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EDITORIAL NOTE

AARINENA Strategy

Goals of AARINENA

AARINENA Strategy 2019-2030 has the following goals:

- Establish AARINENA as a global knowledge platform to facilitate, mobilize and coordinate multilateral exchange and dissemination of actionable specific and transversal knowledge among stakeholders at south-south and south-north levels.
- Support and enhance multi-stakeholder partnerships over collective dialogues and actions, aiming at collectively building up open systems of agricultural research and innovation that are more effective in finding innovative and applicable solutions.
- Facilitate and coordinate education and capacity strengthening of various partners to enable them to communicate and interact effectively within agricultural research and innovation open systems. This will include promoting the transformation of higher education and research, and reforming research and innovation organizations and their governances in alignment with the goal of developing efficient open systems and in accordance with agreed upon AARINENA mission and goals.
- Contribute to advancing rural women, youth and small holder farmers along the agricultural value chains through promoting collective actions among open agricultural R&I systems that prepare these targeted populations for employment and entrepreneurial opportunities in order to improve their income, enable them to impact relevant policies, and make rural areas attractive to them.
- Strengthen the architecture of AARINENA to enable the fora to perform and realize its reviewed mission, goals and expected outcomes and impact.



AARINENA IN ACTION

Executive Committee Meeting, Jordan/ Amman

The Executive Committee held its meeting on January 26, 2019 in Amman, Jordan. The meeting was chaired by the AARINENA President, Dr. AdilAbdelrahim who welcomed the Executive Committee Members, then Dr. RidaShibli was selected by the Executive Committee to be the Executive Secretary of AARINENA.

Partnership agreement signed between AARINENA and the Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East (CARDNE)





Partnership agreement was signed between AARINENA and the Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East (CARDNE) on 1/05/2019 to achieve the mutual goals of both partners. According to the agreement, the signing partners will work together to achieve fruitful and constructive cooperation in the common areas of research, training and any topics to be agreed upon. Both parties shall abide to the following cooperation commitments.

The parties agree to:

- (1) Strengthen cooperation in the fields of research and training whereby each party shall invite the other party to participate in training programs of common interest.
- (2) Provide studies and proposals for joint projects in the areas of community development, agrarian reform and rural development at the national and regional levels, with joint efforts to attract external funding from various international, regional and national sources.
- (3) Cooperate on the use of the various devices and tools available to the parties to implement and facilitate joint work.
- (4) Provide technical and economic advisory services and technical support in matters of mutual interest, promoting the exchange of ideas and experiences, and promoting cooperative activities.
- (5) Organize and hold seminars and workshops of common interest.
- (6) Attach great importance to the media about the activities of the joint activities of the various media, the main media, the radio and the means of social communication



Partnership agreement between AARINENA and Arab Universities Association (AARU)



Partnership agreement was signed between AARINENA and Arab Universities Association (AUA) on 17/04/2019 to achieve the mutual goals of both partners. According to the agreement, both parties will work together to foster higher education and research in the region by collaboration with universities and research institutions with an emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship through:

- Working with universities to foster a course on innovation and entrepreneurship as a compulsory course in the curricula.
- Participating in workshops, and seminars for capacity building with emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Organizing conferences and reporting success stories.
- Submitting proposals to solicit funding to cover joint activities.



Four New Members of AARINENA:

1. Association of Moringa and Desert Plants

Association of Moringa and Desert Plants, Saudi Arabia Kingdom, Riyadh, was joined to AARINENA on 26/02/2019.

Contact: Dr. Nasser Alkhalifah, Vice-President, Association of Moringa and Desert Plants.

2. College of Agriculture, Mutah University

College of Agriculture, Mutah University, Jordan, was joined to AARINENA on 18/02/2019.

Contact: Dr. Adil Abdel-Ghani, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture/ Mutah University.

3. College of Agriculture, Al-Balqa'a Applied University

College of Al-Balqa'a Applied University, Jordan, was joined to AARINENA on 13/02/2019.

Contact: Dr. Mohamed Alawi, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture/ Al-Balqa'a Applied University.

4. College of Agriculture, Jordan University of Science and Technology JUST

College of Agriculture, Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), Jordan, was joined to AARINENA on 12/02/2019

Contact: Dr. Kamel Z. Mahmoud, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture/Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST)



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Developing AARINENA Website

On June 2019, AARINENA was modified its website to be easier and attractive by adding all important elements in terms of engaging people's interest. The most important elements for the website involve the following:

The Blogs, Success Stories, Projects, Publication, Newsletter, News, Constitution, Strategy & Plan of Action, Events, and Networks.