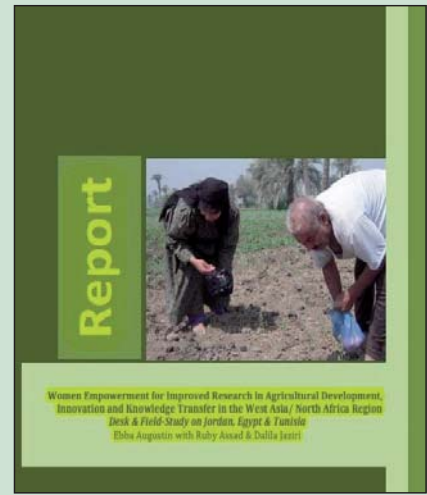


## “Women Empowerment for Improved Research in Agricultural Development, Innovation and Knowledge Transfer in the WANA Region”

AARINENA and GFAR cosponsored the preparation of a study on “Women Empowerment for Improved Research in Agricultural Development, Innovation and Knowledge Transfer in the West Asia/North Africa Region”. The Desk and Field-Study is a jointly effort of three scientists including Miss. Ebba Augustin, Ruby Assad and Dalila Jaziri. The study combined

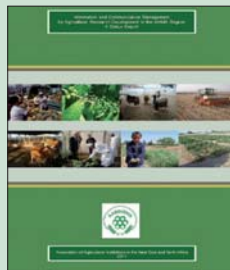
a desk-study with literature and internet research and field studies in Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia. It comprises four main chapters: an Overview of the WANA region; Women’s role in agriculture in the WANA region; Agricultural research and innovation in the WANA region; and Analysis and Recommendations. For more details, please visit AARINENA Website ([www.aarinena.org](http://www.aarinena.org)).



## FAO-Biotech-News

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) issued the 4th and final update for 2011 of FAO-Biotech-News. This newsletter contains news and event items that are relevant to applications of biotechnology in food and agriculture in developing countries. Its main focus is on the activities of FAO, of other United Nations agencies/bodies and of the 15 CGIAR research centers. The newsletter is published in six different versions, one per language i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish. All interested persons wish to subscribe; they can send a message to ([FAO-Biotech-News@fao.org](mailto:FAO-Biotech-News@fao.org)) or visit FAO Biotechnology website (<http://www.fao.org/biotech/en/>).

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## Publications on the CGIAR Science Forum 2011

The CGIAR Science Forum 2011 “The Agriculture-Environment Nexus” held in Beijing addressed the critical issue of increasing agricultural output while striking an optimal balance with environmental stewardship and land use. A summary of the six parallel sessions of the Forum 2011 has been published and is available for download at (<http://www.sciencecouncil.cgiar.org/>). Furthermore, a distillation of the key messages from the Science Forum will be published early next year as an ISPC Brief which you will also be able to find on the website. It is also expected to publish a selection of full papers in a special edition. The forthcoming journal publication will help to further disseminate the research discussed at the Science Forum, and engage a wider section of the research community in the science for development mission of the CGIAR and its partners.



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