

System-based Options by Context



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Monthly Report

Project : Impact evaluation of SLM options to achieve land degradation neutrality

Month Covered in this Report: January 2017

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Report overview

This report details my experience with ICARDA in Amman, JORDAN for the period of 1st January 2017 to 31st January 2017 , under the supervision of Dr. Quang Bao Le Quang Bao Le, senior Scientist, Social-Ecological Systems Science, ICARDA and Mr. Enrico Bonaiuti, Research Program Coordinator for Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL), ICARDA.

Overall plan of work

Activities report for the last month (Please attach in the annex relevant photos, videos, tables, maps or other graphics for your deliverables)

Deliverables	Tasks related	Activities status	Comments	Lessons learned
MOU/ MOA INRGREF	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	Done (paper delivered to mr. Enrico Bonaiuti in 17 January 2017)	Template to fill it in	Good experience since it was my first time to write a contract, made learn about the contract should be written.
WLE Mapping for GIZ project and WLI	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	Done (paper delivered to mr. Enrico Bonaiuti in 22 January 2017 for the GIZ and 24 January)	Template to fill it in	Good experience since it was my first time to write a contract, made learn about the contract should be written.
Updating MEL with GIZ project informations	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	Continuous work throughout the month	-	I should be more efficient on this. It took longer that It should be.

Litterature review about SLM in Tunisia/ classes of socioeconomic zones	1- Conduct desk-review of country-specific data on bio-physical and socio-economic context 2. Collect data on existing, tested and adopted Sustainable Land Management (SLM) options versus different socio-ecological contexts based on secondary data sources (being available online or in national organizations) and field work in well-selected sites. The ICARDA's web-based template of SLM Options-by-context will be used for this task	Done (We found the literature references that we will use.) + Submitted paper on combined classes of main agro-ecological regions * land uses types in 31 January to Mr. Quang Bao Le)	-	More organization fo the team here is needed so we know exactly who does what.
Impact Evaluation of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in Tunisia: The Efficiency of GIS and Remote Sensing Data	7- Support the work of the communication consultant on keeping donors updated on the project proceedings, informing policy makers and other stakeholders of the project proceedings	Done (paper delivered to mr. Enrico Bonaiuti and mr Valerio Graziano in 26 January 2017)	-	Giving support means sometimes doing 80% of the work. You have to be prepared for that.
Online Guide for Programmers	-	Partially done (the content is reviewed by the developers and the design of the command and the images are done by me) Frozen by the communication consultant who wants different distribution of the paragraph but I did not find time to do it yet.	-	Good experience to get to understand a tiny bit of programming. The guideline is frozen for something really simple. I must respect deadlines and organize more my time
Online Guide for Users	-	Postponed (since the product is not ready yet, we	-	-

		prefer to postpone the writing of such guide)		
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Activities report for the next month (Please attach in the annex relevant photos, videos, tables, maps or other graphics for your deliverables)

Deliverables	Activities status	Comments	Lessons learned
Online Guide for Programmers			
Training on the job for NARS, research institutes and policy makers with Workshop on "Tool-aided Scenarios Development of SLM at Watershed Scale"			

Conclusions/ Final comments/recommendations

January was the start month for this project. Things start to speed up and I was feeling more and more overwhelmed by the work and can't keep with the deadlines.

- I learned how to write contracts, to understand what is exactly written and to map projects into research program.
- It was my second essay to write a blog and I think I am improving my writing skills.
- My first time to write a guide for a product and I really liked it and made me understand more our product.

Recommendations:

- I have to set for myself the amount of time for the different tasks.
- More organization is needed to handle multiple tasks.

Annex

- MOU/ MOA INRGREF (attached in the folder are the drafts written by me)
- WLE Mapping for GIZ project and WLI (attached in the folder is the draft written by me)
- Link to the web page of the project: <https://mel.cgiar.org/projects/slmoxc>
- Link to the programmer guideline: <https://cgiarmel.atlassian.net/wiki/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1867778>
- (not public yet, access approved only for Mr Enrico Bonaiuti).