

**Adapting conservation agriculture for rapid adoption by smallholder farmers in
North Africa (CSE-2011-025)**

Regional Inception Workshop and Steering Committee Meeting

Hammamet, Tunisia 28 September- 1 October 2012

Draft Agenda

Friday 28 September 2012

Session 1 (09:00-13:00) Chairperson: Kamel Shideed

09:00-09:30	Opening: statements of host-country, ACIAR, RSSA, ICARDA	
09:30-09:45	Presentation of the project	<i>Mohammed El Mourid</i>
09:45-10:15	Australian experience: Innovation platform and Crop monitoring and water use efficiency	<i>Jim Fortune</i>
10:15-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-11:15	No-till practices and seeding technology issues in Southern Australia	<i>Jack Desbiolles</i>
11:15-11:45	ACIAR CA Project Iraq: lessons learned and new phase	<i>Stephen Loss</i>
11:45-12:00	IFAD project “Integrated Crop-Livestock Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification of Cereal-based Systems in North Africa and Central Asia”	<i>David Feindel</i>
12:00-13:00	Discussion	
13:00-15:00	Lunch	

***Session 2: Country presentations/ Platform characterization and plan of work (15:00-18:00)
Chair person: Jim Fortune***

15:00-15:45	Algeria: Presentation of preliminary platform characterization and plan of work and budget for 2012/13	<i>Omar Zaghouane and col.</i>
15:45-16:15	Morocco: Presentation of preliminary platform characterization and plan of work and budget for 2012/13	<i>Oussama El Gharras and col.</i>
16:15-16:45	Coffee break	
16:45-17:30	Tunisia: Presentation of preliminary platform characterization and plan of work and budget for 2012/13	<i>Halim Ben Haj Salah and col.</i>
17:30-18:00	Terms of references for working groups	<i>Ali Nefzaoui</i>

Saturday 29 September 2012

Session 3: Working groups (09:00-18:00, coffee breaks at 10:30 and 16:30, lunch 13:00-15:00)

Group 1	Constraints to adoption of CA by smallholder farmers and ways of enhancing adoption (Socio economy)	<i>Facilitator: Jim Fortune</i>
Group 2	ZT seeding machinery and crop establishment systems for small to medium sized farms	<i>Facilitator: Jack Desbiolles</i>
Group 3	Weed management and crop sequences	<i>Facilitator: David Feindel</i>
Group 4	Crop residue management and livestock feeding	<i>Facilitator: Hichem Ben Salem</i>
Group 5	Enhancement of NARES and other stakeholders capacities	<i>Facilitator: Omar Zaghouane</i>

Sunday 30 September 2012

Session 4: Presentation and discussion of working groups findings(09:00-12:00) Chairperson: Mohammed El Mourid

09:00-09:30	Tunisia	
09:30-10:00	Morocco	
10:00-10:30	Algeria	
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:15	General discussion	
12:15-13:00	Closing	
13:00-15:00	Lunch	
15:00-18:00	Preparation of the steering committee meeting	<i>National project coordinators, RSSA, ICARDA</i>

Monday, 1 October 2012

09:00-13:00	Preparation of the steering committee meeting (ctd.)	<i>National project coordinators, RSSA, ICARDA</i>
13:00-15:00	Lunch	
15:00-18:00	Steering committee meeting	<i>ITGC Algeria, INRA Morocco, IRESA Tunisia, ACIAR, RSSA, ICARDA</i>