



INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: PUTTING PRACTICE INTO ACTION

Fourth INRM Task Force Workshop ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria September 16–19, 2002

Purpose: To enable practitioners and researchers from NARS, NGO, the CGIAR and civil society organizations to exchange experiences on integrated natural resources management (INRM), synthesize the lessons learned from previous and on-going projects and initiate the preparation of multi-institutional action plans that build upon these lessons and result in greater synergies.

Objectives:

An international workshop is proposed to:

- Provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of successful experiences in the area of INRM
- Develop communities of practices of researchers and practitioners of INRM
- Synthesize the lessons learned from previous and existing INRM projects
- Develop dissemination mechanisms for the approaches and methods to conduct INRM research

Beneficiaries:

- The expected immediate beneficiaries will be staff from NARS, NGO, and other civil society organizations who are actively involved in putting INRM research into practice
- The CGIAR institutions will benefit from the development of communities of practices leading to the preparation of inter-center projects
- The rural poor will benefit from the improved adaptive capacity and greater livelihood strategy options developed through greater synergies in the application of INRM research

Project Description:

The workshop will be organized around plenary and parallel sessions including a one-day field trip to see an example of INRM research in action

Plenary sessions will include:

1. Comparative and constructive analyses from case studies on what succeeded, how it succeeded, what failed and why, and syntheses of lessons learned
2. Reports on the progress on INRM communities of practices on impact, learning to work together, advocacy, mainstreaming/implementing
3. Development of joint action plans to implement better targeted INRM and to better mainstream INRM into the CGIAR agenda

Suggested topics to be followed as themes during the meeting:

1. What are the benefits (and the transaction costs) of integrating efforts at a site or across sites, using specific examples and drawing lessons, and generic principles from these specific examples
2. Analyze case studies on how to scale out
3. Analyse specific case studies of the specific impacts of INRM practices. This will include conducting cost-benefit analyses of INRM practices. Cost-benefit analyses here must be taken in the broad sense of environmental, social, and economic costs and benefits.
4. How to institutionalize INRM approach roles of different actors such as extension and research, policy makers. What is required at the national, regional, and other levels?
5. How to organize the facilitation necessary to implement the INRM approach.

The organizers of the meeting are now calling for the submission of *one page* abstracts on any of the topics as outlined above. The format of the abstracts should be,

Title
Authors
Institutional Affiliation
Contact address and details
Abstract

The **deadline** for receipt of abstracts is **July 31, 2002**. Final organization of the sessions will depend on the numbers of abstracts per topic received.

Please send abstracts to the following address,

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Funding will be available to support the attendance of representatives from outside the CGIAR, i.e., NARS, NGO's, civil society organizations etc. Representatives from the CGIAR centers are asked to nominate suitable participants and forward this information to their colleagues who may be interested in attending the meeting. Participants from CGIAR centers will be expected to cover their own costs.

ICARDA will assist in the arrangements for visas for Syria, hotel and local transport and airport pick up and delivery. Please forward enquiries on these aspects to,

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Tentative Program for the INRM Meeting

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Monday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plenary sessions on INRM in action- Invited speaker from outside CGIAR e.g., ARI's, invited speaker from the NGO community- 2–3 case studies from the CGIAR and partners
Tuesday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Field visit to the Khanasser Valley Integrated Research Site
Wednesday	a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Comparative and constructive analyses from case studies on what succeeded, how, what failed and why, synthesis of lessons learned (this is essentially COP number 5 from the Cali meeting)
	p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Progress on INRM COP's (division of meeting into groups around; impact, learning to work together, advocacy, mainstreaming/implementing and including a COP on integrated watershed management?)
Thursday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop joint action plans within COP's or linked to other activities such as the CP's (if there are any by then). How do we add value to the current INRM activities as a global form for agricultural research (implies presence/participation of non-CGIAR partners)- Final session writing/ wrap up/ next steps (group and plenary sessions)