained expected benefits from SSTC-ADFS initiative and planned or ongoing priority activities of their countries. Representatives of international organizations shared their views and practical advice on a systematic broader platform for South-South information share and transfer between regions suitable to development priorities of their countries.





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## IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) Near East, North Africa and Europe Division "Planning and Results Management" Workshop

IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) Near East, North Africa and Europe Division "Planning and Results Management" Workshop was held in IARTC with 89 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Djibouti, Egypt, Gaza and the West Bank, Georgia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Moldova, Morocco, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Tunisia, Uzbekistan and Yemen between 2-5 June 2015.

The objective of the Workshop is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of project management and delivery using results based planning and management to; provide participants with awareness and hands-on practice of the strategic

planning framework and its use; and equip participants with concept and tools to undertake effective monitoring and evaluation of their projects.

Participants were informed by Ms. Dilek KAHRAMAN, Director of our Center, about operations, ongoing national and international projects and training activities of our Center at the opening ceremony and also IFAD representatives introduced themselves and expressed their expectations about the Workshop.

Project Cycle of IFAD was discussed within the program and then TARBİL system was depicted by Mr. Tunç Deniz ŞENSOY from General Directorate of Agricultural Reform of Ministry of Food Agriculture and

Livestock. TARBİL system drew highly interest among the participants so that they expressed that they would like to implement the same project in their countries.

Technical excursion for IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) Near East, North Africa and Europe Division Operational Workshop was organized by IARCT on 10th June 2015, to Tire Dairy Cooperative (Agricultural Development Cooperative) and Bademli Agricultural Development Cooperative.

## Eurasian Soil Partnership Workshop

2015 was declared as International Year of Soils (IYS) by General Assembly of United Nations to enhance awareness of soil and encourage of sustainable usage of this source. In this context, Eurasian Soil Partnership Workshop was held in IARTC between 19-18 June 2015 in cooperation with FAO and Ministry of Food Agriculture and Live-

stock. 27 FAO, ICARDA and Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belorussia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan participated in the Workshop.

In the scope of Workshop, issues of sustainable soil

management, protection and restoration; investment, technical cooperation, policy, education, awareness and extension in soil; enhancing soil data and information and harmonization of methods, measurements and indicators were discussed.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the G20 Agricultural Chief Scientists - MACS

During the G20 2015 presidency of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, 4th Meeting of the G20 Agricultural Chief Scientists – MACS was held in IARTC between 27-29 July 2015 with the organization of General Directorate Of Agricultural Research And Policies.

Besides 11 member countries, 48 representatives participated to the meeting from national and international institutions along

with the invited country Spain.

On the first day of the meeting, outputs of 3rd MACS Meeting were mentioned which was held during G20 Australia presidency in 2014. In the first session, presentations of countries and international organizations about agriculture and agricultural research were included. In the second session, certain topics were discussed concerning investment and

innovations in agriculture research. On the second day of the meeting, final declaration was prepared, after the discussion of prevention of food loss and waste emphasized during our G20 presidency.

On the last day of the meeting, a cultural trip was organized to Ephesus and House of Virgin Mary in Selçuk, İzmir.



## 6<sup>th</sup> International Course on Sustainable Management of Soil and Water Resources

6th International Course on Sustainable Management of Soil and Water Resources was held in IARTC with 23 participants from Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iraq, Iran, Macedonia, Morocco, Pakistan, Serbia and Sudan between 27th July - 07th August 2015.

During the course agriculture engineers from Atatürk

Soil, Water and Agricultural Meteorology Station Directorate, Black Sea Agricultural Research Institute, International Agricultural Research and Training Center, Soil, Water And Desertification Control Research Institute, Central Research Institute of Soil, Fertilizer and Water Resources and lecturers from Faculties of Agriculture of Adnan Men-

deres University, Dicle University, Ege University and Selçuk University instructed lectures about the topics mentioned in the program. Within the scope of the training, technical excursions to Emiralam Regulator and İzmir Bird Paradise and social trips to Phokia and Ephesus were organized.

## UTZ Certified Controller Training

UTZ Certified Controller Training in order to be controlled of the agricultural

producers by independent certification institutions was held in IARTC on 28–29 May

2015 with 22 participants.

# EU Project “Farming Tools for external nutrient Inputs and water Management” (FATIMA)



First Regional Meeting of FATIMA Project (Farming Tools for external nutrient Inputs and water Management) which will be carried out in European Union 2020 was held in IARTC between 27-29 July 2015. Researchers from IARTC, representatives of EA-Tek, farmers who collaborate in the project and also project partners, Dr. Zuzana Boukalova, Jan Těšitel (METCENAS) were participated to the first regional meeting.

This project will be coordinated by Castila – La Mancnia Üniversity, Spain collaborating with 23 partners from 14 countries, aiming effective and efficient monitoring and management of agricultural resources to achieve the optimum yield and quality in a sustainable environment. Project begun in 1st March 2015 and continue for 36 months. IARTC and EA-Tek are the only partners from Turkey.

This Project is related to an approach of precise farming, sustainable agriculture and food production in an integrated agriculture - environmental framework. Also takes into account economic competition and plant production. Its purpose is to develop innovation about farming tools that combine usage of agricultural inputs (water, fertilize) and help optimizing the usage of input amount.

FATIMA addresses to water users groups such as water users associations (farmers, managers, decision makers in farm and businesses), and adopt a participatory approach. Project will provide to these users maps that feed their precision machinery and shows needs of water and fertilizer, and provide plant water consumption advanced products that support sustainable plant management within plant water consumption and innovative water-energy footprint frameworks. All information will be gathered on participatory areal online support systems with high technology. FATIMA will be applied on important intensive plant production systems at 8 pilot areas (Spain, Italy, Greece, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Austria, France and Turkey) and demonstrations will be established. Wheat, cotton and corn will be the main products to be studied on by IARTC in its responsible area.



## ABOUT US...

IARTC works under the General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policy of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock. The Center aims to carry out national/international research projects for increasing the agricultural productivity, conservation and sustainable management of natural resources and to hold national/international courses, workshops seminars etc. according to the needs and demands of public sector, private sector, professional organizations and non-governmental organizations. Besides its scheduled programs and projects, IARTC is open to any kind of activities of training programs and research projects on demand from national/international organizations. IARTC adopts sharing the agricultural studies, experience and knowledge in international platform as principle and is one of the leading organizations in this regard.

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