

# AWLA Workshop I



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**Date:** 20-23 September 2021 (11:00-17:00 UAE time)

**Venue:** Virtual, Microsoft Teams

## Agenda

### Monday, 20 September 2021

#### 11:00-12:00 Inauguration of AWLA workshop

Welcome remarks, **Dr. Tarifa Alzaabi**, Acting Director General, ICBA

Remarks, **Mr. Victor Kommerell**, Program Manager, CGIAR Research Programs on Maize and Wheat

Introduction of fellows

Overview about AWLA, **Mr. Ghazi Al-Jabri**, Capacity Development Specialist, ICBA

AWLA alumni testimonial, **Dr. Marwa Hassine** (Tunisia)

#### Module 1: Leadership and team-building

**Overview of the module:** "Leadership is one of the most observed and least understood phenomena." One of the definitions of leadership "is the art of motivating a group of people to act towards achieving a common goal". Leaders provide the direction towards achieving an organization's goals and objectives where they influence the attitudes and behavior of their staff.

**Learning outcomes:** In this module, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Understand a leader's responsibilities better and recognize and critique individual effectiveness in leadership.
2. Learn multiple approaches to leadership within a local and international context.
3. Acquire various soft skills relevant to leading agri-projects.
4. Reflect more on your identity, leadership style and capacities.

12:00-14:00 *Session 1: Agri-leadership from ICBA's perspective*, **Dr. Tarifa Alzaabi**, Acting Director General, ICBA

14:00-14:30 Break

14:30-15:30 *Session 2: Applied agri-leadership: ICBA's international projects in Egypt*, **Dr. Sherine Mansour**, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, Desert Research Center, and AWLA alumni, Egypt

15:30-16:30 *Session 3: The power of international leadership: The experience of ICBA's CAC Office*, **Dr. Aziz Karimov**, Head of ICBA's CAC Office in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

16:30-17:00 *Session 4: Leading agri-business: A success story from the UAE*, **Eng. Mariam Aljenaibi**, Manager of Nabta Agriculture LLC, UAE

#### Speakers

**Dr. Tarifa Alzaabi**, Acting Director General, ICBA

**Mr. Victor Kommerell**, Program Manager, CGIAR Research Programs on Maize and Wheat

**Eng. Mariam Aljenaibi**, Manager of Nabta Agriculture LLC, UAE

**Dr. Aziz Karimov**, Head of ICBA's CAC Office in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**Dr. Sherine Mansour**, Associate Prof. Desert Research Center, and AWLA Alumni, Egypt

#### Trainers

**Dr. Henda Mahmoudi**, Plant Physiologist, ICBA

**Dr. Ali Elbattay**, Senior Scientist in Remote Sensing and Drone Technology, ICBA

**Mr. Ghazi Al-Jabri**, Capacity Development Specialist, ICBA

## Tuesday, 21 September 2021

### Module 2: Data-driven Agriculture: Towards a successful digital transformation for a smart and sustainable agriculture

**Facilitator:** Dr. Ali Elbattay, Senior Scientist in Remote Sensing and Drone Technology

**Overview of the module:** To unlock the power of data and empower farming communities, decision-makers and key stakeholders in agriculture should be aware of the many opportunities and challenges that come with emerging technologies in agriculture. Geomatics, unmanned aerial systems combined with emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT), bring significant benefits to data value chains in agriculture.

**Learning outcomes:** In this module, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Recognize features and components of the holistic global data ecosystem and data spectrum for agriculture.
2. Differentiate emerging data-related technologies in agriculture.

11:00-12:00 *Session 1: **Global data ecosystem and data spectrum for agriculture***

12:00-13:00 *Session 2: **Data value chain for a smart and sustainable agriculture***

13:00-13:30 Break

13:30-15:00 *Session 3: **Emerging technologies and agricultural data***

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-17:00 *Session 4 (Interactive): **Data value chain approach applied to national farm-level management and optimization system***

## Wednesday, 22 September 2021

### Module 3: Development of project proposals

**Facilitator:** Mr. Ghazi Al-Jabri, Capacity Development Specialist

**Overview of the module:** Successful projects require careful planning. You will be provided with guidance on developing a strong application that will allow reviewers to better evaluate the science and merit of your proposal.

**Learning outcomes:** In this module, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Learn how to put your ideas into a successful application.
2. Prepare a clear and concise paper and search the grant sector for a potential funder.
3. Practice writing a concept note with your colleagues.

11:00-12:00 *Session 1: **Project planning***

12:00-13:00 *Session 2: **Writing concept notes vs proposals***

13:00-13:30 Break

13:30-15:00 *Session 3: (Interactive) **Practice writing concept note in groups***

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-17:00 *Session 4: (Interactive) **Presenting concept notes by groups***

## Thursday, 23 September 2021

### Module 4: Research team behavior during project implementation

**Facilitator:** Dr. Henda Mahmoudi, Plant Physiologist

**Overview of the module:** Successful projects depend on, among other things, a successful implementation team. Whether you lead a team or a member of a team, you need to know your authorities, responsibilities and limitations.

**Learning outcomes:** In this module, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Understand your role while working in a team.
2. Learn how to be an effective member and lead the team to success.

11:00-12:00 *Session 1: **Behavioral fitness when implementing a project and collaborating with others***

12:00-13:00 *Session 2: **Stories and experience from the field***

13:00-13:30 Break

13:30-15:00 *Session 3: (interactive) **Your capstone projects: Your strong points to lead your team to success***

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-17:00 *Session 4: (interactive) **What challenges have you faced when working on collaborative projects?***