



## Minutes of AARINENA Executive Committee Meeting Alexandria-Egypt 12 November, 2009

### Present:

Dr. Ahmed Al-Bakri , AARINENA President  
Dr. Yousif Al-Shayji, Arabian Peninsula sub regional Representative  
Dr. Mohamed Roozitalab, West Asia sub regional Representative  
Dr. Majd Jamal, CGIAR Representative  
Dr. Mark Holderness, GFAR Representative  
Dr. Ibrahim Hamdan, AARINENA Executive Secretary  
Dr. Nagi Abou. Zeid

### Absent :

Dr. Ayman Abu-Hadid  
Dr. Walid Tawil  
Dr. Mahmud Solh

### Agenda of the meeting:

- ✓ -Welcome Statement
- ✓ -Approval of last meeting minutes
- ✓ -AARINENA Delegation to GCARD 2010
- ✓ -Regional Networks
- ✓ - a) 2<sup>nd</sup> biotechnology conference-Kuwait
- ✓ b)FAO International biotechnology Conference—Mexico
- ✓ c) Climate Change Conference –Copenhagen
- ✓ -Membership fees status
- ✓ -any other items

### SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

- ✓ -Dr. Al Bakri welcomed the Committee members and thanked them for their active participation in the face to face meeting .Then went through the last minutes held in ICARDA in May 2009 and approved it. The conference on the climate change and food security referred to in the minutes was postponed to be held in February 2010 in Amman to be cosponsored by ICARDA and AARINENA .With regards to NASRO there was no progress to implement the recommendations of NASRO last meeting in Cairo.
- ✓ -With regards to AARINENA delegation to GCARD 2010 , Dr. Holderness indicated that GFAR will support 30-40 participants from each Regional Fora he recommended that the participants to include spread of stakeholders : private sector, CSOs representatives, and from public research institutions in addition to active



members from the face to face meeting participants. Dr. Hamdan requested the assistance of the sub-regional representative in the selection process.

- ✓ Dr. Roozitalb addressed the Regional networks and how reactivate these networks. Dr. Hamdan indicated that only 3 network coordinators responded to his request of providing summary of their activities in the last two years, Dr. Roozitalab indicated that he will assist the secretariat for the reactivation process.
- ✓ With regards to the proposed future conferences: a) Dr. Al-Shayji proposed to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> International conference on biotechnology applications in arid zones in conjunction with AARINENA 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference in the first half of November 2011 in Kuwait . He is waiting for the approval regarding the patronage of the conference from the government b) FAO International Conference on Biotechnology in Mexico: Dr. Hamdan informed the meeting that FAO has invited AARINENA to hold a parallel session during the Conference with other regional fora during the Conference 2-5 March 2010. Preparations are under way in collaboration with AARINENA Regional Agricultural Biotechnology Network. c) Climate change conference in Copenhagen: GFAR requested two nominees from AARINENA stakeholders: Farmers and NGOs to be supported by GFAR , The meeting approved the nominations of Eng. Mohamed ElKholy , a farmer and Dr. Jad Isaac , an NGO to attend the Conference.
- ✓ Membership status was reviewed by the committee and requested the secretariat to send reminders to the institutions who did not pay their membership fees.
- ✓ Under Any other items: Dr. Hamdan informed the meeting that Dr. Kamel Shideed Has indicated ICARDA concern about a possible conflict of interest regarding the dual status of Dr. Roozitalab as a member of the Executive Committee representing West Asia sub-region and as an ICARDA Coordinator. Dr. Jamal indicated he will discuss this issue with Dr. Solh and inform the Committee.
- ✓ At the end of the meeting Dr. Al-bakri thanked all members for their participation in the meeting and wished them safe return home.

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