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Strengthening Knowledge Management for Greater
Development Effectiveness

Sudan Country Source Book
Best Practices and Innovations
in Knowledge Management
assets, tools and approaches



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for Greater Development Effectiveness
in the Near East, North Africa,
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Virtual Learning Route on Knowledge Management Best Practices in Sudan

In the framework of the [IFAD](#) funded [SKiM project](#), the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas ([ICARDA](#)) and Procasur Corporation ([PROCASUR](#)) publish together a wealth of Information on Sudanese agricultural knowledge management best practices through a closely monitored and interactive-like social media campaign on **Virtual Learning Route** from 30 November to 4 December, 2020. The learning path will take you through the Knowledge Management best practices documented by PROCASUR and made possible by the



contribution of local experts and source providers. This new approach shall contribute to raise awareness on the importance of knowledge management as an asset for rural development, through peer-learning, knowledge sharing and south-to-south triangular cooperation.

The [course](#) is Open Access, targeting participants from the three target countries (Moldova, Morocco and Sudan) plus additional external attendees during the social media campaign held in the 5 days (30 November-4 December 2020) of the virtual course, showcasing the Procasur Sudan Country Source Book and the Virtual Learning Route in 5 steps. All the best practices shall be available open access, the online campaign will feature the publication of the [Sudan Country Source Book](#), one Introductory Interview, four Case Studies, and a Learning Survey that will allow users to connect directly with the knowledge providers.

Virtual Learning Route Course Structure:

Virtual Learning Route **Introduction:**

<https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12118>

Virtual Learning Route Case 1 - **Learning**

Routes: [https://](https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12119)

<hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12119>

Virtual Learning Route Case 2 - **Gender**

Action Learning Systems: [https://](https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12120)

<hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12120>

Virtual Learning Route Case 3 - **Community**

Knowledge-based Peer Networks: [https://](https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12121)

<hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12121>

Virtual Learning Route Case 4 - **Natural**

Resources Governance: [https://](https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12122)

<hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/12122>

Learning Survey: [https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/t4cyyhLKhM8MGWzz9)

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SKiM NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: SUDAN

In 2020, the SKiM Project Management Unit (PMU) has redacted the [SKiM Governance Document](#), in line with IFAD guidelines and best practices, detailing the composition of the SKiM set of professional figures supporting the several aspects of the project. The Sudanese National Technical Committee (NTC) was summoned to evaluate SKiM project activities and contributions in Sudan with the National Focal Point (NFP) and in-country partner institutions to coordinate Sudanese SKiM interventions.

Thus, the Sudanese National Technical Committee came together for the first meeting on 03 November 2020 under the leadership of the National Focal Point Dr. Sarra Rashed (Ahfad University for Women). Representatives from Agricultural Research Council (ARC), Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources (MoIWR), University of Khartoum, Promotion of Local Innovations (Prolinova), Central Coordination Unit (CCU) IFAD and Ahfad University for Women were among the meeting attendees with the representatives from the SKiM Project Management Unit.

The first meeting was gathered to discuss

- The establishment of communication/meeting channels for regular NTC meetings to facilitate SKiM interventions.
- Participation in then upcoming Entrepreneurship Training delivered by CIHEAM-Bari.
- Providing resources and support to participants to access the above training.

ENA MEKNES CONTRIBUTION TO AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

In Morocco, public policies and experiences of rural and agricultural development are very diverse, which is brought upon by renewed interest in these areas. This diversity of initiatives makes it important to reflect on the consistency of these different initiatives at regional level. The knowledge held by actors in the rural and agricultural world (engineers, farmers, researchers, non-governmental and international organizations, donors, etc.) is rich and diverse. However, much research is insufficiently communicated and discussed outside academic circles. This work has not always been able to contribute sufficiently or explicitly to the development of public policies and to decision-making support for actors in the rural and agricultural world.

It is to meet these challenges that the DRIDURA (Rural Dynamics, Innovations and Sustainable Development) research team, attached to the [National School of Agriculture in Meknes](#) initiated the journal [Alternatives Rurales](#). This open access journal aims to provide a space for communication and debate on agricultural and rural dynamics not only in Morocco, but also for sharing development experiences in other countries. This approach has the following objectives:

- Provide a space for collecting and analyzing experiences on agricultural dynamics, changes in territories and agricultural and rural development initiatives (coordination between actors, uses and management of natural resources, etc.);
- Communicate the results of research on these dynamics and development initiatives;
- Open a space for dialogue between the different actors of the agricultural and rural world on agricultural and rural development initiatives at the local level;
- Structure a critical and constructive debate and proposals on different alternatives for rural and agricultural development.

Authors wishing to submit an article can consult the [guidelines](#) and are invited to contact the editorial committee (alternativesrurales@gmail.com).



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Online Course: The Art of Knowledge Exchange

Hosted by the World Bank Open Learning Campus, available now - course details [here](#).

IFAD Knowledge Management CoP

Want to become a member or ask a question? Please visit the [xdesk page](#) or write to IFADknowledge@ifad.org.

13th Arab Congress of Plant Protection

Hosted by the Arab Society for Plant Protection (Hammamet, Tunisia), November 1-6, 2020 - event details [here](#).

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