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KM FOR AGRICULTURE: SUDANESE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY EXPERIENCES

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Our story began at ...

International Workshop on “Knowledge Management Capacity in Africa: Harnessing Tools for Development and Innovation” in January 2012. The workshop was attended by more that 400 participants from 16 different countries.



The 2012 Workshop's Proceedings included agriculture-related presentations:



Plenary Sessions

A KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR EDUCATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
John Trimble and Greg Jenkins Howard University (USA)

EXPERIENCES OF DOCUMENTING MEDICINAL PLANTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
Mathew Nindi Department of Chemistry, University of South Africa (South Africa)

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES: THE ROLE OF TELECENTRE NETWORKS IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Dean Mulozi Regional Facilitator of South African Telecentre Network (Zambia)

Student Papers

CHRONOLOGICAL COMPARISON OF VEGETATION OF ERKOWIT PLATEAU, RED SEA STATE (1956-2009)
Fatima Salaheldin Mohamad Ali Department of Botany, University of Khartoum (Sudan)

Posters

RAINWATER HARVESTING IN KASSALA STATE USING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Ayman Haroun, Mujahid H. Khalifa and Muntasir Fadlallah Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University of Kassala (Sudan)

Indigenous Knowledge Systems Exhibition

SUDANESE FOODS AND BEVERAGES (EXTRACTS FROM BOOK BY PROFESSOR HAMID DIRRAR FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM)
Fatin Azhari Garden City College for Science and Technology (Sudan)

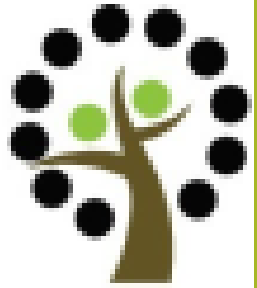
Software Demonstrations

FARMERS (FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REAL-TIME MESSAGING AND REPORTING SYSTEM)
Aladdin Shomoug NEXT Technology Centre, Sudan

Visit workshop blog at: <https://kmca2012.blogspot.com/>

Sudanese Knowledge Society

Cultural Association registered with *Ministry of Culture* (Reg. # 545) founded in June 2012.



WHO WE ARE

Building on UNESCO's definition of "Knowledge Society" as a one *"that is nurtured by its diversity and its capacities ... It is about its capabilities to identify, produce, process, transform, disseminate and use information to build and apply knowledge for human development,"* we identify ourselves as in terms of our ...

Vision: Realizing the knowledge society in Sudan.

Mission: SKS is comprised of a multidisciplinary and diverse group of individuals that includes academics, professionals, craftspeople, students, development workers, who aim to work for enabling institutions, organizations and the people of the Sudan to utilize the concepts, methods and values of the knowledge society – with particular emphasis on the utilization of knowledge management.

Goal is to serve as a catalyst in the transformation of Sudan into a knowledge society -- which is a source of human and sustainable development.

Slogan is *"Knowledge to empower people"*

WHAT WE DO

- We are interested in **new tools** like knowledge management, information and communication technologies, as well as **knowledge production** culture and processes.
- We mainly:
 - **Organize** seminars, forums, open days, training courses, workshops and conferences.
 - **Participate** in related local and international events.
 - **Support** research and development efforts.
 - **Share** the expertise and ideas of society's members with interested individuals, communities, and organizations.
 - **Collaborate** on events and projects with other actors in any knowledge domain.

Since establishing the **Sudanese Knowledge Society**

We organised various events, some are related to agriculture:

Workshop with the theme “Knowledge Management for Environmental Sustainability”, 1 – 2 June 2013
(<https://km4env.blogspot.com/>)

Symposium on a “Critique of Development: Sudan in the Matrix”, 30 - 31 March 2018
(<https://sks-development.blogspot.com/>)

As well as worked with others:

KariaNet

Training Workshop, 27 – 30 October 2013:

Keynote Presentation on Knowledge Sharing, by *Gada Kadoda*

Presentation on Knowledge Sharing Tools, by *Marwan Awad*,

Support (*Fatima Salaheldin, Nada Mahmoud, and Eram Oshari*) in facilitating Knowledge Sharing Discussion session led by *Elamin Hassan*

KariaNet KM Evaluation, January 2014, by *Marwan Awad*

Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC)

ARC & Sudanese Encyclopaedia of Agricultural Science (SENAS) Workshop, 4 March 2014:

Taking part in the planning, *Gada Kadoda*

Presentation entitled “Knowledge map for agriculture information system: a proposal”, by *Marwan Awad*

Participation in ARC Training on Social Media, 1 – 5 September 2015, *Fatima Salaheldin*

More Recently, in our monthly Seminars

- Environmental and Agricultural Words that can only be found in Sudan, by Professor *Salaheldin Aboud*, 14 March 2014
- Rural Development: Alsaya Vision 2022, Dr. *Omer Suliman*, 7 October 2017 (in collaboration with Impact Hub Khartoum)
- Rainforest agriculture in Gedaref State: Local Knowledge and Innovative Technologies, by Mr. *Mustafa Alkhalil*, 8 March 2018 (in collaboration with the Sudanese Soil Science Society)

Please visit our seminars' blog at: <https://sks-seminars.blogspot.com/>

Learning ...

- Organising a large KM event gives a **momentum** for community building
 - Continued communication and collaborations sustain relationships
- Reaching out to a diverse community accelerates **transformation**
 - Spreading the word about KM sustains the conversation and opens new possibilities
- Taking a close look into our organisations and communities for KM readiness
 - Beneath the surface is a particular culture, intellectual formation, social injustices, ... things that need addressing to truly transform **reality**!