

**15<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of the CGIAR Regional Program  
for Central Asia and the Caucasus**

4-6 September 2012, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan

**Monday, 3 September 2012**

08:30	Departure from hotel Ak Keme hotel by bus
09:00	Departure from hotel Dostuk
13:00	Arrival to Issyk Kul, check-in “Avrora Sanatorium”
13:30	Lunch
16:00-19:00	Boat trip on Issyk Kul Lake and visit to the National Cultural Center “Rukh-Ordo”, Cholpon-Ata

**Tuesday, 4 September 2012**

**Session 1:                   Introductory Session**

09:00–09:15	Welcome statements by host country -- Mr. A. Dzhanibekov, Minister of Agriculture and Melioration of Kyrgyz Republic
09:15–09:20	Welcome statement by the convening Center -- Dr Mahmoud Solh, Director-General, ICARDA
09:20–09:30	Introduction by the Committee Co-Chair -- Dr Dyno Keatinge World Vegetable Center
09:30–10:00	Overview of major developments in the Region and progress made in the implementation of the Regional Program -- Dr Jozef Turok, Head, CGIAR Program Facilitation Unit
10:00–10:30	Coffee/tea break, group photo

**Session 2:                   Agricultural innovations in Central Asia and the Caucasus – highlights**

10:30–10:45	Integrated pest management in Kyrgyzstan	Murat Aitmatov, MSU, Kyrgyzstan
10:45–11:00	Development and out-scaling of new varieties in winter wheat and chickpea	Ram Sharma, ICARDA Central Asia and the Caucasus
11:00–11:15	Introducing vegetable legumes for crop diversification, better nutrition and well being in the CAC Region	Veronika Kim, Uzbek Research Institute of Vegetables, Melon Crops and Potato, Uzbekistan
11:15–11:30	Wild fruit species in Kyrgyzstan: perspectives for breeding	Aybek Dolatbakov, Innovation Center for Phytotechnologies, Kyrgyz Republic
11:30–11:45	Evaluation of germplasm from the international gene banks in Georgia	Ana Gulbani, Georgia
11:45–12:00	Strengthening biosaline agriculture research and development for rehabilitation of salt-affected lands in CAC	Kristina Toderich, ICBA, Uzbekistan
12:00–12:15	Improving spring wheat in Kazakhstan: results and perspectives	Yuri Zelenskii, CIMMYT, Kazakhstan

12:15–12:30	A new initiative on potato multiplication in Uzbekistan: a result of the collaboration between the Academy of Sciences and CIP	Timur Abkurakhmanov, Academy of Sciences, Uzbekistan
12:30–12:45	Improving water productivity at plot level in the Fergana Valley (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)	Kahramon Jumaboev, IWMI Central Asia
12:45–13:00	Adaptation to climate change in Central Asia	Maria Glazirina, ICARDA-CAC

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

**Session 3: Priorities and capacities in agricultural research for development**

14:00–14:20	Food policy research in Central Asia and the Caucasus	Kamiljon Akramov, IFPRI
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14:20–14:40	Armenia	Dr Irina Tsereteli, Department of Science, Ministry of Agriculture
14:40–15:00	Azerbaijan	Acad. Asad Musaev, Director-General, Agrarian Scientific Center
15:00–15:20	Georgia	Acad. Shota Chalaganidze, President, Academy of Agricultural Sciences
15:20–15:40	Kazakhstan	Dr Bayan Alimgazinova, Director of Department, K*azAgroInnovation
15:40–16:00	Kyrgyzstan	Acad. Dzhamin Akimaliev, Leader of the national agricultural research system

16:00–16:30 Coffee/tea break

16:30–16:50	Tajikistan	Acad. Hukmatullo Ahmadov, President, Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences
16:50–17:10	Uzbekistan	Dr Bahtiyor Kamilov, Head of Research Planning and Coordination Department, Uzbek Scientific Production Center for Agriculture
17:10–17:30	Regional synthesis	Acad. Dzhamin Akimaliev, Chair of the Central Asia and the Caucasus Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (CACAARI)

17:30–18:00 Discussion of capacities needs, priorities in agricultural research for development

19:00 Reception Dinner

**Wednesday, 5 September 2012**

**Session 4: Status of CGIAR Research Programs in the CAC Region**

09:00–09:15	CRP “Dryland Systems”	ICARDA
09:15–10:00	Brief updates on the CRPs “Policies, Institutions and Markets”; “Wheat”; “Grain Legumes and Dryland Cereals”; “Roots, Tubers and Bananas”; “Water”; “Forests and Trees”; and “Climate Change”	Lead Center representatives

10:00–10:30 Discussion on status and progress of implementation of CRPs in the CAC Region

10:30–11:00 Coffee/tea break

**Session 5: Program Facilitation Unit: mode of operation, services and sustainability**

11:00–11:20	Mode of operation, services, human resources, host country agreements, financial report and budget	Introduction by PFU Head
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11:20–13:00 Discussion and recommendations

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

**Session 6: Resource mobilization**

14:00–14:15	Resource mobilization initiative with European countries	Introduction by Program Co-Chair
14:15–14:30	Russian Initiative and Russia's membership in the CGIAR	ECFS, Russian Federation
14:30–14:45	Kazakhstan's potential membership in the CGIAR	Kazakhstan
14:45–15:00	Overview of new projects acquired for the Program	Introduction by PFU Deputy Head

15:00–15:30 Discussion and recommendations

15:30–16:00 Wider linkages of the Program: Statements by partners from international development organizations

16:00–16:30 Coffee/tea break

**Session 7: Conclusions and closure**

16:30–17:30 Review of key conclusions and recommendations  
Performance assessment of the meeting  
Place and venue of next meeting  
Election of Co-Chairs  
Closing remarks

19:00 Dinner

**Thursday, 6 September 2012**

08:00–09:30 Breakfast meeting with representatives of the Centers that employ staff in the Region (closed session)

09:30 Departure from Hotel by bus

Visit to Boom Gorge; information on IFAD/ ICARDA fiber project with exhibition of products processed from local sheep wool by women groups

Lunch will be provided en route

16:00 Arrival to Bishkek