



**Provisional program for the
11th General Conference of AARINENA
12-14 October 2008, Damascus-Syria**

Sunday 12, October 2008

08:30-09:00 – Registration

09:00-10:00 **Opening Session**

- Statement by the President of AARINENA
- Statement by FAO/RNE ADG
- Statement by GFAR Chair
- Statement by ICARDA Director General Representing CGIAR
- Statement by H.E. the Minister of Agriculture & Agrarian Reform, Syria

10:00 -10:30 Reception, Group picture, Coffee Break

10:30 -10:40 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
Election of Reporter and Nomination Officer

10:40 -11:10 AARINENA Activity Report, Dr. I. Hamdan

Global & Inter-Regional Collaboration Session

- 11:10-11:30 Global Cooperation in ARD, Dr. Mark Holderness
11:30-11:50 Inter-Regional Cooperation, APAARI/AARINENA, Dr. R. Paroda
11:50-12:10 Inter-Regional Cooperation, FARA/AARINENA, Dr. M. Jones
12:10 -12:30 Inter-Regional Cooperation, FORAGRO, Dr. E. Alcarón
12:30-12:50 Inter-regional Cooperation, ERA-ARD, Dr. C. Hoste
12:50-13:05 Collaboration between AARINENA and ISHS, Dr. N. Looney

13:05 -14:00 Lunch Break

AARINENA RAIS Session

- 14:00-14:20 AARINENA.RAIS Progress Report, Dr. M. Sallam
14:20- 14:45 Enhancing Information & Knowledge in WANA, Dr. Ajit Maru
14:45-15:05 introducing new AARINENA website, Mrs. T. Ebrahimi
15:05-15:30 Launching of NERAKIN by FAO/RNE, Mr. M. Latif

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

Election Announcement

16:00 -16:15 Election Announcement by the Nomination Officer

19:30 Dinner hosted by H.E. Minister of Agriculture & Agrarian Reform



Monday 13 October 2008

Network Activities Session

09:00 - 09:15 Date Palm Global Network, Dr. A. Zaid
09:15 - 09:30 Cotton Inter-Regional Network, Mrs. A. Gharedaghi
09:30 - 09:45 Olive Network, Dr. B. Karray
09:45 -10:00 Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Network, Dr. M. Fayyad

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 -10:45 Water Use Efficiency Network, Dr. A. Bahri
10:45 -11:00 Agricultural Biotechnology Network, Dr. M. Madkour

Regional Plant Genetic Resources Network (PGRN)

11:00- 11:25 Establishment of Regional PGRN at WANA, Dr. G. Ayad, BI
11:25- 11:50 Global Crop Diversity Trust collaboration with PGRN, Dr. L. Guarino

Research Priority Setting Session

11:50-12:10 Global Priorities and Needs, Dr. Ajit Maru, GFAR
12:10-12:30 Revisiting CWANA Research Priorities & Needs Assessment,
Dr. K. Shideed, ICARDA
12:30-12:50 Small Ruminants workshop Summary, Dr. S. Galal

Linking Farmers to Market (LFM) Global Partnership Program (GPP) Session

12:50-13:10 LFM-GPP Program

13:10-13:30 LFM AARINENA Case Studies, Dr. Samir Habbab

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

AARINENA Administrative Issues Session

14:30-14:50 Constitutional Amendments; Dr. M. Roozitalab
14:50-15:10 Financial Report, Dr. I. Hamdan
15:10- 15:30 Launching of NASRO, Mr. A. Gibriel

19:00 Dinner

Tuesday 14 October 2008

Election Session

09:00 -10:00 Election of the President, Vice President and 5 Sub-regional Representatives
10:00 -10:15 Date & Venue of the 12th General Conference

10:15 -10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 -11:00 Closure
11:00 -11:30 Newly Elected Executive Committee Meeting

11:30 -18:30: Lunch & Field Trip

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