



# **GCARD-2010: AARINENA Perspective till date**



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# **AARINENA MISSION**

- **To contribute to the enhancement of agricultural and rural development in the WANA region through fostering agricultural research and technology development.**
- **To promote the exchange of scientific and technical experience and information.**
- **To strengthen collaboration within and outside the region to achieve greater degree of self-reliance in food and agriculture.**

# AARINENA Sub-Regions



# GCARD: its relevance for West Asia and North Africa

- The WANA region is the origin of many vital food crops such as barley and lentils for the World.
- In ancient times, the WANA region was the bread basket of various empires.
- This region is now a major net importer of food!!.



# GCARD: its relevance for WANA

- The region has several development problems, among them, poverty, lack of gainful livelihoods, shortage of water, droughts and desertification, and conflicts.
- The region has not emphasized, taking an overview, agricultural development and developing capacities in agricultural research.
- This has long term implications for the region's food security and civic security of Europe, West and Central Asia, Arabian Peninsula and North Africa.



# The GCARD Process in WANA

## AARINENA Task Force on Priority Setting:

- Members
  - Dr. Kamel Shideed
  - Dr. Salah Galal,
  - Dr. Majd Jamal
  - Dr. Nasri Haddad
  - Dr. Abdelmajeed Slama
  - Dr. Ibrahim Hamdan

The Task Force held three meetings: reviewed the previous priority settings ; the progress on the WANA Regional Review and the preparation for the face 2 face meeting

# Regional Review

## Purpose

- Producing a high-level regional development targets and refreshed, high-level set of regional agricultural research priorities
- Identification of areas of specific need in agricultural research for the poorest in AARINENA countries
- Developing an action plan for implementing the identified regional priorities.

# The GCARD Process in the WANA

## Regional Review:

### – Lead Consultant:

- Dr. M. Samir Habbab

### – Sub-regional Focal Points:

- Mrs. Taraneh Ebrahimi, West Asia
- Dr. Mohammad Majdalawi, Mashreq
- Dr. Salah Arafa, Nile Valley & the Red Sea
- Dr. Saleem Nadaf, Arabian Peninsula

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# Regional Review

## Process

- **Reviewing Previous studies on Priority Settings**
- **Key researchable issues were identified from Sub-regions**
- **Templates were prepared to collect information from different research institutions in the Region,**
- **These templates were analyzed and the total research titles were 1411.**
- **The research topics were collected from the Region,**
- **Key researchable issues identified were discussed in the E-Consultation.**

***The findings of the Regional Review will be presented by Dr. Habbab***

# The GCARD Process in WANA E-Consultation

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- Facilitators:
  - (1)Dr. Mohammad Majdalawi
  - (2)Mrs. Taraneh Ebrahimi
- Dates :2-20 September 2009
- In the first week, the participants introduced themselves and shared their experiences and views
- In the second week they reflected on the issues raised in the preceding week and put their experiences in perspective of the regional review findings.
- Participants suggested and discussed valuable ideas, information and innovations which will be helpful to have greater impact on major development needs of the region

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# E-Consultation

**The Main Issues discussed were focused on:**

- Linkage between research, extension and farmers – knowledge sharing
- Water scarcity and food security (improved water use efficiency, drought tolerant crops)
- Clear policies and strategies for agricultural research  
Policies, institutions and technology integrated in the research process
- The final summary is posted on GCARD webpage at <http://egfar.org>.

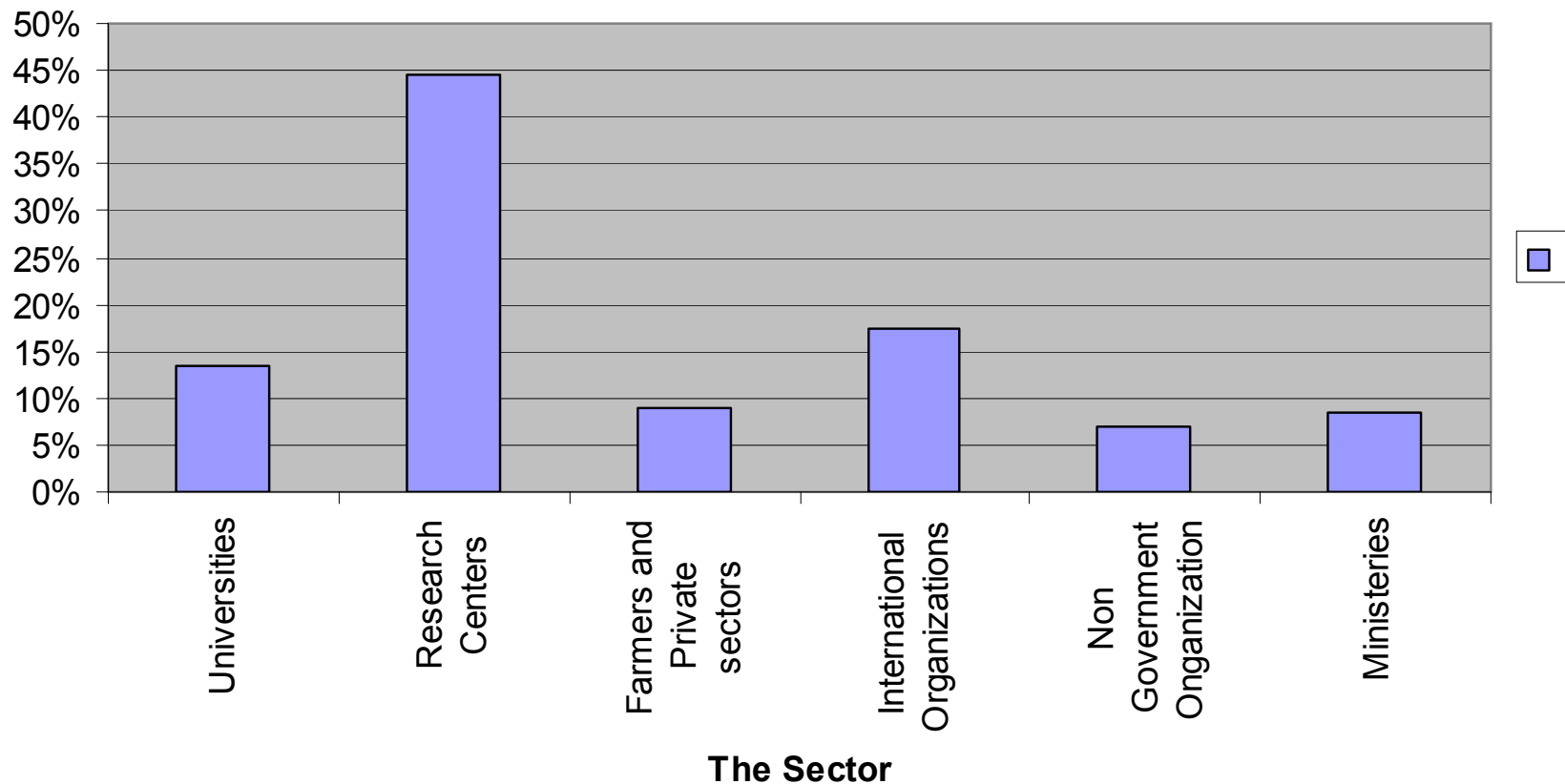
*Detail findings will be presented by Dr. Majdalawi*

# E-Consultation

200 participants with 150 messages from 18 countries

Regional & Internl. Orgs., NGOs, Farmers and Private sector

The participants from different Sectors



# The GCARD Process in the WANA Region

## Face to Face Consultation

- Our Meeting today will emphasis on group discussions and voice of all stakeholders to be heard
- No. of Participants (56)
- 18 Countries of Participants
- Stakeholder Representation:
  - NARS: (28)
  - NGOs, Farmers & Private sector: (9)
  - 10 Regional & International Organizations, (15).
  - Secretariat (4)

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## Face to Face Consultation

- Main Facilitator : Ms. Susanna Smets
- Supported by:
  - Dr. M. Samir Habbab
  - Mrs. Taraneh Ebrahimi
  - Dr. Mohammad Majdalawi
  - Dr. Salah Arafa
  - Dr. Saleem Nadaf

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# Follow up after this F2F Consultation

- Final WANA Regional Review with Key Researchable Issues that will impact on development, especially for the poor, published by AARINENA and presented to GCARD Task Force
- Discussion on global issues for ARD, development of GCARD Action Plan and Strategy to improve ARD through 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of E-Consultations globally and presentation at GCARD 2010 at Montpellier, 28-31 March 2010
- Advocacy for implementation of Action Plan in the WANA Region.
- Contribution to building collaboration and partnership in the region and towards capacity development in agricultural research management through by AARINENA

Thank You