

31th NERC Side Event

FAO – ICARDA collaboration
for sustainable crop
production and livelihoods
in the Near East Region
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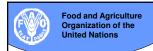
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FAO's Support to the CGIAR System

- FAO's role in CGIAR Governance and collaboration at system level
- Examples of collaboration on CGIAR Research Programmes
- > The outlook





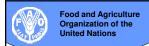
FAO's role in CGIAR Governance

- Director OEK FAO's focal point for CGIAR facilitated by Research and Extension Branch (OEKR)
- Member of the CGIAR Fund Council



- Hosting of the Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC) Secretariat -OEK
- Hosting of the Independent Evaluation Arrangement (in preparation)
- Hosting of Global Forum of Agricultural Research (GFAR) Secretariat – OEK
- Contribution to the organization of GCARD

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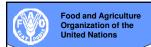


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FAO/CGIAR Task Force

- > To guide FAO/CGIAR relations
- > All FAO Technical Divisions represented
- ➤ FAO Focal Points (FPs) for each CGIAR Center, for Climate Change, Gender and Genetic Resources, Agro Industries
- > FP in LEG, TCSF, OSP

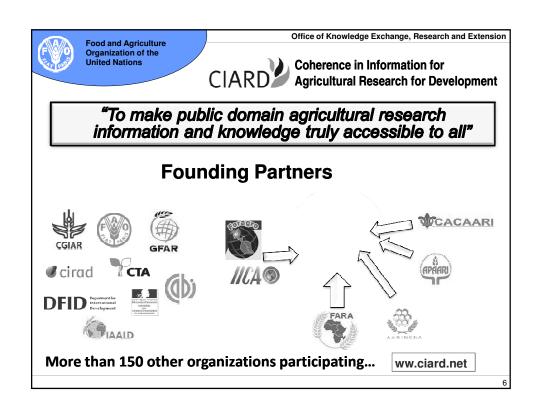
Supports FAO's governing role of CGIAR and coalition with the CGIAR

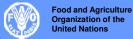


Collaboration with CGIAR at system level

- ➢ Inputs to preparation and refinement of the CGIAR Research Programmes
- ➤ 40th CGIAR Anniversary Event organized at FAO



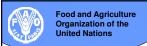




FAO-CGIAR individual research fellowships programme

- ➢ Fellowships of 6 − 12 months will provide "in-service", hands-on training within ongoing CGIAR research projects for mid-career scientists possessing at least a Master's degree or equivalent.
- > Fellows will be selected from national programmes within a specific thematic area of work of the CGIAR.
- Fellows will be associated with and supported by an ongoing FAO programme/project.
- CGIAR Centers will offer opportunities for professional development in an area of mutual interest within the larger thematic context of the CGIAR Research Programmes (CRPs).
- Programme will be launched in 2012.

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FAO/CRP Collaboration

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> AGP & AGE/Dry Areas (CRP1.1 ICARDA) and others

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➤ FAO (lead by NR, with AGP & RAP)/Water, land and ecosystems (CRP5 | WMI)





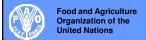
Example of joint activities

NRC: Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CRP7, CIAT)

- Women and CC adaptation and mitigation: consultancy for advocacy
- 4 technical consultations on mitigation aspects
- FAO pilots on integration of mitigation in smallholder farming with ICRAF/ILRI
- MICCA trust fund project (new phase) to implement assessment of greenhouse gas emission



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Independent External Evaluation

Recommendation 5.6. CGIAR:



"FAO and the CGIAR to develop a genuine coalition for agriculture, rural development, and knowledge availability and transfer. FAO and the CGIAR would form the core of the coalition, but it would be open to much wider partnerships".



The outlook: realizing the potential of agricultural innovation

- > Strategy for action and impact
 - Supporting up and outscaling of CG Research
 - Connecting research and development programmes
- Decentralized FAO-CGIAR consultation
 - Linking CGIAR-FAO collaboration to regional priorities and Country Framework Programmes
- > High level dialogue
 - MoU as framework for action

