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## WOMEN IN... KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

In the wake of the International Women's Day, we would like to present to our readers a mini portfolio of some of our women force who work with the SKiM project to develop effective and long-term knowledge management related capacities in our target countries Moldova, Morocco and Sudan, with their opinions on the SKiM Project.



**Dr. Jocelyne JAWHAR** from SKiM Implementing Partner CIHEAM-Bari works on coordination of the Mediterranean Innovation Network (MIP) for youth entrepreneurship and technology transfer in the agri-food sector and related initiatives. She is an Agricultural engineer who holds a Ph.D. in Plant Protection. Jocelyne feels that the SKiM project is an enriching opportunity that allows her to meet colleagues from 3 different continents. She says that exchange of experiences and good practices offers excellent potential for exploiting research findings, to replicate and enhance research linkages. Dr. Jawhar strongly feels that that the project has considered women as key actors with their different profiles by focussing on valorising their role as a pillar of the family and their significant socio-economic contribution.

**Dr. Sanaa ZEBAKH** is SKiM project's National Focal Point for Morocco, who is the Deputy Director of Cooperation, Partnership and Development at IAV (Agronomic and Veterinary Institute) Hassan II. She is an Agronomist with a masters degree in the same. Sanaa feels that the SKiM project is an important opportunity for participating institutions to brainstorm with partners with the objective to implement a national and institutional KM strategy and to exchange knowledge about KM tools. She says that several workshops and training sessions which have been conducted have benefitted of her institutions' researchers and policy makers. Sanaa feels extremely delighted to learn and share know-hows on new KM modes from our Moldovan and Sudanese partners.



**Dr. Carolina UNGUREANU** is the SKiM project's point of contact at the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) "Viitorul". She is currently the Deputy Director for International Cooperation and Project Manager here at IDIS Viitorul. She feels that being a part of the SKiM, IDIS Viitorul has looked forward to both sharing and gaining knowledge and best practices from SKiM partner institutions in both Moldova and other target countries- Morocco and Sudan, to establish partnerships, identify new avenues of cooperation with these partner institutions and support the knowledge management (KM) and capacity development activities.



**Dr. Sarra Rasheid BEHEIRY**, is SKiM project's National Focal Point in Sudan and works as a lecturer at the Ahfad University for Women, at School of Rural Extension, Education and Development. She holds a PhD in Sustainable Rural Development with interests in food security, and sustainable development. Dr. Sarra feels that her collaboration with SKiM project as its National Focal Point, is extremely inspiring and positive as it has nurtured her interests towards appreciating knowledge management and knowledge sharing as they open doors for learning about best practices, and overall organization improvement.



**Dr. Elena SCRIPNIC** and **Dr. Svetlana PETRASCU** are the SKiM project's point of contact in the State Agrarian University of Moldova– SAUM. Dr. Scripnic is presently an associate professor and Head of International Relations Department and Ms. Petrascu is currently the Specialist in European Integration and Academic Mobility in the Department of International Relations. Dr. Elena feels that being a member of the SKiM project to promote the Knowledge Management activities at the university level has well supported the increase of knowledge sharing capacity among target groups of their activities. Ms. Petrascu feels that The involvement in the SKiM project has a strong connection with the daily activities that have an impact on the development of the Knowledge Management at the State Agrarian university of Moldova.



**Dr. Ekhlas ELOMIRY**, is a member of the SKiM project's National Technical Committee in Sudan. She is presently the Knowledge Management Officer for the Central Coordination Unit for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and IFAD funded projects in Sudan. Ms. Elomiry feels that being a part of the SKiM project's National Technical Committee to work and coordinate between various partners to implement the project activities in Sudan has been a very rewarding and a great learning experience for her.

**Ms. Rofaida ELZUBAIR**, is a member of the SKiM National Technical Committee in Sudan. Co-Founder of the Sudanese Knowledge Society, she is a certified Knowledge Practitioner committed to fostering the use of information technology for development, leading implementation of initiatives that promote knowledge sharing, preserve data, enable leveraging of information assets, and facilitate utilization of knowledge within organizations. Ms. Elzubair feels that being involved in the SKiM project is a great opportunity to participate in strengthening Knowledge Management for rural development and agricultural research as well as learning through engaging with other partners.



## SKiM IMPLEMENTS SCALING READINESS CONSULTATIONS TO SELECT KEY INNOVATIONS FOR A DEEP-DIVE STUDY IN EAST EUROPE, NORTH AND EAST AFRICA

Scaling Readiness is an evidence-based decision support system that guides projects, programs, and policies in developing effective and efficient innovation and scaling strategies. By identifying the novel components of innovation that define its originality and complementary innovations that need to be combined with the innovation aimed to be scaled, it provides a comprehensive picture of innovation and its potential contribution to impact at scale. Using this picture and granular information on innovations and their use, Scaling Readiness generates recommendations on what, whom, and how to work with to ensure maximum impact at scale with a minimum cost.

In 2021, the SKiM and the IFAD coordination team conducted Scaling Readiness Studies in Moldova — which report is available here <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/13303> — and has initiated it in Morocco, and Sudan. To be able to best complement the ongoing IFAD efforts in these countries and better address the demands from national stakeholders, SKiM has organized a multi-stakeholder consultation process in each country. In April, SKiM team members initially presented the basic tools and practices of Scaling Readiness, provided recent examples of finalized Scaling Readiness Studies to the core group of IFAD managers and experts. SKiM has facilitated a group prioritization session among the members of the community of practice in Sudan and scheduled a similar session for Morocco.



For further information about the Scaling Readiness and consultations with the community of practice members please contact Dr. Murat Sartas (ICARDA) at [murat.sartas@cgmel.org](mailto:murat.sartas@cgmel.org). Following are a few resources to aid the understanding on Scaling Readiness.

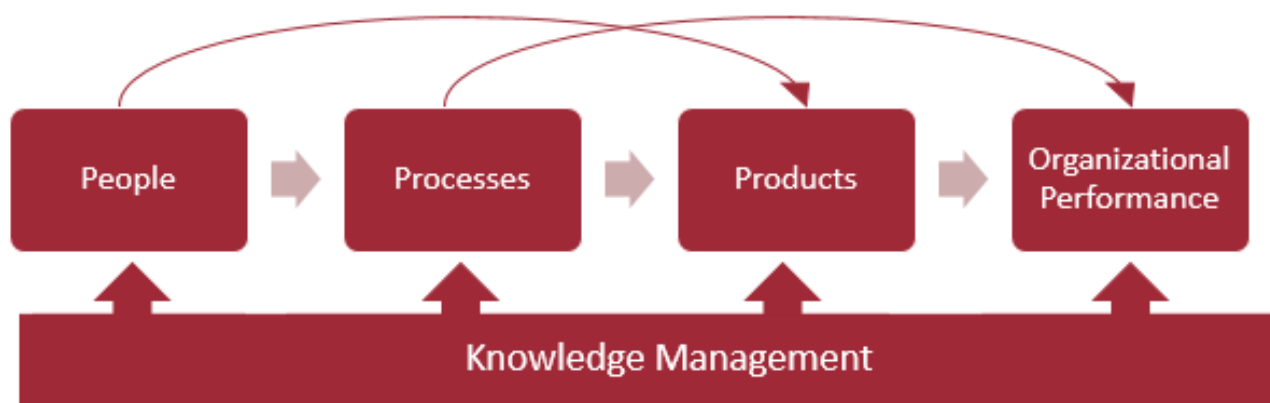
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## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT CORE GROUP MEETING

The first meeting of the Sudanese Knowledge Management Core Group (CG) was held on 5th-6th April, at the Central Coordination Unit premises, participated by prominent knowledge management practitioners from Sudan Government, the IFAD Country Office (ICO) and IFAD active projects and programs, the Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC-Sudan), the University of Khartoum (UofK), Procasur and SKiM Project Management Unit.

The meeting saw the attendees come together over the two days to address Knowledge Management strengthening opportunities that included:

1. Country KM Strategy development and implementation plan, reviewed along with knowledge management products and partnerships. Training objectives and outcomes aim at strengthening knowledge production, sharing, transfer, documentation and quality assurance amongst institutions.
2. Review IFAD projects KM plans, including joint contribution to the KM-CG Work Plan 2021 and developing the KM-CG-2021 Action Plan, envisioning joint activities in KM at cross-project country level.
3. Selection of innovations in research and development for the SKiM Scaling Readiness Analysis.
4. Presentation and analysis of 2020 prominent knowledge products by IFAD projects KM Focal Points.
5. Updates on the Central Coordination Unit website for knowledge content and management.
6. Participation to the 2021 SKiM Knowledge Symposium for expertise transfer and capacity building.



# KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

## BY IDIS VIITORUL

In 2020 the SKiM project partner Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "IDIS Viitorul" produced a Knowledge Management Guide for practitioners from universities and research institutions, [available here](#) Open Access. The guide is addressed towards organisations which are engaged in research and innovation activities, in the production of knowledge and solutions to the problems of contemporary societies. The purpose of this guide is to help these institutions to implement KM programmes, and to provide theoretical and methodological support for such approaches.

The guide is structured into three chapters:

- KM conceptualization and theoretical framework– where KM is defined, with the evolution of KM, its dimensions, and a brief synthesis of the theoretical framework;
- KM implementation– with step by step implementation of KM, description all the stages to be passed by the institutions trying to implement the KM programmes
- KM in practice– successes and failures, with highlights and the key factors that can lead to the success or failure of KM implementation.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### More about "Women and Girls in Science"

Read facts and latest data about Women and Girls in Science [here](#).

### IFAD Knowledge Management CoP

Want to become a member or ask a question? Please visit the [xdesk page](#) or write to [IFADknowledge@ifad.org](mailto:IFADknowledge@ifad.org).

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