

MORE FOOD WITH LESS WATER

PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFICIENT WATER USE FOR FOOD SECURITY



🕒 **03 April 2018 | 16:00 to 18:00 hrs**
📍 **Didon 1, Ramada Hotel, Tunis, Tunisia**

Overview

As the general theme for 43rd Annual Meeting of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB Group) is about “Partnerships”, the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), IsDB and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) will co-organize a seminar titled **More Food with Less Water: Partnership for efficient water use for food security**.

Background

The Board of Governors of the IsDB Group holds its annual meetings to discuss development issues and institutional matters. The meeting offers an ideal platform for decision makers to discuss challenges and explore opportunities facing its 57 member countries. The meeting and accompanying side-events attract over 2000 participants from the public and private sectors as well as academia and civil society. The side-events are open to all registered participants and are designed to generate discussion and debate as well as promote partnerships.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 aims to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition by 2030. It commits to universal access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. This requires sustainable food production systems and resilient agricultural practices. Water is key to food security; agriculture requires large quantities of water for irrigation and the various production processes. Water however, is becoming increasingly scarce. This is certainly the case in many IsDB member countries. This side-event aims to look at innovations that boost agricultural productivity and improve farmers’ livelihoods while increasing water efficiency.

SIDE EVENT

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Joint Event

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Expected Outcomes

The aim of this event is to provide a platform for knowledge exchange, i.e. to share innovative solutions, good practices and success stories that have the potential to be replicated and scaled up by the IsDB or individual member states. The objectives of the side-event include:

- To identify innovations that boost agricultural productivity and improve farmers' livelihoods while increasing water use efficiency.
- To develop appropriate partnerships for bringing the innovative solutions to scale and sustain impacts at the farm level.
- To determine strategies for strengthening human and institutional capacities (including policy reforms required) to adapt and scale up the innovations to country and region specific needs.

Program (02 hours)

Short introductory film	5 minutes
Opening remarks Mr. Amadou Thierno Diallo , <i>Director, Economic and Social Infrastructure Department, IsDB</i>	10 minutes
Setting the scene Ambassador Pio Wennubst , <i>Assistant Director General, Head of the Global Cooperation Department, SDC, Bern</i>	10 minutes
Keynote speech Dr. William Ellis , <i>Coordinator of the Sustainable Rice Platform, UN Environment Asia and Pacific Office, Bangkok</i>	10 minutes
Panel members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Director General, ICBA, Dubai • Dr. Bashir Jama Adan, Agriculture and Food Security Lead Specialist, Agriculture Infrastructure Division, IsDB, Jeddah • Prof. Abderraouf Laajimi, General Director, Direction Générale du Financement, des Investissements et des Organismes Professionnels, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche (FIOP), Tunis • Mr. Luc Beerens, Global Sustainable Sourcing Director, MARS Food, the Netherlands • Dr. Yacouba Doumbia, Project Coordinator, Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Program (SAPEP) – IsDB-Financed Project, Mali 	5x10 50 minutes
Moderator Dr. Abdelhakim Elwaer , <i>Adviser to the President and IsDBG Spokesperson, IsDB, Jeddah</i>	
Question and Answer	20 minutes
Outcomes and take-home messages Ambassador Pio Wennubst , <i>Assistant Director General, Head of the Global Cooperation Department, SDC, Bern</i>	10 minutes
Words of thanks Mr. Amadou Thierno Diallo , <i>Director, Economic and Social Infrastructure Department, IsDB</i>	5 minutes

