

Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

Mrs. Taraneh Ebrahimi, AARINENA-RAIS Secretary and Web Manager, represented AARINENA in the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) Stakeholder Consultation Meeting which was organized By FAO in Rome from 15 to 16 December 2011 and aimed to elaborate a more precise programmatic approach to develop the platform. During the sessions, the participants discussed the following five different paths to contribute to develop the Platform: a) Set the developmental objectives of the TPA; b) Agree on the modalities for ensuring that these objectives are met; c) Agree on the next steps; d) Identify partners and stakeholders and their roles in developing of the Platform. The TAP highlighted the following key messages:

TAP vision is to promote and to ensure impact to international scientific partnerships for capacity building in agriculture.

TAP mission is to offer a hub to existing initiatives to optimize complementarities, and to promote new partnerships to address recognized needs.

TAP will be a facilitation mechanism based on a virtual, agile and efficient structure, without creating new structures

TAP will be managed by the members through a Management board and facilitated by FAO.