

AARINENA IN ACTION

improved ICM.

- * Support for needs assessment, feasibility studies and funding proposals for improving ICT use and ICM.
- * Support appropriate infrastructure funding for the system and institutes.
- * Human capacity development, especially in managing information and communication through ICT enabled agricultural information systems.
- * Financial support as for effective use of ICTs and improving ICM in the NARS
- * Establish appropriate organizational structures for ICM in NARS and research institutes
- * Setting up a monitoring and evaluation processes for ICM and resources and project management using

ICTs in the NARS.

During the plenary session, a number of activities were identified for action to support NARS leaders and policy makers in their advocacy role:

- * Organize two workshops for NARS leaders and policy makers: the first to identify and prioritize the needs for improving ICM in WANA region, while the second to enable them to improve their advocacy.
- * Support the NARS in developing concept notes, proposals and feasibility studies to improve ICM.
- * Share and exchange of expertise on ICM in ARD within and outside the region.
- * Sharing evidence in the form of case studies and documents related to ICM.



AARINENA Executive Committee Meeting Yemen 26 June 2006

Dr. Ahmed Al-Bakri, AARINENA President, chaired the first newly-elected executive committee meeting in the framework of the 10th AARINENA General Conference in Sana'a, Yemen on 26 June 2006, which discussed and adopted the following recommendations:

1. WANA delegation to GFAR Triennial conference, November 2006 in India will be composed of members of AARINENA Executive Committee, Network Coordinators, ICT Steering Committee, NGO's, farmers and university representatives.
2. Implement activities which already secured funds and are in progress as follows:
 - * Inter-regional Information and Communication Management for Agricultural Development (ICM4ARD).
 - * Establish new water use efficiency and biotechnology networks.
 - * Support ongoing Global Post Harvest Initiative (GPHI) in linking farmers to markets.
3. Activate the role of sub-regional representatives in promoting AARINENA membership and activities within their sub-regions.
4. Nominate Pakistan to represent West Asia Sub-region and to serve as an observer in the executive committee.
5. AARINENA 11th General Conference to be held in Syria in May-June 2008, and the 12th General Conference to be held in Libya in 2010.
6. The committee agreed on the following tentative schedule of meetings:
 - * Executive committee meeting in conjunction of GFAR conference, to be held in November, 2006, New Delhi, India.
 - * Executive committee meeting, Aleppo - Syria May, 2007 in conjunction with ICARDA 30 Year anniversary meeting.
 - * Executive committee meeting, Libya, to be held in December, 2007.
 - * Executive committee meeting, to be held in Damascus-Syria, May-June, 2008 in conjunction with AARINENA 11th General Conference.