



REGIONAL MEETING OF CAC RAIS 15-16 January, 2007 Tashkent, Uzbekistan



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Regional Meeting of Agricultural Information System (RAIS) was organized by CACAARI in collaboration with Global Forum of Agricultural Research and ICARDA on 15-16 January, 2007 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan



During the Opening Ceremony

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The workshop was the second formal event organized by CAC Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (CACAARI). In all, 22 participants attended the workshop, including representatives of NARS, GFAR, Regional Fora (AARINENA and APAARI) and ICARDA.

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Dr. Ajit Maru, GFAR, Mrs. Taraneh Ibrahimi, AARINENA, Dr. Sahdev Singh, APARIS, and Dr. Michal Demes, FAO SEUR/KCEF, shared their experiences in the area Agricultural Information Systems (AIS) with the participants of the meeting.



The presentation of Dr. Ajit Maru, GFAR

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- The representatives of all 8 CAC countries made presentations on the current status of Agricultural Information System (AIS), highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the AIS in their countries**
- Presentation of the Regional Synthesis Report was made by Dr. Oleg Shatberashvili (Georgia)**

Outcomes

Main directions of activities identified:

- Establish or identify of the institution responsible for agricultural information system
- Develop small informational products and services for scientists and farmers
- Work out strategy on development of ITC for CAC countries
- Develop Information Sources (National AgroWeb portals)
- Collaborate with International Organizations
- Undertake actions for advocacy and sensitization of NARS leaders

Other activities will be identified by the Steering Committee, in consultation with all stakeholders .

Outcomes

The CAC RAIS Steering Committee was established:

From the CAC NARS:

Dr. Abdushukur Khanazarov (Uzbekistan) – Chairman

Dr. Oleg Shatberashvili (Georgia)

Acad. Tolib Nabiev (Tajikistan)

Dr. Asad Musayev (Azerbaijan)

Dr. Bayan Alimgazinova (Kazakhstan)

From international organizations:

Dr. Ajit Maru, GFAR

Dr. Zakir Khalikulov, ICARDA

Dr. Michal Demes, FAO SEUR/KCEF

International Ecoforum on “Reorienting Agricultural Research to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals: International and Regional Experience”



17 January, 2007, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

International Ecoforum

More than 100 participants attended the Meeting, including representatives from different ministries, embassies, international organizations, and NARS from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Russia.



International Ecoforum

The MDGs envision an ambitious 50% reduction in poverty worldwide by 2015. In this regard, it is important to realistically assess the levels of livelihoods and devise mechanisms to support farmers in rural areas.

International Ecoforum

The International Ecoforum on adopts the following major recommendations for urgent consideration by all concerned:



Major Recommendations

- **Household food and nutrition security**
- **Post-harvest technology and value addition for increased income**
- **Improving crop productivity**



Major Recommendations

- **Integrated Farming System's Approach**
- **Conservation of valuable genetic resources**
- **Researches for the use of dry bottom of Aral Sea for agriculture**



Major Recommendations

- **Environmentally efficient use of natural resources**
- **Socio-economic and policy research**
- **Linking Farmers to Markets**



Major Recommendations

**Partnerships at
regional and
international level**

**More investments
in innovation
system research**

**Agricultural
research for
achieving MDGs**

Thank you!