



WP 7: Focus Participatory Activities

Rmel Watershed Study Site Stakeholder Workshop

Zaghouan, 10th December 2019

Meeting Report





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1. WORKSHOP RATIONAL

The living lab approach underlying LANDSUPPORT activities is aimed at involving policy and decision makers and potential users from the very beginning and throughout all project phases, ensuring that the delivered DSS tools can actually be used.

A first preparatory workshop was held in Tunis in March 2019, involving stakeholders from the study site region (Zaghouan Governorate). The key focus of the workshop was on understanding the elements that decision-makers take into account when they take decisions on land use management, thus verifying the assumptions behind the LANDSUPPORT tools.

The second workshop was held in Zaghouan on the 10th of December, from 9:00 to 14:00.

The objectives of this workshop were to present the project progress, to disseminate information to the various departments of the CRDA, and to discuss at the work plan for the future activities that will be held in 2020.

The workshop's program (Annex 1) included presentations from other projects that are ongoing in the governorate of Zaghouan with the involvement of ICARDA and various Tunisian research institutions, in order to promote synergies among them.

35 people attended the workshop (Annex 2), including decision makers on water and soil conservation, the different regional departments of the CRDA, researchers from INRGREF and INRAT, and the ICARDA country coordinator for Tunisia.

2. MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

Tunisia	Rmel Watershed Study Site Stakeholder Workshop
	10.12.2019, Zaghouan (Tunisia)
Content of the presentations	
<p>1.....The first presentation introduced the different activities carried out by INRGREF and ICARDA in the Zaghouan governorate area and mainly the Rmel watershed. The presentation was done by Dr. Taoufik Hermassi – INRGREF.</p>	
<p>2.....The second presentation introduced the objectives and the activities of the LANDSUPPORT project in Tunisia, and the related work plan. This presentation was also done by Dr. Taoufik Hermassi – INRGREF.</p>	
<p>3.....Dr. Hatem Cheikh Mhamed, Researcher from INRAT, presented the possible synergies between the two projects LANDSUPPORT & CLCA ("Integrated Crop-Livestock under Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification of Cereal-based Systems in North Africa and Central Asia"). The latter is also coordinated by ICARDA and has a study site in Zaghouan..</p>	
<p>4 Dr. Aymen Frija (ICARDA country coordinator) presented possible roadmaps and methodologies to support the upscaling of the projects' findings, including LANDSUPPORT innovations.</p>	
<p>5 Dr. Haithem Bahri (INRGREF Researcher) discussed the role of CLCA and Landsupport projects in supporting sustainable agriculture and the adoption of the best management practices such as increasing soil fertility and adopting conservation agriculture.</p>	
<p>6 Dr. Ahmed Ezzine (CNCT) discussed the contribution of remote sensing, and the possible role of Landsupport in developing high performance land and soil monitoring engines</p>	
Discussion	
<p>The presentations stimulated the discussion, which was focused on how to enhance the stakeholder engagement and to activate synergies. As a follow-up of the discussion, participants were invited to:</p>	
<p>1- Disseminate project information to all the concerned CRDA services, which are the most direct potential institutional users of the project tools.</p>	
<p>2- Evaluate possible integration of the project tools with the tools developed during previous research and development projects.</p>	
<p>3- Carry out training sessions to illustrate and make usable the different tool platforms developed in the different projects.</p>	
<p>4- Analyze the state before and after research and development project, in different sectors of intervention, in the governorate of Zaghouan, to evaluate the project impact.</p>	
Decisions for the follow-up of the activity	

A task force (TF) was established to implement the participatory activities planned by Landsupport for 2020, namely the participatory tool development and testing. The established TF included stakeholders at two levels, national and local.

At the national level and for strategic planning [the TF was](#) composed by:

- DGACTA: Faouzi Batti and Faouzi Harouchi
- DSol: Rafla Atia
- CNCT: Ahmed Ezzine

At the regional and local level, by:

- CRDA Zaghouan: Bachir Tarchi and Abbassi Houda

As a further decision, the nominative list form to participate in the project was sent to people present at the meeting and who want to join the project.

Conclusions and main points of attention

Two main activities will be scheduled for 2020:

- The first meeting will be devoted to testing the ILAMPT tool, this meeting is scheduled for March 2020.
- The second meeting in October 2020, it will be devoted to co-implementation of the ILAMPT tool taking into account of the feedback of the SH taskforce.

An important result of this meeting was that the different departments of the CRDA could be fully informed regarding the Landsupport project.



ANNEX 1 – WORKSHOP PROGRAM

First technical meeting

LANDSUPPORT Project:

**Development of Integrated web-based Land Decision Support System
aiming towards the Implementation of Policies for Agriculture and
Environment**

Hotel Dar Zaghouan, Zaghouan, Tunisia, December 10th, 2019

Program

08h30 - 09h00	Registration
09h00 - 09h20	Opening
09h20 - 09h40	Presentation of activities INRGREF- ICARDA 2015-2018 - International Project "Impact evaluation of SLM options to achieve land degradation neutrality". INRGREF-ICARDA 2015-2016. - International Project « Systems Tool-aided Participatory Development of Sustainable Land Management Scenarios » INRGREF-ICARDA 2016-2017.
09h40 - 10h10	Presentation of the LANDSUPPORT project - Tunisia and work plan
10h10 - 10h30	Synergies between projects LANDSUPPORT & CLCA "Integrated Crop-Livestock under Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification of Cereal-based Systems in North Africa and Central Asia"
10h30 - 11h00	Coffee break
11h00 - 11h20	"Roadmaps and methodologies to upscale LANDSUPPORT innovations"
11h20 – 11h40	Landsupport for supporting sustainable agriculture and adoption of the best management practices: increasing soil fertility and adoption of CA agriculture
11h40 – 12h00	LANDSUPPORT: Developing high performance land and soil monitoring engines using remote sensing
12h00 – 13h00	General Discussion on the LANDSUPPORT Project
13h00 - 14h00	Lunch

Organizers

- Institut National de la Recherche en Génie Rural, Eaux et Forêts (INRGREF), Tunisia
- International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)

- CRDA Zaghouan

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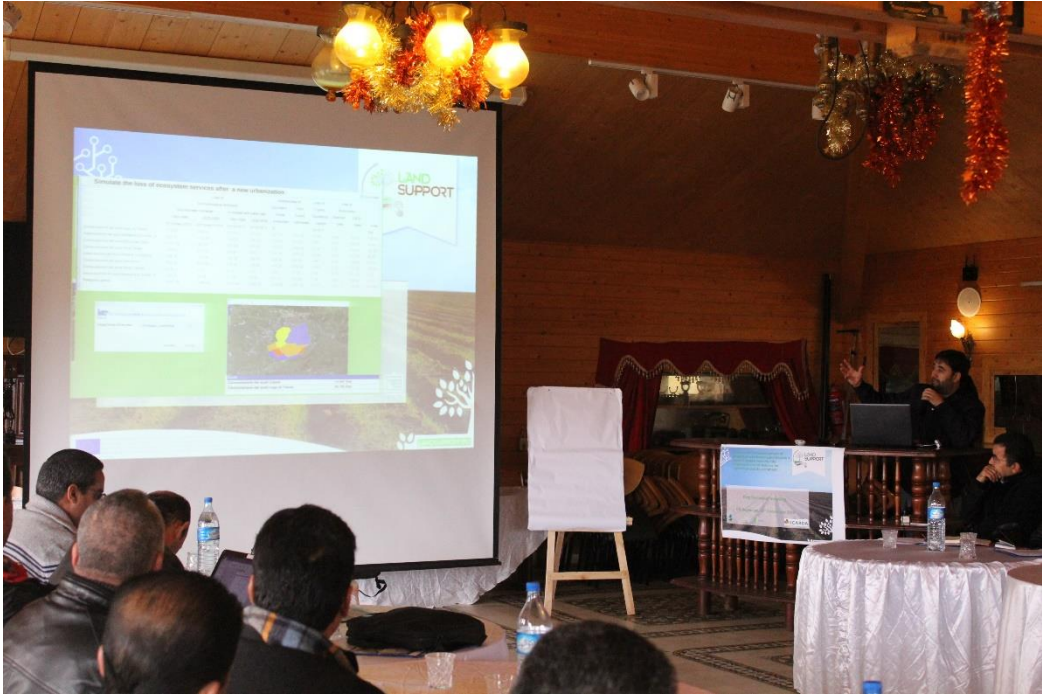
ANNEX 3 – WORKSHOP PHOTOS (SELECTION)



Workshop opening by ICARDA (Aymen Frija, ICARDA country coordinator)



Introducing the LANDSUPPORT project (Taoufik Hermassi, INRGREF)



Introducing the LANDSUPPORT Platform (Taoufik Hermassi, INRGREF)





Group photo of the participants