

**14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of the CGIAR Collaborative Research Program for Sustainable Agricultural Development in Central Asia and the Caucasus**

**Program**

20 – 22 September, 2011, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and posters

**Session 1: Introductory Session**

09:00–09:10 Welcome address: Prof. Sherali Nurmatov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan / Director General, Uzbek Scientific Production Center for Agriculture / Rector, Tashkent State Agrarian University

09:10–09:35 Opening address: “CGIAR Research Programs and their implications to Central Asia and the Caucasus” by Dr. Mahmoud Solh, Chair, CGIAR Program for Central Asia and the Caucasus / Director General, ICARDA

09:35–10:00 Overview of major developments in the Region and progress made in the implementation of the Regional Program by Dr. Jozef Turok, Head, CGIAR Program Facilitation Unit

10:00–10:30 Coffee/tea break

**Session 2: Agricultural innovations in Central Asia and the Caucasus: promoting adaptation to climate change and supporting integrated water resources management**

10:30-10:50	Groundwater development in the Fergana Valley	Dr Akmal Karimov, International Water Management Institute
10:50-11:10	Meso-level cooperation on transboundary tributaries and infrastructures in Fergana Valley	Dr Kai Wegerich, Dr. Jusipbek Kazbekov, Mr. Firdavs Kabilov & Ms. Nozilakhon Mukhamedova, International Water Management Institute
11:10-11:30	Use of remote sensing, information technology and cell phone technology for irrigation scheduling in Fergana Valley	Ms. Hilola Masharipova, Ph.D. student, Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration, Uzbekistan, & Prof. Mohan Junna, International Water Management Institute
11:30-11:50	Promoting sustainable renewable water and bio-energy production on marginal lands in Central Asia	Prof. Faisal Taha, Dr Kristina Toderich, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture & Dr. Natalya Akinshina, National University of Uzbekistan
11:50-12:10	<i>In-vitro</i> screening for salinity and drought tolerance in potato advanced clones in Central Asia	Dr. Zulfiya Davlyatnazarova, Institute of Plant Physiology and Genetics, Tajikistan in collaboration with International Potato Center
12:10-12:30	Assessment of climate change impact on production and productivity of bread-wheat in Central Asia	Dr Maria Glazirina, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
12:30-12:50	Improving food security and coping with biotic and abiotic constraints using improved crop germplasm in Central Asia and the Caucasus	Dr Ram Sharma & Dr Zakir Khalikulov, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
12:50-13:10	CIMMYT achievements and challenges in a changing climate with focus on Central Asia	Dr Etienne Duveiller, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre

13:10–14:00 Lunch break

14:00-14:20	International food policy research in Central Asia: the implications of climate change	Dr. Pramod Joshi & Dr. Kamiljon Akramov, International Food Policy Research Institute
14:20-14:40	Evaluation and selection of potato clones tolerant to abiotic stress	Dr. Firuz Yuldashev, International Potato Center
14:40-15:00	Application of DIVA GIS technology in predicting pistachio ( <i>Pistacia vera</i> L.) productivity in changing environment	Mr. Mansur Holmuradov, Ph.D. student, Prof. Abdikhalil Kayimov, TashGAU, Uzbekistan, & Ms Muhabbat Turdieva, Bioversity International
15:00-15:20	The World Vegetable Center's approaches towards varietal trials, selection and adoption of vegetable crops' lines to abiotic stress	Ms. Makhfurat Amanova, UzRIPI & Dr. Ravza Mavlyanova, World Vegetable Centre
15:20-15:40	Biological control of diseases on <i>Solanaceae</i> crops in Uzbekistan	Mr. Murodjon Nasedjanov, Institute of Soil Science, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Ms. Gulnara Djumanyazova, Institute of Mycrobiology, Uzbekistan & Dr Barno Tashpulatova, Integrated Pest Management Project/ Michigan State University

15:40–16:00

Coffee/tea break

**Session 3:**

**Agricultural research for development in Central Asia and the Caucasus**

16:00-16:15	Armenia	Dr. Gayane Sarkisyan, Director, Research Center for Vegetables and Technical Crops, Ministry of Agriculture
16:15-16:30	Azerbaijan	Dr. Javanshir Talai, Director, Azerbaijan Research Institute of Crop Husbandry
16:30-16:45	Georgia	Mr. Lasha Gotsiridze, Rector, Georgian State Agrarian University
16:45-17:00	Kazakhstan	Dr. Serik Kenenbayev, President, JSC "KazAgroInnovation"
17:00-17:15	Kyrgyz Republic	Acad. Jamin Akimaliev, Director General, Kyrgyz Research Institute of Crop Husbandry
17:15-17:30	Tajikistan	Acad. Hukmatullo Akhmadov, President, Tajikistan Academy of Agricultural Sciences
17:30-17:45	Turkmenistan	Dr. Tagan Annagulyyev, Vice-president, Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan
17:45-18:00	Uzbekistan	Prof. Sherali Nurmatov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan / Director General, Uzbek Scientific Production Center for Agriculture / Rector, Tashkent State Agrarian University

**19:00**

**Reception Dinner hosted by CGIAR**

### **Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

- 08:00–09:00 Breakfast meeting with representatives of the Centers that employ staff in the Region (closed session)
- A detailed proposal for implementation of the harmonized remuneration structure for the staff based in Tashkent will be presented by the PFU. The Center representatives are expected to discuss and endorse implementation steps.*
- 08:00–09:30 **Poster session for all other participants (the authors will present their stands)**
- Session 4: Regional priorities for agricultural research for development**
- 10:00–10:15 Regional Priorities for agricultural research for development: presentation from Central Asia and the Caucasus Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (CACAARI) by Acad. Jamin Akimaliev, Chair of CACAARI
- 10:15–10:45 CGIAR Research Programs (CRP) addressing the Regional Priorities in Central Asia and the Caucasus: brief updates by representatives of lead Centers (Roundtable discussion)
- 10:45–11:00 Roundtable discussion (continued)
- 11:00–11:30 Coffee/tea break
- Session 5: Program Facilitation Unit: mode of operation, services and future strategy**
- 11:30–13:00 *A document prepared by the PFU describing its mode of operation, services and proposals for future sustainability will be introduced. The members of the Steering Committee will be expected to comment, discuss and agree on a common strategy for the future.*
- 13:00–14:00 Lunch break
- Session 6: New initiatives and broader linkages of the Program**
- 14:00–15:30 Statements by partners from research and development agencies
- 15:30–16:00 Coffee/tea break
- Session 7: Conclusions and closure**
- 16:00–17:00 Performance assessment of PFU  
Place and venue of next PSC Meeting  
Closing Remarks
- 19:00 Reception Dinner hosted by H.E. Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

**Thursday, September 22, 2011**

**Field visit to research sites around Tashkent**

08:30–09:00	Departure from Hotel, bus transfer
09:00–11:00	Tashkent State Agrarian University
11:00–12:00	Uzbek Research Institute of Fruit Growing, Viticulture, and Wine Production named after R. Schroeder
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:30	Bus transfer
14:30–15:30	National University of Uzbekistan
15:30–16:00	Bus transfer, arrival to Hotel at 16:00