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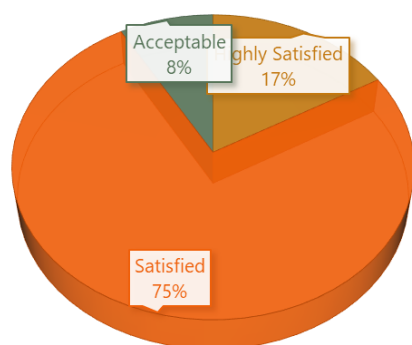
## RESULTS: PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK - 2020 SKiM VIRTUAL LEARNING

In the framework of the [SKiM project](#), ICARDA in synergy with FAO had organized the “[I4IFA](#)” virtual event, a comprehensive training on knowledge management hosting the “[Knowledge Management and Capacity Development Best Practice: Valorization and Transfer of Research Results](#)”, a five days virtual training organized and delivered by ICARDA and CIHEAM-Bari from 29 June to 3 July 2020.



To gauge the satisfaction of the participants a detailed Satisfaction Survey Questionnaire was created on MEL. It was emailed to the participants through the link <https://mel.cgiar.org/survey/take/id/128>. This was designed as a

### OVERALL SATISFACTION

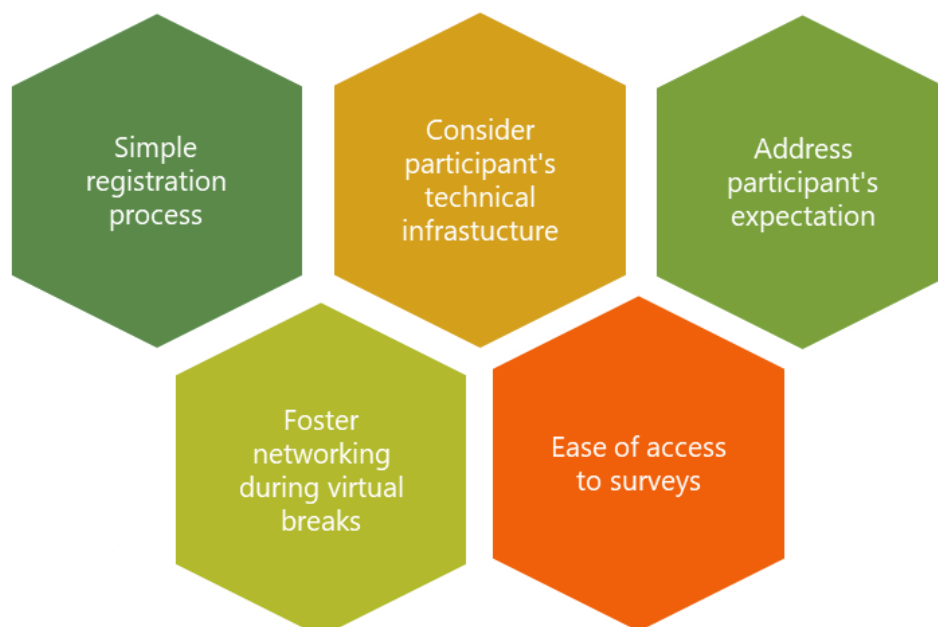


follow up to measure and evaluate satisfaction with the training activities, organising and management of the virtual event. Specific questions related to each session was asked along with an option to provide further comments, with the objective to gain critical insight from participants for future virtual and international events.

The event was received as satisfactory (with the responses recorded being “acceptable”, “satisfied” and “highly satisfied”). The participants also gave satisfactory ratings to the arrangements and preparations for the event.

Ranging from communications relating to the preparations expected from the participants, the technology used to convene the event and the ability to interact virtually with organisers and other participants. Detailed satisfaction survey responses can be found in the Final report of the learning week available in the resources section [here](#).

### PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK TO SKiM PMU



# SKiM NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: MOROCCO

In 2020 the SKiM Project Management Unit (PMU) has redacted the [SKiM Governance Document](#), in line with IFAD guidelines and best practices, detailing the composition of the SKiM set of professional figures supporting the several aspects of the project. The Moroccan National Technical Committee (NTC) was summoned to evaluate SKiM project activities and contributions in Morocco with the National Focal Point (NFP) and in-country partner institutions to coordinate Moroccan SKiM interventions.



*Moroccan needs extracted from SKiM Capacity Needs Assessment report*

Thus, the Moroccan National Technical Committee came together for the first meeting on 20 July 2020 under the leadership of the National Focal Point Dr. Sanaa Zebakh. Representatives from Agronomic and Veterinary Institute (IAV) Hassan II, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (National Institute for Agricultural Research—INRA), Office National du Conseil Agricole (National Office of Agricultural Council—ONCA) and École Nationale d'Agriculture (ENA) de Meknes were among the meeting attendees with the SKiM Project Management Unit.

The first meeting discussed

- SKiM activities that match National Partners expectations and needs.
- Drafting and submitting of Partners' Solutions for the IFAD Rural Solutions Portal.
- Promotion of national partners' KM related activities.

The National Technical Committee met again for the second meeting on 25 September 2020 where they discussed

- Knowledge transfer at the national level from IAV, INRA and ENA to ONCA as an extension agency.
- Interest in organising a workshop on what is and how to develop a KM Strategy.
- Use of existing digital platforms to achieve visibility within SKiM project.

Steps are being planned to realise the action points of the Moroccan NTC meetings. SKiM PMU is now working with the respective National Focal Points, Steering Committee members, and partner institutions of Sudan and Moldova to arrange the National Technical Committee meetings in these SKiM target countries.

## IAV HASSAN II CONTRIBUTION TO AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

The “Revue Marocaine des Sciences Agronomiques et vétérinaires” (REMAV) is a multidisciplinary Moroccan journal published in 2012 by Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (IAV Hassan II) as a continuity to the previous journal “Actes de l’IAV Hassan II”, launched in 1980 and is Indexed by DOAJ, Google Scholar. REMAV is a peer-reviewed journal focusing on agriculture and veterinary sciences in general and all related topics such as agronomy, rural engineering, topography, forestry, horticulture, food, nutrition, animal husbandry and veterinary sciences. The journal provides immediate free access to its content based on the principle that “making research available to the public free of charge facilitates a greater exchange of knowledge, on a global scale”.

The journal has noticed a significative evolution of published papers between 2012 and 2020 proving the interest of authors towards REMAV. A total of 388 articles were published during the last 9 years and does not require a processing or publication fee for authors.



REMAV is also presenting specific topics volume such the one on irrigation in 2017, "dromedary" in 2018 and the next volume focusing poultry sciences. Call for papers are open internationally and authors from different countries can submit their papers all year. For Specific volume topics, calls are published with a deadline.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Online Course: IFAD Grants - Foundation of Project Monitoring & Evaluation in Rural Development**

*Hosted by IFAD, available now - course details [here](#).*

**IFAD Rural Solutions Available in Your Country**

*Rural Solutions providers reachable through the IFAD online portal and officers - solutions details [here](#).*

**13th Arab Congress of Plant Protection**

*Hosted by the Arab Society for Plant Protection (Hammamet, Tunisia), November 1-6, 2020 - event details [here](#).*

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