CGIAR Research Program “Dryland Systems”
Target Region Implementation and Partnerships meeting for Central Asia and the Caucasus

12-14 August 2013, Fergana, Uzbekistan

12 August 2013

8:00-12:00  Field tour: Integrated water management in Fergana Valley, innovation cycles
13:00  Lunch for all participants

Session 1:  Introductory Session

14:00-14:20  Welcome by Dr. Sherali Nurmatov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Welcome by Hokimiyat, Fergana Province Government

Welcome by Dr. Maarten Van Ginkel, Deputy Director General for Research, ICARDA

14:20–14:30  Introduction of all participants

14:30–15:00  Introductory presentation on DS CRP and objectives of the meeting by Dr. Bill Payne, CRP Director

15:00–15:15  Report on the outcomes of Inception Phase and research planning by Dr. Jozef Turok, Regional Coordinator and Head, CGIAR Program Facilitation Unit

15:15–15:30  Introduction to Activities in Central Asia and their alignment with DS CRP Intermediate Development Outcomes, Outputs by Dr Botir Dosov, Consultant

15:30–16:00  Questions and answers

16:00–16:30  Coffee/tea break and group photo

Session 2:  Key challenges that need to be addressed by dryland systems research in Central Asia

16:30–18:00  Panelists will make short statements on key challenges in the Region, followed by discussion in plenary

- Acad. Dzhamin Akimaliev (land degradation and farming systems)
- Prof. Abdikhalil Kayimov (agroforestry)
- Prof. Abdrahkhan Ombayev (livestock and pasture)
- Dr Ashir Soparmuradov (sustainable land management practices)
- Dr Tursunboy Akhmedov (fruits, nuts, vegetables)
- Dr Shukrat Mukhamedjanov (integrated water management)
- Dr Alisher Tashmatov (wider policy implications of dryland systems research)
Introduction to working group sessions

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Session 3: Finalizing logframe of RIW\textsuperscript{1} Activities aligned with Intermediate Development Outcomes

09:00–11:00 Concurrent working groups will review, fine-tune and finalize logframe with Activities
11:00–11:30 Coffee/tea break
11:30-13:00 Plenary discussion
13:00–14:00 Lunch break

Session 4: Agreeing on main Activities to be implemented in 2013-2014

14:00-15:30 Concurrent working groups will discuss and review five proposed Activities and develop implementation plans

- Identify and introduce stress-tolerant, high-yielding and improved quality varieties of cereals, potato, vegetable, horticultural and fodder crops in pure and mixed plantations through on-farm adaptive trials
- Establish a seed system platform compatible with existing agro-ecological environments to supply farmers with high quality seed and planting materials so as to improve livelihoods, food security and incomes of smallholders
- Increase sustainability of marginal lands by using non-conventional land and water for innovative small-scale irrigation technologies and introduction of crop and pasture diversity adapted to soil salinity, heat and drought
- Improve water use efficiency through innovative technologies in irrigation and farming in cereals, potato, vegetable, horticultural and fodder crops
- Establish innovation platform for integrated land conservation and watersheds managements leading to improved access to water, enhanced agricultural practices and pasture ecosystem services and management

15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea break

Session 5: Partnerships

16:00-18:00 Concurrent working groups will discuss partners and their key contributions along the research-for-development continuum for each Activity
19:00 Social Dinner

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09:00-11:00 Presentation of implementation plans for each Activity in plenary, discussion and endorsement

\textsuperscript{1} Activities agreed at the Regional Inception Workshop (RIW) for Central Asia and the Caucasus held 12-14 June 2012.
11:00–11:30 Coffee/tea break

Session 6: **Resources, governance and planning next steps**

11:30–13:00 Resource allocation for each and within each Action Site

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

Session 7: **Conclusions and closure**

14:00-15:30 Next steps
Regional Stakeholder Advisory Committee formation
Satellite Sites
Meeting evaluation
Closing remarks

16:00 Departure of participants