

SKiM

**Strengthening Knowledge Management
for Greater Development Effectiveness
in the Near East, North Africa,
Central Asia and Europe**



Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

*15-16 December, 2021
CIHEAM-Bari, Valenzano (Italy)*

Introduction

Strengthening Knowledge Management for Greater Development Effectiveness in the Near East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe (SKiM) is a grant project led by ICARDA and funded by IFAD. The project also collaborates with international partners CIHEAM-Bari, PROCASUR, Virginia Tech as well as NARS, governments, and agricultural extension services in Moldova, Morocco and Sudan.

Initiated in June 2018, the project facilitates and supports KM and capacity development activities in the three selected countries, providing practical examples of KM best practices for analysis and adoption by participating institutions. Increasing the capacities of participating public institutions, by providing necessary structures and systems at the country and regional levels, ensures that knowledge can be effectively managed for long-term growth and development.

The project website (<https://mel.cgiar.org/projects/SKiM>) provides background information and outlines the project team, partners and stakeholders. The website also shares key documents including the project proposal, and outlines the goals, objectives and impact pathway of the project, as well as additional resources and information on news and events.

The SKiM Knowledge Management Portal (<https://knowledgemanagementportal.org>) is the open access page showcasing the latest info and achievements of SKiM institutions, organizations and networks partnering in Knowledge Management worldwide.

Objectives and Expected Outcomes

The committee shall bring together the multi-stakeholder platform to examine KM practices adopted in the year of implementation, in addition to derivate initiatives that address natural resource management, sustainable land management, conservation agriculture, livestock data, agricultural development solutions, and climate resilience issues, with the final objective of planning for future activities while incentivizing knowledge and competences exchange among them with communal institutional growth and partnership building.

The outcomes of the meeting are planned to be achieved through:

- A) Presentations by the stakeholders of the yearly initiatives on KM, activities, policies and practices.
- B) Presentation of the annual progress 2021 and proposed activities for 2022.
- C) Discussion, agreement and finalization of the Plan of Work and Budget.

Participants and beneficiaries

The committee includes members from the implementation partners, the funder and delegates from the participating countries, with the responsibility to communicate the state of development and progression toward the pre-assessed knowledge management needs and the newly identified improvable areas. The participants bring to the table a great variety of disciplines interfacing with the natural resource management, including social science, economics, information technology, engineering and more.

Wednesday, 15th of December 2021

TIME (CET)	AGENDA	FACILITATOR(S)
9.00 – 9.30	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Round of introductions - Approval of agenda 	<p>Maurizio Raeli CIHEAM Bari Director Damiano Petruzzella Akmal Akramkhanov</p>
9.30 – 13.00	<p>Status of project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mid-term evaluation (30') - Actions and updates of M&E plan (10') Q&A (10') <p>Country presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moldova Developments and Discussion (15') - Morocco Developments and Discussion (15') - Sudan Developments and Discussion (15') Q&A (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SKiM Portal (15') - KM platform integration with INRA (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIHEAM Bari (15') - Virginia Tech (15') Q&A (20') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021 SKiM progress summary and discussion (20') 	<p>Ross McLeod (recorded) Innocent Bikara (online)</p> <p>Mihaela Cojocaru (online) Sanaa Zebakh (online) Sarrah Rasheid</p> <p>Svetlana Saakova (online) Valerio Graziano</p> <p>Jocelyne Jawhar Jeffrey Alwang (online)</p> <p>A. Akramkhanov</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch time (CIHEAM cafeteria)	
14.00 – 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence synthesis paper (10') - Scaling readiness of innovations and discussion (20') Q&A (10') <p>AWPB 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of workplan for 2022 (20') 	<p>Murat Sartas (online)</p> <p>A. Akramkhanov</p>
15.00 – 16.00	Discussion and next steps	A. Akramkhanov

Thursday, 16th of December 2021

TIME (CET)	AGENDA	FACILITATOR(S)
9.00 – 12.00	Visit to Technology Transfer Office & Innovation Lab	D. Petruzzella J. Jawhar