



**AARINENA Achievements for the period**

**2016-2017**

**Summary Table**

**Achievements during 2016**

Area of interest	Activities	Constituents	Outputs
Regional Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scoping and planning meeting for an initiative on stabilizing livelihoods in rural and pre-urban communities in the MENA region, 2016</li> </ul>	ICARDA, AARINENA, Dryland CRP, CGIAR, GFAR, CIRAD, CIHEAM, EU, IFPRI, IWMI, ARC and IRESA, NARS (INRA-Morocco and LARI-Lebanon), European Commission, Agropolis, and civil society (the South- North Mediterranean Foundation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small group represented all partners to modify the document based on the outcomes of Montpellier meeting identify.</li> <li>Targeted countries to be Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia agreed</li> <li>Targeted countries for ownership contacted.</li> <li>Technologies and areas of enterprises that are attractive to youth identified</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set-up and management of the Northern Africa Sub-regional Organization (NASRO), 2016</li> </ul>	FARA , AARINENA, representatives from Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARC expressed its willingness to host the interim NASRO Secretariat.</li> <li>NASRO interim president appointed.</li> <li>NASRO president election by AARINENA General Conference approved.</li> </ul>
Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3rd Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD3). No One Left Behind: Agri–food Innovation and Research for a Sustainable World, South Africa, April, 2016</li> </ul>	AARINENA, twelve representatives from the region representing Universities, Consumers, NGOs Farmers, Women, Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foresight academy including, AARINENA, APARI, CACAARI and FARA established.</li> <li>New partners from NENA regions join GFAR Partners Assembly.</li> <li>GFAR MTP revisited and decision taken to focus on only five objectives that achieve the objectives.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quinoa for Future Food and Nutrition Security in Marginal Environments, December 2016 Dubai, United Arab Emirates</b></li> </ul>	AARINENA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Back to office report written by AARINENA supported participants.</b></li> <li>• <b>Virtual expert group organized for NENA region country participated</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fifth International Symposium on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: siPaM2016 December, 2016 Zarzis, Tunisia</b></li> </ul>	AARINENA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FAO, AARINENA and IRA /Tunisia task force group established to draft concept note of conservation and sustainable use of M&amp;HP. HAS THIS DECISION COME INTO PRACTICE?</b></li> </ul>
Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training of facilitator workshop for the NENA region, Foresight and co-elaborative scenario building for Transforming Agricultural Research and Innovation Systems for Sustainable Rural Futures and Improved Livelihoods in NENA, Tunisia, May 2016</b></li> </ul>	AARINENA, GFAR, and participants representing research institutions, youth, farmers, women NGOs, and academic institutions from Iraq, Morocco, Jordan, Turkey, Kuwait, KSA, Lebanon countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Committed groups of catalysts in each participating countries engaged in facilitating the implementation of co-elaborative scenario building on the futures of ARISinD.</b></li> <li>• <b>A proactive group of catalysts lobbying and convincing leadership within their institutions as well as with other stakeholders in country as spokespersons for foresight. This led to funding commitment with allocation of resources – physical, human and financial – to building foresight capacity and its application</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The 5th International course “Organic Farming” (IARTC) Menemen/IZMIR, Turkey, Nov 2016</b></li> </ul>	Iraq, Sudan and Qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Six experts from NENA countries trained in this course (two from each Sudan, Qatar and Iraq) through AARINENA</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The 2nd International Course “Agricultural Research and Extension, Menemen/IZMIR, Turkey December 2016</b></li> </ul>	Sudan and Qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Four experts from Sudan and Qatar were trained through AARINENA</b></li> </ul>

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<b>AARINENA Strategy Toward 2035</b>	<b>I. Develop AARINENA Strategy concept note: Bridging minds into the future.</b>  <b>II. Transforming Higher Education of NENA Region</b>	<b>AARINENA, GCHERA, JUST and AARU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TCP with FAO on:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- transferring selected Research deliverables in NENA Region and documenting the associated good practices.</li> <li>- building up with FAO a full application for a Prospective Participatory Analysis focusing on the role of research and innovation as a driving force for the adaptation and transformation of NENA agriculture to present and forthcoming challenges</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Concept note for Higher Education Conference on NENA Region.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Networks Activities and Meetings</b>	<b>Regional workshop on: Models and successful stories of Research, Development Knowledge and Innovation Exchange in NENA Region, 24-25 July 2017 at İZMİR, Turkey</b>	<b>Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, Sudan, Palestine, Tunisia, Qatar and Turkey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Good practices and successful cases identified.</b></li> <li>• <b>Objective of extension and advisory services at NENA region identified.</b></li> <li>• <b>List of the approaches in providing particular extension services suitable for the region approved.</b></li> <li>• <b>Potential thematic areas for the Next AARINENA General Conference identified.</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>International Meetings</b></p>	<p><b>31st and 32nd GFAR Steering Committee Meeting, 8-9 February 2017 at FAO, Rome, Italy, and 13th – 15th June, 2017 at IFAD Headquarters in Rome respectively</b></p>	<p><b>AARINENA and GFAR member countries</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collective actions for GFAR business plan 2018 – 2021 identified and Approved (AARINENA will participate on subjects including in its strategy toward 2035 including: Foresight, Innovation platforms, Young professional, Gender, linking Farmers to market and Extension and Advisory services activities).</b></li> <li>• <b>New president and Vice-President elected.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Regional Meetings</b></p>	<p><b>NENA Regional Workshop on Information for PGR organized in cooperation with the ITPGRFA , 8-12 May 2017, Cairo, Egypt</b></p>	<p><b>AARINENA, FAO, other participated countries.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regional need assessment report developed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Regional Capacity building work plan developed and approved by countries representatives.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>AARINENA Capacity Project ( The 1<sup>st</sup> analysis workshop conducted and the outputs are below)</b></p> <p><b>AARINENA capacity analysis Workshops.</b></p>	<p><b>Strengthening AARINENA Capacity as Multi-Stakeholder Regional Fora on Research and Innovation for Develop.</b></p> <p><b>Foresight and Prospective Analysis Towards a Leading Futuristic Agriculture Research and Innovation Sector in the</b></p>	<p><b>Support Countries: Jordan, Oman, Tunisia</b></p> <p><b>AARINENA, Jordan, Tunisia, KSA, Turkey, Egypt, Oman, Algeria,</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AARINENA Strategic directions Identify and strategy document developed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Action plan developed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Transformation steps and processes identified.</b></li> <li>• <b>Communication plan developed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Monitoring and evaluation plan developed.</b></li> <li>• <b>The gaps analyzed and the path to the future developed.</b></li> <li>• <b>List of strategic Priorities identify.</b></li> </ul>

	<b>NENA Region, 10-11 December, 2017 in Tunisia</b>	<b>AOAD, COFOWANA, FAO, ACSAD, Regional University Union, ICBA.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Future scenarios developed</b></li><li>• <b>The players and responsibilities identified.</b></li></ul>
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