



Agenda

5th RALF* Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 9:00-13:00, September 6, 2006
RAMP Boardroom, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

9:00-9:05	Introductions	A. R. Manan
9:05-9:15	The Role of MAI in RALF Steering Committee	H. E. Deputy Minister M. Jawad
9:15-9:30	Approval of Minutes of 4th Steering Committee Meeting	
9:30-9:45	Highlights of the RALF Six-Monthly Progress Reports	N. Malik and Project Partners Present
9:45-10:00	Outcome of the RALF “Output-to-Purpose Review” by DFID -Strengthening the RALF M&E at Project and Program Level -No-Cost Extension (Sept/Oct 2007?) -Plans for Future Thematic Events	N. Malik and Project Partners Present
10:00-10:15	Implementation of the RALF Communication Strategy	N. Malik, (C. Farnworth), L. Rasouli, J. Rizvi
10:15-10:30	RALF Project 01-11: Briefing on Forage/Fodder Production Field Day in Baghlan Province	A. R. Manan, L. Rasouli
10:30-11:30	Briefing on RALF Project 01-08 (Innovative Financial Mechanisms) -Introduction to Self Help Groups	R. Seenivasan -Joint (NRI, AKDN, MAI, ICARDA) Field M & E Mission to Badakhshan Province B. Pound, F. Fazl, N. Malik, H. Suter -Discussion and Next Steps
11:30-12:00	Development of New Concept Notes by MAI and RALF Partners for Scale-up/out of Successful RALF Themes for CNTF Funding	N. Malik, F. Fazl, A. H. Wahidi
12:00-13:00	Lunch and Discussion	

List of Invitees:

MAAHF:

H.E. DM Mostafa Jawad

Mr. M. H. Barikzai, DG of NRM
Mr. M. H. Rashedi, DG of Animal Husbandry and Agronomy Services
Dr. Fazluddin Fazl, DG of Extension
Dr. Aziz Osmanzai, DG of Research
Mr. Nasratullah Akbarzad, DG of Planning
Mr. A. L. Rasouli, DG of Media & Publications
Dr. Azizullah Osmani, DG of Animal Husbandry Dept
Mr. Saboor Shairzad, Director of ALP
Mr. Hanif Padar, DG of Cooperatives
Mr. Sayed Safder, Cooperatives Dept
Other Cooperatives Dept Officers
Mr. Asef Rashid, MAI Advisor
Mr. Nasrullah Saifi, MAI Advisor
Khalil Rahman, MAI (Master Plan) Advisor

DFID:

Mr. James Medhurst, DFID Team Leader
Ms. Anthea Kerr, Livelihoods Advisor
Mr. Sabir Nasiry, Program Officer

Ministry of Counter-Narcotics

Dr. Nabi Hussaini
Mr. Abdul Haleem Wahidi
Dr. Zia Poya

ICARDA:

Mr. Abdul Rahman Manan,
Dr. Ghulam M. Bahram,
Dr. Najib Malik
Dr. Javed Rizvi
Mr. S. Siddiqi
Mr. Muzaffar Athar
Ms. Palwasha Salehi

CIP: Dr. Mohammad Arif

RALF Project Partners

Dr. Benny Werge, DACAAR
Dr. Geoff Dolman, Mercy Corps
Mr. Barry Pound, NRI-UK
Dr. Henri Suter, AKDN
Mr. R. Seenivasan, AKDN/NRI
Project 02-07 Representation

Kabul University:

Prof. Yasin Moshini, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture
Mr. Farid Ahmad Sherzai, Faculty of Agriculture

Distinguished Guest:

Al-haj Abdul Majid, Governor of Badakhshan Province

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