

16th Steering Committee Meeting

Fergana, Uzbekistan, 27-29 August 2014

Program**Wednesday, 27 August**

All-day field visit to research and demonstration sites in Fergana province – detailed program circulated separately

Thursday, 28 August

- 09:00-09:40 **Introductory session**
[chaired by Sherali Nurmatov and Kamel Shideed]
- 09:00-09:10 Welcome statement by Host Country Uzbekistan [Sherali Nurmatov]
09:10-09:15 Welcome statement by the convening Center ICARDA [Kamel Shideed]
09:15-09:20 Introduction by the Committee Co-Chair: Tajikistan [Sijoudin Isroilov]
09:20-09:25 Introduction by the Committee Co-Chair: CIP [Julian Parr]
09:25-09:40 Introduction of participants
- 09:40-11:00 **Status of CGIAR Research Programs (CRP) in the CAC Region**
[chaired by Sijoudin Isroilov and Jeremy Bird]
- 09:40-10:05 Overview of CRPs implemented in the Region [Jozef Turok, Head PFU-CGIAR/ICARDA on behalf of the Centers]
- 10:05-10:30 Policy implications of collaborative agricultural research in the CAC Region [Muhabbat Turdieva, Bioversity International on behalf of the Centers]
- 10:30-11:00 Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee/tea break, group photo
- 11.30-13:00 **Country priorities, needs and capacities**
[chaired by Guram Aleksidze and Alex Morgounov]
- Statements by the heads of Country Delegations (10 minutes each)
- Armenia
 - Azerbaijan
 - Georgia
 - Kazakhstan
 - Kyrgyz Republic
 - Tajikistan
 - Turkmenistan
 - Uzbekistan
- Statement by CACAARI Executive Secretary [Alisher Tashmatov]
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-16:00 **Thematic presentations: highlights from collaborative research projects on improving productivity and sustainability of agricultural production**
[chaired by Azimhan Satybaldin and Maarten Van Ginkel]
- 14:00-14:15 Agricultural diversity, dietary diversity, and nutritional outcomes in Central Asia [Kamiljon Akramov, IFPRI]
- 14:15-14:30 Improving water and energy productivity in lift irrigated areas of Central Asia [Akmal Karimov, IWMI]

- 14:30-14:45 Results and perspectives of potato cultivation in CAC [Timur Abdurakhmanov, CIP]
14:45-15:00 Mainstreaming biodiversity of fruit trees to sustain production systems [Muhabbat Turdieva, Bioversity]
15:00-15:15 Vegetable research and development network in CAC [Ravza Mavlyanova, AVRDC]
15:15-15:30 Conservation agriculture in rainfed areas, winter wheat and spring wheat improvement [Alex Morgounov, CIMMYT]
15:30-15:45 Conservation agriculture in irrigated areas [Aziz Nurbekov, ICARDA]
15:45-16:00 Winter wheat: performance, achievements and inter-phase with CRP Dryland Systems [Ram Sharma, ICARDA]

16:00-16:30 Coffee/tea break

16:30-18:00 **Discussion in working groups on policy implications of research**
[chaired by Irina Tsereteli and Muhabbat Turdieva]

Concurrent working groups will discuss, review and summarize key implications of collaborative agricultural research outcomes for policy making in the CAC countries

19:30 Reception dinner

Friday, 29 August

- 09:00-09:30 Discussion and recommendations from working groups

09:30-11:00 **Centers' strategies for work in the CAC Region**
[chaired by Dzhamin Akimaliev and Kristina Toderich]

Statements by Center representatives (10 minutes each)
 - AVRDC the World Vegetable Centre
 - Bioversity International
 - CIMMYT
 - CIP
 - ICARDA
 - ICBA
 - IFPRI
 - IWMI
11:00-11:30 Coffee/tea break

11:30-13:00 **Resource mobilization**
[chaired by Rashad Mejidov and Julian Parr]

Overview of ongoing and pipeline projects

Wider linkages with international development and donor organizations – brief statements
 - UNDP
 - FAO
 - Asian Development Bank
 - Eurasian Center for Food Security
 - European Union
 - GIZ
 - Interstate Commission for Water Coordination
 - SDC
 - World Bank
13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **Program Facilitation Unit: mode of operation, services and sustainability**
[chaired by Sherali Nurmatov and Nagaraj Inukonda]

Review of agreement on Program Facilitation Unit, financial report and budget 2014

Discussion and recommendations

15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00-17:30 **Preparations for Ministerial-level meeting**
[chaired by Shiri Shiriyeu and Kamiljon Akramov]

Results of International Conference “The most important reserves of implementing the food program in Uzbekistan”, held 5-6 June 2014 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Draft agenda of Ministerial-level meeting “Food security and environmental sustainability in Central Asia and the Caucasus: contributions of agricultural research” to be held 2-4 December 2014 in Avaza, Turkmenistan

Discussion and recommendations

17:30-18:00 **Conclusions and Closure**
[chaired by Sherali Nurmatov and Kamel Shideed]

departure to Fergana Airport immediately after Session ends