



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

**13-14 September 2016, Moscow, Russia**

**Tuesday, 13 September 2016**

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
- Session 1: Introductory Session  
(Co-chairs: Dr. Mahmoud Solh and representative of the Ministry of Finance of Russian Government)**
- 09:00 – 09:10 Statement by the host country
- 09:10 – 09:15 Statement by the convening Center (Dr. Mahmoud Solh, Director-General, ICARDA)
- 09:15 – 09:20 Statement by Lomonosov Moscow State University (Professor Alexey Sazonov, Deputy Vice-rector, Deputy Head of the Department of Scientific Policy)
- 09:20 – 09:25 Statement by the Eurasian Center for Food Security (ECFS)
- 09:25 – 09:30 Statement by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- 09:30 – 09:40 Overview of the CGIAR Consortium in Central Asia and the Caucasus (Dr. Kamel Shideed, Assistant Director General for International Cooperation and Communications, ICARDA)
- 09:40 – 10:00 Highlights of major achievements in the region (Dr. Ram Sharma, Head, CGIAR Program Facilitation Unit)
- 10:00 – 10:30 ECFS presentation
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea break, Group photo**
- Session 2: Research collaboration in Central Asia and the Caucasus (CAC) region  
(Co-chairs: Dr. Narkul Khushmotov and Dr. Ashyrmuhammet Saparmyradov)**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Country priorities, needs and capacity development and status of genebank**
- Statements by the heads of Country Delegations (10 minutes each)
- Armenia
  - Azerbaijan
  - Kazakhstan
  - Kyrgyzstan
  - Tajikistan
  - Turkmenistan
  - Uzbekistan
- Statement by CACAARI (10 minutes)
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break**

13:30 – 14:45	CGIAR collaborative activities and achievements in CAC – highlights (15 (10+5) minutes each) WorldVeg, Bioversity, CIMMYT, ICARDA, ICBA
14:45: 15:00	FAO presentation
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
<b>Session 3:</b>	<b>ECFS/CGIAR Interactions (Co-chairs: Dr. Yerkin Satenbayev and Dr. Pavel Krasilnikov)</b>
15:30 – 16:15	Opportunities for collaborations among the institutions in the Russian Federation, CGIAR Consortium and National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) in the CAC region <b>(3 presentations, 15 min each)</b>
16:15 – 17:00 presentations)	ICARDA presentations on ongoing collaboration (3 x 15 minutes
17:00 – 17:30	IFPRI presentation on ongoing collaboration
17:30 – 17:45	Kazakhstan-Siberian Network on Wheat Improvement (KASIB)
17:45 – 18:30	General discussion
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Reception Dinner</b>

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<b>Session 4:</b>	<b>Program Facilitation Unit: mode of operation, services and sustainability (for PFU member Centers only) (Co-chairs: Dr. Mahmood Solh and Dr. Rysbek Nurgaziev)</b>
09:00 – 09:30	Mode of operation of PFU, services, human resources, host country agreements, financial report and budget. Introduction by PFU Head
09:30 – 10:30	Discussion and recommendations
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
<b>Session 5:</b>	<b>Resource mobilization and Conclusions (Introduction and moderation by Dr. K. Shideed, ADG-ICC, ICARDA)</b>
11:00 – 11:45	Resource mobilization within CAC countries (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan)
11:45 – 12:15	Russian Initiative and Russia's membership in the CGIAR
12:15 – 12:30	Overview of ongoing projects in the region
12:30 – 13:00	Linkages and opportunities with international development donors FAO, others
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
<b>Session 6:</b>	<b>Conclusions and closure (Co-chairs: Dr. Mahmood Solh and Dr. Rasul Balayev)</b>
14:00–15:30	Review of key conclusions and recommendations Performance assessment of the meeting Place and venue of next meeting Election of Co-Chairs Closing remarks