



## *Inception Workshop on Regional Soil Partnership and MENA Soil Information System*

*1-5 April 2012*

*Amman – Jordan*

<b>Sunday 01/04/2012: Opening of the workshop</b>			<b>Moderator</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activates</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	
08:30 – 09:30	Registration		Dr. Mahmoud Alferihat
09:30 – 09:50	H.E The Minister of Agriculture	Ahmad ALL Kattab	
09:50 – 10:15	Secretary general	Dr.Radi Tarawneh	
10:15 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 12:00	Global Soil Partnership -FAO	Mr. Ronald Vargas Rojas (FAO)	Dr. Mahmoud Alferihat
12:00 – 13:00	Open discussion with panel of specialists		
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 15:00	Jordanian Soil Survey and data sources- Context and History	Dr. Mahmoud Alferihat	Dr. Talal Darwash
15:00 – 15:30	Soil mapping activities in Jordan and Syria by ICARDA	Dr. Feras Ziadat (ICARDA)	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary discussion		Dr. Talal Darwash

<b>Monday 02/04/2012: Status of soil information in the region</b>			<b>Moderator</b>
9:00-9:30	Status of soil information in Algeria		
9:30-10:00	Status of soil information in Tunisia		
10:00-10:30	Status of soil information in Morocco		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 11:30	Status of soil information in Libya		
11:30 -12:00	Status of soil information in Egypt		
12:00 – 12:30	Status of soil information in Lebanon		
12:30 – 13:00	Status of soil information in Syria		
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 15:00	Status of soil information in Iraq		
15:00 – 15:30	Status of soil information in Palestine		
15:30 – 16:00	Status of soil information in Iran		
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30 – 17:00	Status of soil information in Yemen		

<b>Tuesday 03/04/2012: Status of soil information and Digital Soil Mapping</b>			<b>Moderator</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	Status of soil information in Oman		
<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	Status of soil information in Afghanistan		
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	Status of soil information in Jordan		
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Coffee Break		
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	Plenary discussion about Status of soil information in the region		
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	Lunch		
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	Technological developments on Digital Soil Mapping	Mr. Ronald Vargas (FAO)	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	Open discussion		
<b>16:00- 16:30</b>	Coffee Break		
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	Open discussion		

<b>Wednesday 04/04/2012: Identifying needs and priorities of soil information</b>			<b>Moderator</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Plenary discussion for identifying needs and priorities on soil information and soil management in general: presentation by each participant country		
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Coffee Break		
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	Plenary discussion for identifying needs and priorities on soil information and soil management in general: presentation by each participant country		
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	Lunch		
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	Establishment of the Regional Soil Partnership		
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	Coffee Break		
<b>16:30 – 17:30</b>	Discussion about implementation of activities		

<b>Thursday 05/04/2012: Towards a Regional Soil Information System</b>			<b>Moderator</b>
<b>9:00 – 09:30</b>	Presentation of the activities of the project	Dr. Mahmoud Alferihat	
<b>9:30 – 10:30</b>	Plenary discussion about implementation of activities		
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	Coffee Break		
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	Preparation of a Communiqué		

<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	Lunch		
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	Wrap up and Conclusions		