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SKiM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Strengthening Knowledge Management for Greater Development Effectiveness

Despite 2021 coming with challenges, it saw many achievements to ensure effective knowledge management (KM) for long-term growth and development in our partnering countries.



"We thank you for your continued support and we hope, in 2022, to further support the facilitation of KM and capacity development activities in Moldova, Morocco, Sudan and beyond."

SKiM is kickstarting the year with a detailed overview of the latest [Steering Committee meeting](#) (SCM) and more. Here, we will share main achievements and knowledge products from our partners acting on the ground and at national level and showcase how they [walked the talk](#) at a key meeting of the project and took full responsibility to [communicate the progression made](#), over three years, from [assessing knowledge needs](#), to responding to them. Thanks to stakeholder commitments they are catalysing much larger KM actions that go beyond the project and SKiM is proud to have partly initiated some of the processes.

National Partners Highlights in Knowledge Management

Moldova

Morocco

Sudan

NATIONAL PARTNERS HIGHLIGHTS IN KM

Moldova →

KM notable outputs

- ✔ [Participation of Moldova partner representatives in TTO trainings](#)

- ✔ [Country source book on KM best practices and gender action](#)

- ✔ Integration of [SAUM in KM portal](#) showcasing knowledge from the institutional [repository](#), adopting international metadata standards

- ✔ Received promising lines of winter wheat and legumes from international nursery for testing in Moldova conditions

- ✔ [Learning route visit in Moldova](#)

- ✔ Knowledge management Community of Practice engagement sessions

- ✔ Participated in seminars on CA in Tiraspol (with ICARDA's support), public lesson organized by the ICC "Selection" jointly with USARB and scientists in Germany and an online participation in the International Scientific Conference dedicated to the 90th anniversary of the Moscow Institute of Agrochemistry

- ✔ [Conservation Agriculture \(CA\) in Moldova scaling readiness study](#)

KM notable improvements

- 👍 [Enhancements on SAUM website \(3 click findable products and information\)](#)

- 👍 Increase of knowledge sharing and exchange amongst national partners of SKiM project on topics related to KM, youth in business, empowering women, and agriculture.

- 👍 Broader dissemination of knowledge to public through the [main TV channel](#) in Moldova, [YouTube](#), [newspaper](#) and [social media](#).

- 👍 Enhanced communication with representatives from SKiM project (e.g., IFAD) to explore synergies

- 👍 Increased collaboration through [network of smart coffee](#)



NATIONAL PARTNERS HIGHLIGHTS IN KM

Morocco →**KM notable outputs**

- ✔ [Participation of Moroccan partner representatives in TTO trainings](#)
- ✔ [Video of KM strategy workshop](#)
- ✔ Leadership in KM through [Community of Practice collaborative building](#), putting in practice SKiM [trainings](#)
- ✔ National partners knowledge sharing of KM activities through contribution to [SKiM Newsletters](#)
- ✔ [ENA-Meknès](#) and [ONCA](#) newsletter development and dissemination
- ✔ KM agreement for knowledge transfer and sharing prepared and in the process of validation between the partners (IAV Hassan II, INRA Morocco, ENA-Meknès, [ENFI](#) and ONCA)
- ✔ Improvement of KM Tools and services (e.g. INRA [soil fertility map](#), [climate change assessment](#), [weather and crop monitoring](#), ONCA [ARDNA](#) platform)
- ✔ [IRRI-Smart](#) wins Agrobiodiversity Innovation Challenge

**KM notable improvements**

- 👍 Advancements to conduct scaling readiness study in Morocco
- 👍 IAV activities advances in Intellectual Property and updates of the center of documentation (storage, accessibility, and security features)
- 👍 Stakeholders integrated recommendations for improved KM systems in agriculture in Morocco's within the Moroccan "[Green Generation Strategy](#)"
- 👍 Increased connexion with IFAD project implemented in Morocco
- 👍 Increased dissemination (newsletters, events, [institutional websites](#))
- 👍 Conceptualization of INRA research midterm program with the participation of end users 2021–2024

NATIONAL PARTNERS HIGHLIGHTS IN KM

Sudan →

KM notable outputs

- ✔ [Participation of Sudan representatives in TTO training](#)
- ✔ [ARC Sudan](#) conducted innovation platforms and field days on: Groundnut, sesame, sorghum, sunflower, wheat, and soya bean
- ✔ Participation in IFAD KM Strategy and KM Action Plan Validation Workshop
- ✔ Signed memorandum with the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources and Ahfad University for Women
- ✔ Participation in the IFAD CCU KM CORE GROUP meeting. The first meeting of the Sudanese Knowledge Management Core Group (CG)
- ✔ [Case Study](#) on the economic value of enhanced knowledge management in agriculture developed by ARC Sudan in collaboration with SKiM expertise
- ✔ National trainings held on optimal agricultural, water and soil management practices
- ✔ National partners scientific [knowledge production on KM](#) developments and tools, in occasion of the 1st [Sudanese Symposium on Knowledge Management](#)
- ✔ Participation in events at global and national level (e.g. Research resilience and Local Social Safety nets with [Tufts University](#), [AFAAS](#) as focal point and board member, [World Food Day](#), Sudan National Economic Forum, Sudan National Comprehensive Agricultural Conference)

KM notable improvements

- 👍 [Empowerment of women through leadership in knowledge management, science and results, communities of practice and knowledge exchange](#)
- 👍 ARPS, ARC Sudan and Virginia Tech estimating [the value of knowledge management](#) in the context of agricultural research priority setting
- 👍 Increased dissemination of knowledge at national level through conferences, national talks, newsletter and [media](#)
- 👍 Increased participation in workshops, CoPs, [learning routes](#), and [events with partners of SKiM project](#)



What we take home

SKiM national focal points stress the emphasis for digitalization (e.g., virtual events, [State Agrarian University of Moldova \(SAUM\) with significant digital reinforcements](#), etc.) and adapting knowledge sharing to new norms (e.g., COVID-19) and local levels. In accordance, national partners [increased collaborations](#) with extension services, empowerment of [youth](#) and [women](#), translations of products, improved online platforms and [trainings](#).

National focal points shared their effort, with the knowledge they have gained from the project to up-level their action into more strategic approaches, at national level, with the development of [KM strategies](#) providing a framework for decision-making in KM outputs (tools, activities, etc.) or for the strategic participation in [challenges](#).



What's next?

At the SCM, we witnessed a fruitful and dynamic discussion based on past evaluations and achievements, [Post Mid-Term Evaluation Action Plans](#), recommendations and the [annual work plan and budget](#), all of which, helped to find a consensus on key action areas going forward together:

- define national initiatives within SKiM, project activities and commitments;
- ensure extension of project with relevant adjustments and information;
- support national initiatives in project management with focus on ensuring sustainability;
- provide concept note of exit strategy and sustainability plans for KM tools and realities;
- define capacity development needs;
- strategically respond to capacity development needs through in country interventions and trainings to strengthen national network in KM.

Opportunities

22–24/06/2022



Jobs, innovation, and rural value chains in the context of climate transition: Bridging the gap between research and policy. [Event details](#) →



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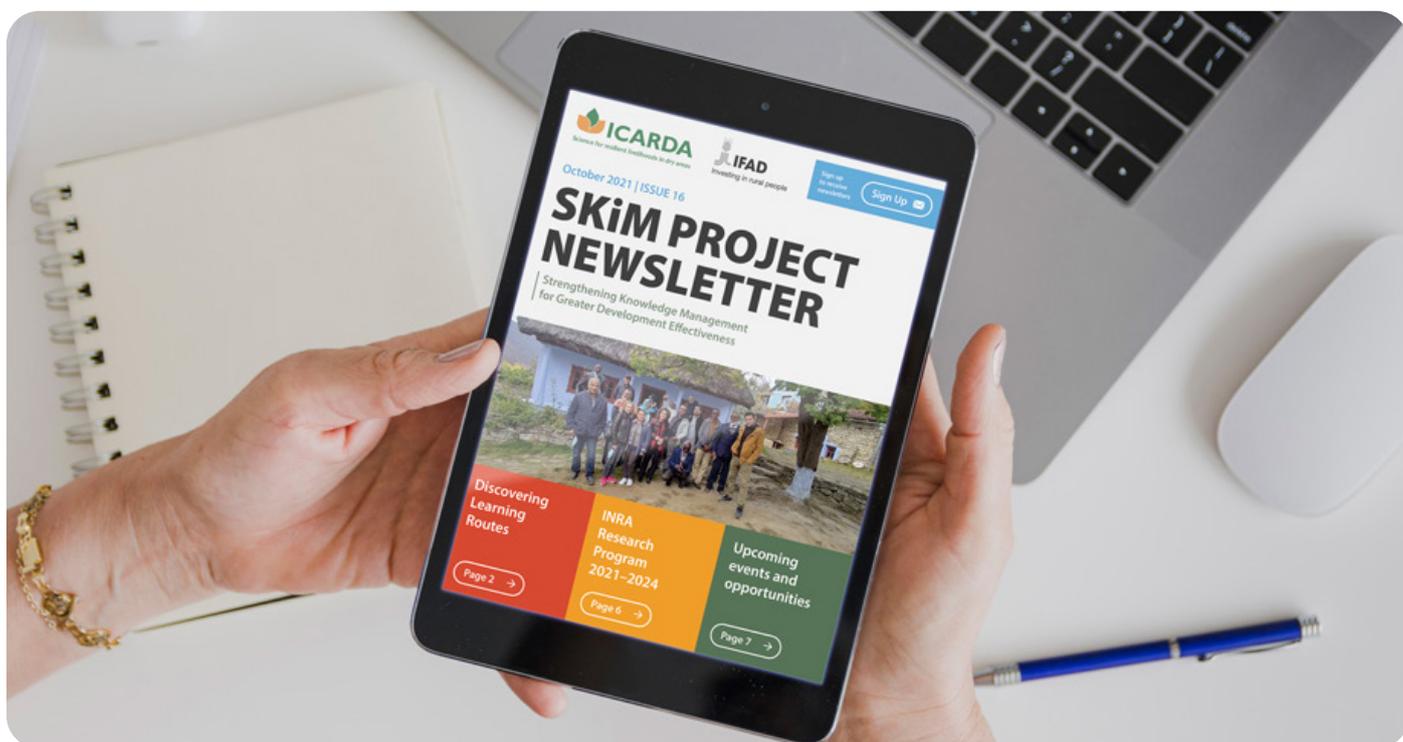
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