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The “Knowledge Portal” (KP) developed within the framework of SKiM project is a multi-stakeholder platform that connects different actors in the agri-food system to promote joint knowledge creation, sharing and learning opportunities. It also provides the opportunity to coordinate multiple efforts to improve the knowledge management systems in the countries targeted by SKiM project (Moldova, Morocco, Sudan).

The KP fosters the Knowledge Management engagement of participating institutions on national and global stages to:

- Enhance their relationship with end users, stakeholders and funders;
- Enhance the quality and frequency of their Knowledge Sharing activities;
- Provide a channel to showcase their activities as result of an improved KM internal process;
- Benefit end users and institutions worldwide with KM assets developed by participating institutions and showcased on the platform;
- Realize a key asset for the establishment of a Community of Practice (CoP).

The initial version of the Open Access Knowledge Portal was developed and launched in 2019.

The development was based on the technology developed for the Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) Platform to deliver practical for use by key target audiences.

The Knowledge Portal was greatly welcomed by the Stakeholders since it allowed the institutions that don’t have their own web resource or funds for development to save, capitalize and share knowledge using the Portal as the online repository.

The content was populated with the information and data related to the SKiM project thematic areas:

- Natural Resource Management and climate resilience;
- Innovative agriculture technologies;
- Women and youth support in agriculture business;
- Institutional Knowledge Management.

KnowledgeManagementPortal.org
The SKiM team continued to work on Portal enhancement enrolling more institutions. In 2021 the first successful integration was completed between Knowledge Portal and State Agrarian University of Moldova (SAUM) which resulted in automated harvesting the publications and sharing them on the Portal with the relevant metadata for better visibility and dissemination. This achievement was result of a great cooperation between knowledge management and development teams of SAUM and SKiM.

The same efforts are currently underway in close collaboration with the University of Khartoum, which has underlined the importance of expanding outreach of research results and providing findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR) information online.
The evolution of KP portal continued in 2022 with the release of the upgraded version. The Portal was redesigned to improve user experience and website navigation. Special attention of the users is brought to “Explorer”, the new module that provides the synthesis of all the knowledge products available on KP.
The information and materials from the “Knowledge Portal” developed within the framework of SKiM project can be found on multiple web resources:

**IFAD KM Resource centre** — valuable source for IFAD staff and consultants, partners and stakeholders who are interested to follow good knowledge management practices and training opportunities from all around the world.

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**SKiM Knowledge Management Portal**

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The IFAD funded SKiM Knowledge Management Portal is a beacon of publications, news, data and information coming from research for development organizations, academia, government bodies, national agricultural research systems and extensionists across the globe. The Portal is built to enhance the outreach of the scientific and organizational knowledge aggregated, fostering partnership building and information sharing across users and institutions, strengthening knowledge management and providing the basis for more advanced knowledge visualization. Access the Portal here!

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**SKiM - Moldova Country Source Book**

5/11/2021

The Moldova Country Source Book is a product of fruitful collaboration between stakeholders within the frames of Learning Routes, which are based on peer-to-peer knowledge transfer between practitioners. The route bridges “users” and “providers”, in a mutually beneficial knowledge exchange for learning, growth and innovation. Download here

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African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa — the African Initiative (AI-CD) Knowledge Hub provides the systematic transfer of knowledge to the target African countries with the aim to improve livelihoods and ecosystems services, enhance local capacities, support gender equality and endorse the role of youth in transforming the African countries.

AI-CD Knowledge Hub in partnership with the CGIAR

The knowledge is made available by the collaboration between the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa (AI-CD), the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), its partners and the CGIAR.

We use Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) to bring up useful information, the collaborative online platform for knowledge employed by the CGIAR Research Centers and three Research Programs – ICARDA, CIP, IITA, ICRAF, WorldFish, ICRISAT, GLDC, RTB, FISH – to manage their activities and results. The knowledge shared in partnership with the AI-CD is indicative of the research for development efforts made by the Centers with the aim of improving livelihoods and ecosystems services, enhancing local capacities, support gender equality and endorse the role of youth in transforming the African countries.

To access the knowledge in full, please visit MEL (https://melm.cgiar.org).
**ResearchGate** — this resource connects the world of science and makes research open for everyone. The community consists of 20 million researchers that come from diverse sectors from more than 190 countries.

**Project**

**Strengthening Knowledge Management for Greater Development Effectiveness in the Near East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe**

Akhmad Akramkhanov · Murat Sertas · Sarah J.R. Cummings · Show all 4 collaborators

Goal: The overall goal for this project is to develop effective and long-term knowledge management-related capacities in target countries. This will be undertaken through effective knowledge generation and sharing approaches that ensure improved knowledge management and results measurement for rural poverty reduction.

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**Project log**

**Enhancing Knowledge Management Performance of Research and Innovation Interventions through Science and Community of Practices**

**Presentation** Dec 2021

Murat Sertas

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**Scaling Readiness of the Conservation Agriculture System in Moldova**

**Book** Apr 2021

Murat Sertas · Boris Boincean · Rurac Mihail · Akmal Akramkhanov

This study is a collaborative effort between SKiM, IFAD NENA and CEN teams and critical stakeholders of conservation agriculture in Moldova, including CPIU, SAUM and Selectia. It has been...

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Knowledge Management 2nd Symposium in Sudan

The 2nd Symposium on Knowledge Management took place on August 23, 2022 in Khartoum, Sudan.

The symposium was attended by 70 participants representing the government bodies, international organizations, universities, local NGOs, farmers and producers’ unions, agricultural banks and insurance companies, private business representatives.

The national event was organized by the Sudanese National Technical Committee in the framework of SKiM with the support of IFAD, ICARDA, the Sudanese Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.

The main topics of the Symposium were related to:

**Climate Smart Agriculture:**
- Innovations to improve productivity of rain-fed crops;
- Agroforestry for sustainable land use in the drylands of Sudan;
- Technologies to improve crop production for the irrigated sector;
- Agricultural risk management to improve farmers livelihoods.

**Climate change aspects:**
- Climate change in Sudan: trends, impact and adaptation in crop production sector;
- Adaptation technologies to improve animal production in Sudan;
- Monitoring and Evaluation.

Each of the section of the Symposium was supported by a presentation and followed by a fruitful discussion led by the panel head.

The information on the event was widely disseminated in local mass media (TV, radio, newspapers).

More information about Knowledge Management 2nd Symposium in Sudan [here](#)
SKiM Exit Strategy
for Sustainability of Knowledge Management Strengthening Interventions

As the SKiM project comes to an end, it is important that there is continuation of net benefits that have accrued from the project to either projects direct beneficiaries, or to a broader scope of beneficiaries (next- and end-users).

The Exit Strategy for Sustainability of Knowledge Management Strengthening Interventions presents what SKiM has delivered towards ensuring project results are taken up by stakeholders and recommendations of actions for takeover institutions to be able to maintain and further their strengthened level of KM capabilities in the years to come.

The document highlights key interventions conducted by SKiM to facilitate stakeholder readiness and related recommendations of actions for stakeholders who will perform as takeover institutions, capitalizing on the results and resource tools identified, produced and transferred within the project implementation.

Read the first version of the SKiM Exit Strategy [here](#) and look forward for the updated version coming in December, updated based on feedbacks.
Upcoming events and opportunities

06–18 November 2022
Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27). Event details →

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