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in the **Near East, North Africa,
Central Asia** and **Europe**

SKiM Annual Steering Committee

15th and 16th December 2021

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AgriChallenge Competition

Season Greetings

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SKiM Annual Steering Committee

The SKiM project Steering Committee meeting was held on 15th and 16th December 2021, bringing together the multi-stakeholder platform to examine project implementation and KM practices adopted in the year of implementation. The event was carried out in a mixed face-to-face and remote presence format, allowing for all key stakeholders to participate in presentations and discussions. CIHEAM Bari kindly hosted the event in presence at the Documentation Center in Bari Campus.

The objectives of the meeting were achieved through:

A. Presentations by the stakeholders of activities conducted as part of the SKiM project, as well as the other institutional initiatives and practices on KM.

B. Presentation of the annual SKiM progress in 2021 and proposed activities for the following year.

C. Discussions and suggestions to include in finalization of the Annual Workplan and Budget for 2022.

As part of Steering Committee event technical visit to Fabrication Laboratory FabLab POLIBA in Bari was organized to

explore successful example of interdisciplinary scientific structure that facilitates conversion of 'scientific knowledge' into experimental development of prototypes in various sectors. Participants learned about collaborative efforts of local community, regional administration and academic institutions in establishing such structures, principal objectives of the FabLab and prototypes teams developing in this environment.

> www **The achievements of the SKiM stakeholders have been informatively showcased and will be available Open Access here.**

AgriChallenge Competition

AgriChallenge is a 2-day hackathon open to all Moroccan university students, aiming to provide answers to the problems faced by Moroccan farmers, and to propose creative ideas, tangible concepts and innovative start-up projects to solve them. The Hackathon will be held from December 18 to 19, 2021 at UM6P.

Within the framework of the AGRIENGAGE project (ERASMUS+), the Moroccan partners of this project, the IAV Hassan II and the UM6P, launched last October a call for innovative ideas in the field of agriculture (Agrichallenge). The call was very successful among students of Moroccan institutions of higher education and about a hundred applications were submitted online.

The areas covered by this call are:

▶ Valorization of animal and vegetable waste;

▶ Sustainable management of water and soil in a context of climate change;

▶ Conservation agriculture to mitigate global warming and drought;

▶ NEXUS, water, energy to improve food security and preserve the environment;

▶ and many other actual problems.

A first selection of candidates was organized online with the participation of Professors from the IAV Hassan II, UM6P and private sector partners.

The selected candidates during this Hackaton benefited from a tailored coaching throughout the project cycle and will also be awarded prizes.

Two teams of the IAV Hassan II have been selected for the final phase of the Hackathon, however, following the withdrawal of a team, only the project Phoeniciare will continue. This project focuses on the creation of a platform facilitating communication between the customer and cooperatives in the rural world, in order to facilitate the marketing of products of these cooperatives and improve the customer experience.

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