

NENARNAP Regional Workshop

On

“Agricultural in the Near East and North Africa Towards a Vision for 2050”

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National Agricultural Policy Center, Damascus ,Syria.

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform of Syria, the FAO and the NAPC, supported by the Project GCP/SYR/006/ITA, jointly organized a Regional Workshop for the Near East and North Africa Network for Agricultural Policies (NENARNAP) on “Agricultural in the Near East and North Africa Towards a Vision for 2050”.

The meeting, held on 13 -15 November 2006 at the NAPC premises, Damascus, and attended by twenty nine delegates from fifteen countries of the Region, comprising Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen, in addition to representative from Arab and international agricultural organizations. The participants were Senior/Middle level officers at Ministries of Agriculture responsible for agricultural policy/agricultural economics and planning.

The workshop was held to initiate some forward thinking among policy analysts to assist in the formulation of long-term visions for agriculture in the countries of the Near East and North Africa, within the overall context of the rapidly changing global economic environment. There are several elements within this shifting setting which will influence medium- and long-term agricultural development prospects in the Region. Policy analysts and policy makers in the Region are encouraged to start assessing the potential impact of these elements in relation to their national current and future agricultural strategies and programmes.

The list of participants:

- **ALGERIA**
 - Idir Bais, Director of Statistics and Information Systems /Ministry of Agriculture.
- **ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (AOAD)**
 - Salah Abdelgader abdel majed, Arabian Organization for agricultural development
- **BAHRAIN**
 - Khalil Ibrahim Al Derazi, Director of Agriculture, Extension and External Affairs /Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture
- **EGYPT**
 - Ahlam El Naggat, Head of Economic Affairs Sector /Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR)
- **FAO, JORDAN**
 - Ahmed Elminiawi, FAO Representative in Jordan.
 - Talal Al Favez, Admin. Assistant, FAO Office - Amman
- **FAO REGIONAL OFFICE**
 - Maurice Saade, Policy Officer, FAO Regional office for the Near East (RNEP)
 - Dyaa Abdou, Chief of policy Assistance Branch, FAO Regional office for the Near East (RNEP)
- **ICARDA**
 - Van Valkoun, Head of Genetic Resources Unit, ICARDA

- Ahmed Mazeed, Agricultural Economist
- **IRAQ**
- Amir Hassan Shibeeb, General Director, Agricultural Investment - General Authority for Planning and Follow up
- **JORDAN**
- Mohamed Ali Rahahleh, Director, Agriculture Economics and Policy /Ministry of Agriculture
- **LEBANON**
- Amal Salibi, Head of Economic Studies Department /Ministry of Agriculture
- **MAURITANIA**
- Mariem El Mourid, Directeur des politiques et du suivi-évaluation /Ministère de l'environnement et du développement rural
- **MOROCCO**
- Hassan Serghini, Directeur des programmation et des affaires économiques /Ministère de l'agriculture, du développement rural et des pêches maritimes
- **OMAN**
- Said Saleh Ali Al-Jabri, Director, Planning and Studies Department, Assistant Director General of Planning and Investment Development /Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- **SAUDI ARABIA**
- Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Hyderi, Economist, Economical and Statistical Studies Administration
- **SUDAN**
- Babiker Hag Hassan Ibrahim, Director, Planning and Agricultural Policies Administration /Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- **SYRIA**
- Atieh El Hindi, Director of National Agricultural Policy Centre /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- Haitham Al Ashkar, Deputy Director, National Agricultural Policy Center /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- Waficca Hussein Hussni, Deputy Director, National Agricultural Policy Center /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- Usama Al Saadi, InfoCom Division, National Agricultural Policy Center /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- Samir Jrad, Head, Agro-food Division, National Agricultural Policy Center /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- Kinan Kamaledin, Head of Social Research Section, GOASR
- MHD Bashar Freiha, Head of Market Information Section, Agricultural Marketing Department /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- Rana Zrieka, Department of Planning and Statistics /Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
- **TUNISIA**
- Badr Ben Ammar, Director General of Studies and Agricultural Development /Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources
- **UAE**
- Saif Al Sharah, Agricultural Affairs Officer, East Region /Ministry of Environment and Water
- **YEMEN**
- Ali Gunead Ali, Director General, Agriculture Policy /Ministry of Agriculture