

SKiM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Strengthening Knowledge Management for Greater
Development Effectiveness



Food and Agriculture
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ICARDA
Science for resilient livelihoods in dry areas

Information 4 Innovation in Food and Agriculture (I4IFA) virtual meeting 29 June to 3 July

Increasing quality and effectiveness of knowledge
management and data exchange for food and agriculture

Annual AGRIS Community Meeting

Promoting accessibility of scientific information
and digital data in food & agriculture

**2020 SKiM LEARNING WEEK
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2020 SKiM LEARNING WEEK VIRTUAL EVENT

In the framework of the [SKiM project](#), ICARDA in synergy with FAO has 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 CIHEAM-Bari and ICARDA from 29 June to 3 July 2020.

The activity, aimed at developing knowledge managers and knowledge officers, has been focused on the themes of knowledge curation, storage, sharing and transfer for enhanced outreach and [FAIRness](#), strengthening the participants skills on two of the four [KM processes](#) identified as feasible for enhancement among the SKiM partners.

The virtual training has connected 47 professionals from 17 institutions and 11 countries, producing 7 virtual visits and 5 presentations updating on the partners KM assets, 7 thematic trainings and 3 live exercises. All the presentations are available in the Resources section [here](#), on the ICARDA repository [MELSpace](#) and the [SKiM Knowledge Management Portal](#).

The event has been hosted Open Access on the Google Meet platform, attracting experts willing to acquire best practices. The registrations have been collected with Google Form and reviewed by the SKiM responsible. The social media campaign, sharing news, updates and quotes from the event has been carried out on Twitter and Facebook, scoring 15116 impressions, 411 engagements and 34 shares from 23 posts in 7 days.

Activities



5 Homework Sessions



8 Virtual Presentations



11 Live Q&As



3 Interactive Exercises



4 Smart Exchanges

Attendance



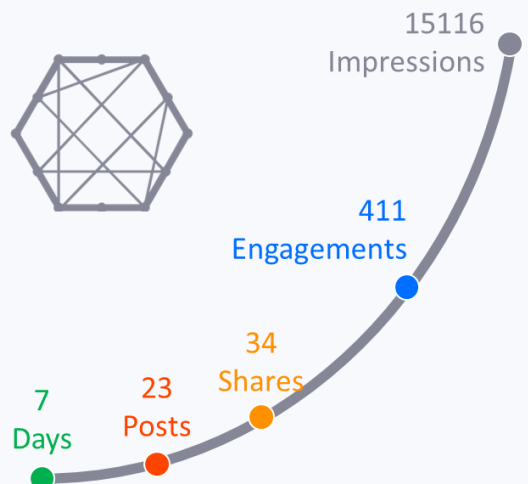
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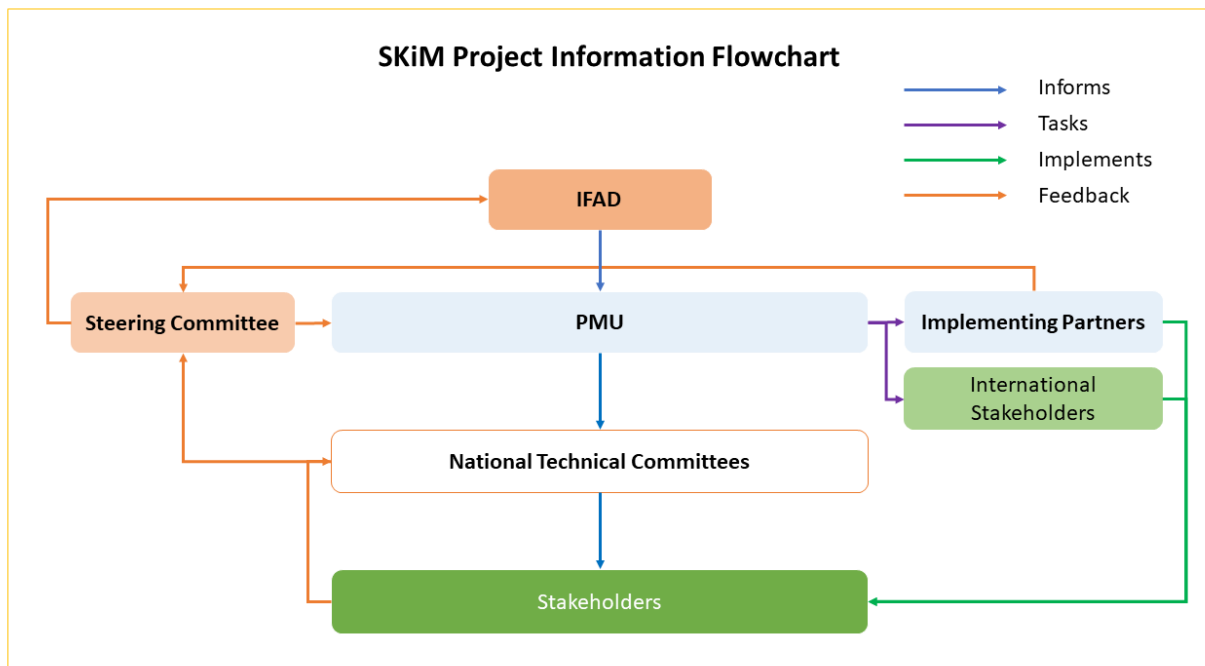


17 Institutions

Outreach

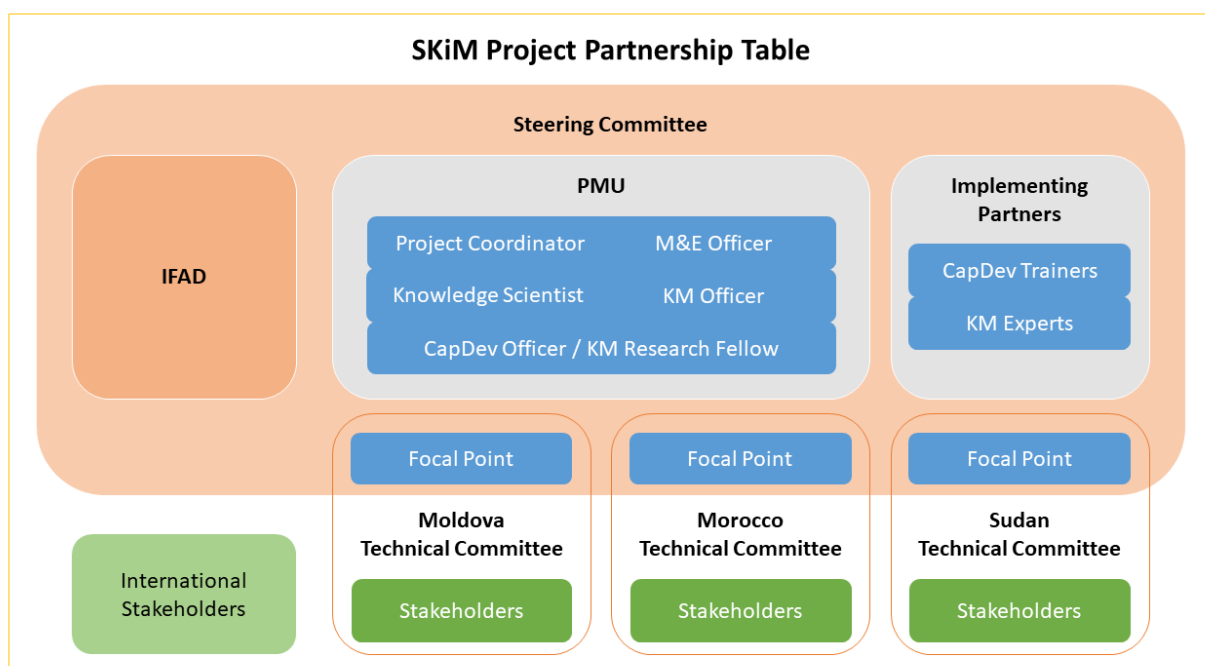


SKiM PARTNERSHIP AND INFORMATION OVERVIEW



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. To update visually on these latest developments, here is presented an updated overview of the decision making actors (Table below) and of the informing->tasking->implementing->feedback interlinked processes (Flowchart above) that make possible SKiM strengthening activities according to strategy.

The notable addition, for enhanced efficacy of SKiM, is the identification of three Focal Points (NFP) from national partners, to coordinate the National Technical Committees (NTC) in Moldova, Morocco and Sudan. The NTC are national networks of stakeholders deliberating on knowledge management and regional strengthening activities that SKiM can sustain and support. The NTC representative are the NFP, members of the Steering Committee, localising SKiM interventions and capacity development activities in a sustainable way.



SKiM SYMPOSIUM: MOROCCO REGIONAL WORKSHOP

On 13-15 November 2019, the Regional Workshop "[Bridging Knowledge Creation and Sharing for Natural Resource Management and Climate Resilience](#)" has been organized and hosted at the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (Rabat, Morocco) in the framework of the SKiM project. The activity included a diverse array of participants representing agricultural research, extension services, research for development, civil society organizations, academia and producer associations.

The annual Steering Committee meeting has been summoned on day one, to discuss the project implementations since the [inception meeting](#) of 2018 and future 2020 activities, which will include a new Regional Workshop coming in the fourth quarter of this year. The event has brought together 70 professionals from 23 institutions and 14 countries, taking part to

12 mutually taught classes as part of the Knowledge Symposium of day two and three. The activity has been focused on fostering knowledge exchange and systematization of solutions in various areas of agricultural research, by highlighting the benefits of mutually compatible KM practices that ease partnering for greater impact. In order to achieve this objective, the workshop featured on day two Communities of Practice (CoPs) gathered around core research and capacity development themes according to stakeholders' needs.

See the video on YouTube [here](#)

Download from MELSpace [here](#)



SKiM Regional Workshop, 13-15 November 2019, Rabat, Morocco

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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