

The Ninth CLAN Steering Committee Meeting held at ICRISAT

The Ninth Cereals and Legumes Asia Network (CLAN) Steering Committee Meeting was held at ICRISAT, Patancheru, India during 8–10 October 2007. It was cosponsored by ICRISAT, ICARDA, AVRDC and APAARI. All CLAN Country Coordinators participated along with the representatives of AVRDC, ICARDA, ICRISAT and APAARI.

The Steering Committee will review the 2006–07 accomplishments of the network in the areas of germplasm exchange, training, exchange of scientists, and adoption and impact of technology in CLAN countries. The meeting participants acknowledged the germplasm samples, breeding lines and sets of trials/nurseries of CLAN mandated crops supplied by ICRISAT (sorghum, pearl millet, chickpea, pigeonpea and groundnut), AVRDC (mungbean) and ICARDA (lentil) to member countries.

CLAN membership consists of 13 countries in Asia (Bangladesh, China, India, Iran, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and Yemen). ICRISAT, AVRDC, ICARDA and other regional and international institutes in the Asia-Pacific region are also a part of the network and exchange genetic material, technology and research information, and training input.

The expanded CLAN is now co-facilitated by ICRISAT, ICARDA and AVRDC. The coordination unit is located at and supported by ICRISAT-Patancheru. APAARI has committed support to help sustain the network activities.

CLAN-related activities

In Bangladesh, an international traveling workshop on lentil was organized jointly by BARI and ICARDA during February 2007.

In the Philippines, the groundnut variety Asha is one of the component production technologies in the Science and Technology Based Farm (STBF) of PCARRD being implemented by 'Magsasaka Siyentista' in Isabela province. NSIC Pn 11 and NSIC Pn 14 are the other approved groundnut varieties whose parent materials originated from ICRISAT.

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