

System-based Options by Context



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decisions in agriculture and
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Monthly Report

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

Month Covered in this Report: July 2017

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Report overview

This report details my activities as a junior officer with ICARDA in Amman, JORDAN for the period of 1st July to 7th August 2017, under the supervision of Dr. 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

Deliverables	Tasks related	Activities status	Comments	Lessons learned
Administrative tasks	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	Done: Recording invoices into the budget system (ICARDA-OCS) of the project, writing the financial summary (Not completed), writing the ToR of my consultancy contract extension		how to prepare the financial summary, how to draft and discuss with your supervisor about the consultancy contract renewal.
Enhancement of the GeOC tool	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	Ongoing: Checking the SLM Form to enhance the different features of the SLM submission. The suggested changes were shared among the		

		team during this month for potential feedbacks.		
Recording the GeOC tutorial videos in multiple languages. (5 videos).	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	Partially done: English version: The videos in English version are done, still need a final enhancement after the final round of comments from the team French version: The videos need an enhancement and I will take care of them in august. Arabic version: Not yet started, I will start with them in the month of September.		

Activities report for the next month

Deliverables	Activities status	Comments	Lessons learned
Updated page about the project in MEL	In a continuous way according to the progress of the project		
5 videos of the GeOC's introduction and use cases (English version)	The drafts need a final enhancement upon the comments of the team (2 working days to be finalized)		
5 videos of the GeOC's introduction and use cases (French version)	I already have a first version of videos that need enhancement (8 working days to be finalized and uploaded on youtube)		
Web-based SLM form of the GeOC Tool customized according to the Partners' feedback	The GeOC tool in its current version needs enhancement. I will support this process with a software developer of Codeobia	This will be an ongoing activity for the whole month of August with focus of the SLM form enhancement, the import/export functionality and the webpage of the SLM.	
Announcement blog about the GeOC tool	This blog will communicate that we produced videos about the tool (2 working days to be published on the view page of the project page on MEL)		

Conclusions/ Final comments/recommendations

Through this month, it was interesting to go into the videos production for our tool. This definitely improved my knowledge in terms of communication products. I continued also on supporting the quality assurance for the tool and this enlightened me on new concepts about web programming and GIS.

Videos of the GeOC

Link for video "Introduction to GeOC Tool":

https://www.dropbox.com/s/e3xyr2t28du9gv/Introduction%20to%20GeOC%20Tool_English.mp4?dl=0

Link for video "Web-GIS Interface and Overview":

https://www.dropbox.com/s/u1tpl8dybctij86/Web_GIS_Interface_Overview_English.mp4?dl=0

Link for video "CSET Definition and Visualization":

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ofdtsic5bq866v8/CSETDefinition%20and%20Visualization_English.mp4?dl=0

Link for video "CSET Mapping":

https://www.dropbox.com/s/v5xclyjichd6rti/CSET_Mapping_English.mp4?dl=0

Link to video "SLM submission":

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ktk1lydg56s25vi/SLM_Submission_English.mp4?dl=0