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 Satybauldin 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]
11:30-13:00  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 Shiriyev 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**