

CDIS-Output 3 News

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The Project for Capacity Development and Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock in Afghanistan (CDIS) - Collaboration between Research and Extension-

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| 1. Great Success of ARM 2016 | 2. ARM Preparation Workshop |
| 3. Dubai Meeting | 4. Handover Ceremony of MBK-FRC |

1. ARM 2016 was held in at Abdul Wakil Khan Conference Hall of MAIL from 18th to 20th Dec 2016. About 130 people participated the event including 67 people from ARGD and 34 people from thirteen regional research stations. International organizations such as CIMMYT, FAO, French Cooperation (FCO), ICARDA and JICA also sent their representatives to the event. Not only international organizations but also Kabul University, NGO, and some other directorates of MAIL joined the event. Research outcomes were presented by 11 departments from Applied Research Directorate, Soil Directorate, Livestock Directorate and 13 regional research stations and 8 International organizations and NGOs. Presentations were evaluated by designated evaluators from MAIL in order to give feedback to the researchers. Due to all the preparation effort of ARGD researchers, ARM committee members and our CPs and FPs, ARM2016 was a great success.



ARM 2016



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2. Preparation of ARM 2016 was initiated by FPs and CPs of the CDIS-Output3 project. ARM Preparation Workshop (ARPW) was held for 2 days (8th and 9th Nov, 2016). Regional and central researchers gathered and learned how to write research report using the format from their colleagues who have participated a training in Japan. Report writing practice is vital to the improvement of research writing skills and quality of research implementation skills. Research requires constant monitoring and evaluation in order to improve its quality. Research report writing skills is necessary in order to upgrade the quality of research of ARGD.



Lecture by FP at 1st day of ARPW



Practice and discussion at 2nd day of ARPW

3. Meeting in Dubai, UAE was held from 13th to 15th November in order to prepare ARM 2016. Three researchers from ARGD, Dr. Hayat Shams and Mr. Masihullah Alekozai from Afghanistan and Dr. Masaaki Suzuki and Mr. Masahiro Yoneyama from Japan participated the meeting. At the meeting, the participants have 1) discussed the progress of research implementation at demonstration plots, 2) practiced report writing for ARM2016 and 3) confirmed the preparation progress of ARM2016. The outcome of this meeting contributed to the success of ARM2016.



Dubai meeting



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4. Construction of Farmer Resource Centre in Mir Bacha Kot was completed, and handover ceremony was held on 17th December 2016 at Abdul Wakil Khan Conference Hall of MAIL. 50 people participated including representatives from EGD, ARGD, JICA, Kabul DAIL, Mir Bacha Kot DAIL, PBCC and ZACC. Our national staff Mr. Mohammad Alim introduced the facilities of Farmer Resource Centre - Mir Bacha Kot (MBK-FRC). For handover, the “Agreement on operation and maintenance of Mir Bacha Kot Farmer Resource Center in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan between Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and livestock (MAIL) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)” was prepared. This agreement defines the obligations of MAIL/DAIL who to manage the facility. Mr. Hamdullah Hamdard, the Director General of EGD and Mr. Cho from JICA Afghanistan office signed the agreement. The CDIS-Output3 hopes the MBK-FRC will be utilized fully and contribute to the development of agriculture in Afghanistan.



Signing the agreement



Introduction of MBK-FRC

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TV meeting schedule	
Date	Main Topic
11th January	- Evaluation of ARM2016 - Future management of ARM - FRC utilization plan
23rd January	TBC
6th February	TBC