

## **Draft Agenda**

31th NERC Side Event

### **FAO – ICARDA collaboration for sustainable crop production and livelihoods in the Near East Region**

16 May 2012, 10.30-12.00h  
FAO Headquarters, King Faisal Room (D263)

**10.30 Welcome and Opening**

Mr Laurent Thomas, Assistant-Director General, Technical Cooperation Department, FAO

Mr Henri Carsalade, Chair, ICARDA's Board of Trustees

**10.35 Improving Food security and Livelihoods in Dry Areas and ICARDA's Contribution**

Mr Mahmoud Solh, Director-General, ICARDA

**11.10 FAO's Support to the CGIAR System**

Mr Andrea Sonnino, Chief, Research and Extension Branch (OEKR)

**11.20 FAO – ICARDA Collaboration for Sustainable Crop Production in the Near East Region**

Ms Kakoli Ghosh, Team Leader, Seeds and Plant Genetic Resources, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO

**11.35 Feedback from Participants and Discussion**

**11.55 Closing Remarks**

Ms Xiangjun Yao, Director, Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research and Extension, FAO