



## PROJECT DURAS

*Promotion du Développement Durable dans les systèmes de Recherche Agricole du Sud*  
*Promoting Sustainable Development in Agricultural Research Systems in the South*

**DURAS Project Closing Seminar**  
Organized under the auspices of the  
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### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Day 01 : 11 June

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b> <i>Participants arrive at the FAO Visitors Lobby to get their Building Pass and head on to the Conference Room</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>  Welcome remarks <span style="float: right;">Adel El-Beltagy, GFAR Chair</span>  Message from Agropolis International (AI) <span style="float: right;">Alain Leplaideur (on behalf of Henri Carsalade, AI President)</span>  Message from the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs <span style="float: right;">Christian Thimonier, MAEE-France (invited)</span>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>SESSION 1 : SETTING THE SCENE</b>  Global Forum on Agricultural Research <span style="float: right;">Mark Holderness, GFAR Executive Secretary</span>  DURAS Project Overview & Results Programme Overview <span style="float: right;">Oliver Oliveros, DURAS Project Coordinator</span>
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>PART 1: RESULTS, EXPERIENCE AND LESSONS LEARNT</b> <i>1. This part of the workshop focuses on the 12 DURAS-funded projects. 2. Each session is to be introduced by the Moderator and will be followed by Project Presentations by DURAS Project Leaders narrating their experience, presenting key findings and lessons learnt in implementing their respective initiative. 3. Project presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion focusing on the session topic being addressed. 4. The Session Rapporteur will then summarize the key points raised during the Session and present it the following day.</i>	
10:30 – 12:00	<b>SESSION 2: COMBINING LOCAL AND SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE</b>  <b>Introduction by the Session Moderator</b>  <b>Presentations</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The implication of the local knowledge in the increasing integration of animal husbandry in the farming systems of disadvantaged communities (Crop-Livestock Project)</i> Tran Duc Toan, Director Soils and Fertilizers Institute, MARD (Vietnam)</li> <li>▪ <i>Innovations et savoirs paysans dans les pratiques de gestion des écosystèmes forestiers humides d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre : diversification des systèmes d'exploitation associant cultures pérennes et vivrières (Projet Foret)</i> Aboubakar Njoya, Director Institute de REcherche Agronomique pour le Developpement (Cameroun)</li> <li>▪ <i>Valoriser les savoirs paysans sur l'intégration agriculture élevage pour une gestion durable des écosystèmes des savanes subhumides de l'Afrique (Projet Agri-elevage)</i> Eric Vall, CIRDES (Burkina Faso)</li> <li>▪ <i>Caractérisation morphologique, zootechnique et génétique des populations locales de volailles de genre Gallus dans les pays côtiers de l'Afrique occidentale (Projet Volailles)</i> Issaka Youssao, Université d'Abomey-Calavi (Bénin)</li> </ul> <b>DISCUSSION</b>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break (FAO Cafeteria)

13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>SESSION 3: STRENGTHENING THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION (CSOs) IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT (ARD)</b></p> <p><b>Introduction by the Session Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Appropriation par les Organisations de Producteurs d'Afrique de l'Ouest de la technologie d'inoculation avec des microorganismes améliorant la production végétale (Projet INOCULATION)</i> Hamet Aly Sow, CLCOP de Keur Momar Sarr (Senegal)</li> <li>▪ <i>Farmer Access to Innovation Resources. Action Research on Innovation Support Fund (FAIR Project)</i> Anton Krone, Farmer Support Group (South Africa)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:30	<p><b>SESSION 5 : PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE AND MARKET LINKAGES</b></p> <p><b>Introduction by the Session Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Poverty and Pace Setters : From sector support for farm products marketing to targeting entrepreneurs by building networks among poverty struck (POPSe)</i> Pham Bich Ngoc, Centre for Rural Economic Development Research (Vietnam)</li> <li>▪ <i>Improving the pig and pig meat marketing chain to enable small producers to serve consumer needs in Vietnam and Cambodia (Pig Project)</i> Vu Trong Binh, Rural Development Center (Vietnam)</li> <li>▪ <i>Production de malts de sorgho ou de mil de qualité pour la production alimentaire artisanale ou semi-industrielle en Afrique de l'Ouest (Projet Malto-sorgho)</i> Joseph Hounhouigan, CERNA (Benin)</li> <li>▪ <i>Linking farmers to markets through valorization of local resources: The case for intellectual property rights of indigenous resources (IPR Project)</i> Johann Kirsten, University of Pretoria (South Africa)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>
16:30 – 18:00	<p><b>SESSION 5 : FACILITATING KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE THROUGH NETWORKS AND PLATFORMS</b></p> <p><b>Introduction by the Session Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Un réseau régional de plateformes d'échanges pour améliorer l'identification des besoins des agriculteurs et la diffusion de nouvelles variétés de bananier plantain (INNOBAP)</i> Kodjo Tomekpe, CARBAP (Cameroon)</li> <li>▪ <i>Approche intégrative de la gestion des nématodes phytoparasites en systèmes maraîchers méditerranéens et sahéliens (NEMATUS)</i> Mohammed Tazi, Société MARISSA (Maroc)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>
18:00	Welcome Cocktails at the FAO Terrace

**DAY 02 : 12 JUNE**

09:00 – 10:00	<b>Recap of Day 1: Reports from the Session Rapporteurs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Combining local and scientific knowledge</li> <li>▪ Strengthening the involvement of civil society organization (CSOs) in ARD</li> <li>▪ Promoting public-private and market linkages</li> <li>▪ Facilitating knowledge exchange through networks and platforms</li> </ul>
10:00- 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>PART 2: IDEAS, PERSPECTIVES AND PROSPECTIVE</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parallel Working Group Sessions are organized around issues concerning partnership, communication and feedback, monitoring &amp; evaluation, sustainability and research financing.</li> <li>2. Participants are free to join whichever session they wish to go to. Each Parallel Session will have its own Moderator and Rapporteur as well as a few panelists to kick off the discussion. A highly interactive dialogue is encouraged soliciting inputs and participation from participants.</li> <li>3. Rapporteurs will be asked to present highlights of discussion at the end of the day in plenary the next day.</li> </ol>	
10:30- 12:00	<b>Parallel Working Group Session (WGS) 1A : Innovation systems</b> Venue: Lebanon Room
	<b>Parallel Working Group Session (WGS) 1B : Promoting, monitoring and evaluating partnerships</b> Venue: Mexico Room
12:00 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Parallel Working Group Session (WGS) 2A : Ensuring sustainability</b> Venue: Lebanon Room
	<b>Parallel Working Group Session (WGS) 2B : Communication and Feedback</b> Venue: Mexico Room
15:00 16:00	<b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK AND OPEN MARKETPLACE</b>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Presentation of Parallel Working Group Session outputs</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 1 TOWARDS EFFECTING PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE : ACTORS, ORGANIZATIONS AND SYSTEM</b>
17:30	<b>End of Day 2</b>

**Day 03 : 13 June (Lebanon Room)**

09:00 – 10:00	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 2 REGIONAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES: FROM AGENDA TO ACTION</b>
10:00- 10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10 :15 – 11 :15	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 3 FINANCING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH</b>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conclusion and key messages</li> <li>▪ Statements from the participants</li> <li>▪ Closing Remarks</li> </ul>