

**Project on “Community Action in Integrated and Market Oriented Feed-Livestock Production in Central and South Asia”, funded by IFAD**

The Final Regional Workshop of the IFAD-funded “Community Action in Integrated and Market Oriented Feed-Livestock Production in Central and South Asia” Project was held in Tashkent on 10-11 December 2009. This workshop was hosted by the ICARDA Regional Office for Central Asia and Caucasus located in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Ms. Laura Puletti, IFAD Focal Point, Grants Programme, Gender and Knowledge Management, Asia and the Pacific Division, took part on behalf of IFAD. Dr. Barbara Rischkowsky, Project Coordinator and Director of the DSIPS Program, Dr. Aden Aw-Hassan, Principal Investigator on Socioeconomics and Director of the SEPR Program, Dr. Mounir Louhaichi, Principal Investigator on Rangelands, represented ICARDA headquarters. The Final Regional Workshop was also attended by the collaborating scientists from Pakistan, Central Asian NARS, and scientists from ICARDA Regional Office for CAC in Tashkent. Selection of the workshop participants was based on the abstracts sent by all collaborators for assessment by the project management.

In the welcome address, Dr. Zakir Khalikulov, Acting Regional Coordinator of ICARDA-CAC, greeted the workshop participants, expressed his appreciation for the work done under the integrated feed and livestock project, and emphasized that the climate change creates many problems. He highlighted that in the livestock production sector, the most challenging issue is breeding of small ruminants that can better adapt to the new conditions.

In her opening statement, Ms. Laura Puletti, IFAD, pointed out that visibility and dissemination of the project results is the most important part of the work that can make sure the success stories reach all the stakeholders. In this regard, Ms. Puletti invited participants to join the ENRAP regional platform to share the outputs and to better understand the needs of beneficiaries.

In the introductory presentation, Dr. Barbara Rischkowsky, Project Coordinator, ICARDA, informed the participants that the specific objectives of the Final Workshop include presenting a representative collection of readily analyzed scientific results from all research sites and themes; discussion of lessons learnt for each country and across countries; and discussion of options for follow-up/continuation or dissemination of project interventions and feasibility of adoption by a larger group of farmers.

During the workshop, participants were introduced the research results on socioeconomics, rangelands and forage production, and livestock production. Selected abstracts will be published in January 2010 for further dissemination of the project outputs.