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# SKiM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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for Greater Development Effectiveness



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# Visit to Moldova discovering Learning Routes

*Learning Routes (LR) is a collaborative event series with the aim to facilitate experience and knowledge exchange between various stakeholders. It helps to connect innovative minds and solutions from research, business and society, allowing them to expand networking and diversify learning skills.*

## Participants:

 **Morocco:** INRA, ONCA, ENA-Meknes, IAV Hassan II

 **Sudan:** ARC-Sudan, AuW, SKS, UofK

 **Moldova:** IDIS, CPIU-IFAD, Selectia, SAUM

 **International:** IFAD, ICARDA IDIS

A group of 18 university professors from Morocco and Sudan visited the Republic of Moldova on October 12–16, 2021. The aim of the visit is to discover case studies of the LR.



The first day of the visit was dedicated to the introduction from IDIS “Viitorul”, visit to the State Agrarian University of Moldova and the center of Chisinau. The participants exchanged ideas and plans for the whole learning route event.

The next day the professors became acquainted with the case study of the Research Institute for Field Crops “Selectia” (Case study ↓) from Bălți.

**Case study.** Agriculture. Developing new field crop varieties, producing foundation seed, developing environmentally-friendly technologies, developing new, sustainable agricultural system.



The “Selectia” beneficiaries are farmers, students and researchers. The “Selectia” goal is to obtain scientific results that will serve as a basis for the elaboration of recommendations for farmers and teaching materials for the training of young specialists in the field of agriculture. “Selectia” Research Institute of Field Crops is a public institution deals with the breeding and production of field crop seeds. The Institute also develops technologies and agricultural systems capable of ensuring the sustainable development of agriculture.

The visitors were truly inspired by success stories of women's empowerment shared

during the dedicated workshop that took place on the International Day of Rural Women ([Case study](#) ↓).

**Case study. Women empowerment and best practices sharing — Anthology of female success stories and knowledge management.**

This case had an impact on the personal and professional development of women by helping them communicate with women from other regions, exchange their good and innovative practices, access finances, find partners inside and outside the country, etc.



The next stop was “La Prisaca” — Beekeeping hut, apitherapy, honey collection and processing hall, honey extraction centrifuge (Case study ↓), greenhouse, an High-Performance Orchard in Soroca.

**Case study.** “At the grandparents’ apiary” — development of rural tourism through apitherapy and other related activities (beekeeping hut,



apitherapy, honey collection and processing hall, centrifugal honey extraction, greenhouse, etc.).

The aim is to satisfy a wide range of interests for all types of age, gender, and areas; to provide a nice rest for the whole family so that the children could spend a happy time and give their parents time to relax, and so that their grandparents could find health in nature and in beekeeping houses. Of course, novice beekeepers could also learn something from this practice.

The genuine interest caused the best practice from the cattle farm in Untesti (Case study ↓). This day was also marked with the visit to the Free economic zone, the carpet factory and “Plaiul Fagului” scientific reservation.

**Case study.** Cattle farm.

The main suppliers are individual households which provide about 95% of the total volume of collected milk. The mechanism for collecting milk at milk collection points consists of receiving milk from both natural persons holding milking cows and legal persons, the testing, storage, and cooling of milk in cooling tanks with



appropriate equipment and temperature monitoring devices, and the subsequent transportation of the milk to the processing units; the basis for the delivery of milk for processing is its compliance with quality indices, as well as the proof regarding the health status of the animal, as indicated in the veterinary health certificate.

Orheiul was the final point of the agenda for Learning Route participants. They visited the Butuceni Museum of Ethnography,

the cave monastery and a country house that was turned into a museum from Orheiul Vechi.

**Case study. Youth and knowledge management. Open innovations with Smart Caffe.**

The general aim of the project is to increase the employment and self-employment potential of EaPC graduates and improve the innovation capacity through the promotion of entrepreneurship, the creation of companies and the open innovation approach in collaboration.



More details on each case study and Learning Route in Moldova can be found [here](#).

# INRA Research Program 2021–2024

Moroccan agriculture faces many challenges that require developing its resilience in ecosystems weakened by global changes, and developing the sustainability and competitiveness of priority and emerging sectors so that they can participate in Morocco's economic development while preserving its natural resources. These challenges, which inspire INRA's missions, have led us to develop a [medium-term research program \(PRMT\)](#) for the period 2021–2024, aligned with the national priorities expressed in the Generation Green 2020–2030 strategy in a prospective way.

The PRMT 2021–2024 covers four main priorities:

- ▶ Consolidation of priority and emerging sectors
- ▶ The transition to sustainable production systems
- ▶ Dissemination and transfer of innovations
- ▶ Mobilization of digital leverage for predictive management

In addition to its vertical and disciplinary organization, the PRMT 2021–2024

includes four thematic networks that share interest in research on genetic resources, biotechnology, organic agriculture and precision agriculture. These thematic networks, in continuous interaction, combine their efforts to achieve their objectives within the projects to which they belong and their collective objective of the thematic network to collaborate and share best practices for the creation of new knowledge and innovations.

The applied open approach promoting stakeholder commitment will ensure the relevance of the programs with respect to their needs and involve them in the realization of these programs in view of the adoption of future research results. More details on the PRMT approach and its phases can be found in the [“Guide for the programming scientific projects in the framework of the PRMT”](#).



# Upcoming events and opportunities

04/11/2021



IFAD at Diaspora Innovation Days in Africa (DIDA) 2021

[Event details](#) →

04–11/11/2021



ICARDA at the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26)

[Event details](#) →



09/11/2021



The potential of digital tools to support farmers in Egypt: Lessons learned and way forward

[Event details](#) →



31 OCT - 12 NOV 2021  
GLASGOW

**COP26**



31/10–12/11/2021



26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)

[Event details](#) →

#EATGROWSAVE

15–18/11/2021



2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress

[Event details](#) →

Save the date!

EiB Virtual Meeting 2021

Global meeting // 16-18 November

Seminars // 22-26 November



16–24/11/2021



EiB Virtual Meeting 2021: Inspire » Implement » Impact

[Event details](#) →



30/11/2021



Putting gender at the heart of climate security

[Event details](#) →

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