

## Draft Outline for Symposium in Morocco

**Suggested title:** *Bridging Knowledge Creation and Sharing for Natural Resource Management and Climate Resilience*

### Overview

This multi-stakeholder symposium will focus on knowledge exchange and systematization of solutions for natural resource management and climate resilience. The two-day meeting will be convened by the collaborative efforts of Moroccan partners (leading organization to be defined) in cooperation with ICARDA and co-implementing partners.

The event will present a unique multi-stakeholder platform to examine natural resource and climate resilience related policies and practices in project focus countries -- with a strong focus on agricultural and rural development solutions. Knowledge symposium will be organized to integrate the concept of a share-fair where innovations are presented from information desks to visiting audiences in free mode without time restrictions.

Objectives of the symposium are:

- Stocktaking of agricultural and rural solutions available from national institutions; (i.e. to allow knowledge systematization and subsequently leading to identification of knowledge gaps, recognizing which areas are not addressed or lack solutions – similar symposiums from other countries could feed solutions adapting to local context)
- Strengthening mutual organizational learning among national institutions; (i.e. breaking the silos and facilitating knowledge exchange; filling capacity gaps; opportunity to use e-learning resources of partner institutions)
- Presenting and transforming open data to knowledge and solutions for end-users; (incl. i.e. data sources existing within one institution can be demonstrated, allowing creation of more value of data by combining different data from other institutions; allows to better inform for quality decision making and strategic planning)
- Establishment of Communities of Practice and informal learning networks (i.e. traditional capacity building courses need to be complemented by informal learning formats such as CoPs, as there is in reality insufficient concentrated time from learners to dedicate to training events or e-learning courses; short modules, online videos, social networks and other informal methods are needed)

## Participants and beneficiaries

The symposium will be open to all parties, project will invite and expects the wide spectrum of stakeholder groups engaged in natural resource management, climate resilience and adaptation, rural development, agricultural productivity, sustainability and more. Symposium participants will represent a variety of disciplines interfacing with the natural resource management, including science, economics, information technology, engineering and more.

Symposia will be a platform to exchange and organize regional dialogue forums to help organizations devise informed ways of exchanging and disseminating knowledge, and provide ideas to organize relevant national and regional meetings to facilitate the improved exchange of experiences and uptake of viable knowledge use and transfer options.