



**WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL GENE BANKS IN
OIC MEMBER STATES**

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, 5-6 JULY 2020

WORK PROGRAMME (Video-conference via Microsoft Teams)

Theme: Enhancing Food Security in OIC Member States through Agricultural Bio-
diversity

Date: Sunday, 5 July 2020

Time: Programme
Dubai Local Time –
GMT +4

13.00

Opening Ceremony

Brief Introduction & Recitation from the Holy Quran
(Master of Ceremony- Ms. Moza Al-Ahaheri, International
Relationship Expert, Food Security Office, UAE)

Keynote Addresses

1. H.E. Mr. Yerlan Baidautet, DG, IOFS
2. H.E Askar Mussinov, Assistant Secretary General,
Science and Technology, OIC
3. Amb. Madiyar Menilbekov, Ambassador of
Kazakhstan to UAE
4. Chairperson, Her Excellency, Mariam AL-MHEIRI,
Minister of State for Food Security of United Arab
Emirates (Chairman of Workshop)

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Panel 1: Role and Importance of Gene Banks for
Conserving Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
Panelists:

1. Dr. Kakoli Ghosh, Coordinator (Partnerships),
Strategic Program on Sustainable Agriculture, FAO
2. Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, ICBA Director General
3. Ms.Lerzan Gul Aykas, Head of Biodiversity and
Genetic Resources Department, Turkey
4. Dr. Sadar Uddin Siddiqui, Chief Scientific
Officer/Curator National Genebank of Pakistan
and Director, Bio-resources Conservation Institute,
National Agricultural Research Centre, Pakistan

Rapporteur: Ambassador Hameed Opeloyeru, Deputy-
Director-General, IOFS

- 13.45 General Discussion
- 14.00 Panel II: Country Experiences on Gene Bank Development and International Collaboration.
- Panelists:
1. Professor M.F Isiyaku, Executive Director
Institute for Agricultural Research. Zaria, Nigeria
 2. Dr. Moussa Ouedraogo, MsC Applied Statistics,
Tree Domestication and Forest Genetic Resources
Conservation, Burkina-Faso
 3. Dr Khurshid Hasanain, Adviser, COMSTECH
Secretariat
 4. UAE (tbc)
- Rapporteur: Mr. Bashir Jama Adan, Lead, Global Practice, Food Security Specialist, Islamic Development Bank.
- 14.25 General Discussion
- 14.40 Panel III: Overview of Global and Regional Agreements on PGRFA, including forests and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture.
- Panelists:
1. Dr. Daniele Manzella, Technical Officer,
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture Secretariat, FAO
 2. Dr. Asif Javaid, Principal Scientific Officer/
Program Leader, Plant Genetic Resources Program,
Bio-resources Conservation Institute, National
Agricultural Research Center, Pakistan
 3. Dr. Rakesh Singh, Program Leader on Crop
Diversification and Genetics, Principal Scientist -
Plant Breeding, ICBA.
- Rapporteur: Mr. Mazhar Hussain, Director of Economic and Social Research Department, SESRIC
- 15.05 General Discussion
- 15.20 Presentation by Rapporteurs/Discussion
- 15.30 End of Day 1

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Panel IV: Agricultural Bio-diversity and Resilient Food Systems

Panelists:

1. Dr. Reda Rizk PGR& Biodiversity Expert, Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development.
2. Ms. Rosliza Jajuli, Deputy Director, Agrobiodiversity and Environment Research Centre, Malaysia,
3. Dr. Khalid Amri, Director, Khalifa Center for Genetic Engineering and Bio-technology/Head of Department of Biology, UAE University.
4. Mr. Md. Hajiqul Islam, Research Director, FPMU, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh.

Rapporteur: COMSTECH

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General Discussion

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Panel V: The Challenges of Conserving and Sharing Genetic Resources

Panelists:

1. Professor G.H Sharubutu, Executive Secretary, Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria
2. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Jatoy, Principal Scientific Officer, National Agricultural Research Centre, Pakistan
3. Dr. Bonnie Furman, Agricultural Officer – Plant Genetic Resources (Agrobiodiversity), FAO
4. Professor Mbarek Ben Naceur, Director General National Gene Bank of Tunisia.

Rapporteur, OIC General Secretariat (S&T)

- 14.00 General Discussion
- 14.15 Panel VI: Developing National Capacities on Bio-Diversity and the Role of Regional Centers of Excellence.
- Panelists:
1. Dr. Iskakov Ayup (Kazakhstan),
 2. Mr. Nur Abdi, Manager, Agriculture Global Practice Economic & Social Infrastructure, IsDB,
 3. Mrs. Seta Tutundjian, Director of Programs, ICBA
 4. Dr. Naser B Almarri, General Director of Seed Center/Secretary-General of the National Committee for the Management of Plant Genetic Resources of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Rapporteur: Dr. Islamail Abdulhamid, Adviser, Research and Development, IOFS
- 14.40 General Discussion
- 14.55 Presentations by Rapporteurs/ General Discussion
- 15.10 Plenary Session: Elaboration of an IOFS Plan of Action for Cooperation in the area of GRFA
- Introduction: Amb. Hameed Opeloyeru, Deputy Director-General, IOFS
- 15.20 General Discussion
- 15.30 Adoption of Recommendations of the Workshop Dubai Communique about (The Importance of Gene Bank to Strengthening Food Security in OIC Member Countries)
- 15.45 Closing Session
Remarks by:
1. HE Yerlan Baidaulet, DG, IOFS
 2. UAE (Chairman)