

### **Editorial – 2017 year-planning**

Between December 2016 and February 2017, farmers' organizations heads, supported by national facilitators' teams and Fert, are defining their objectives for the current year and are planning the activities. The year 2017 marked the end of SFOAP in North Africa in its current configuration. The aim is thus to prepare the "exit phase" and to focus more specifically on farmers' organizations management capacities regarding the acquisition of collective equipment and the services related to their use.

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### 2017 PERSPECTIVES FOR FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY SFOAP

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#### **EGYPT – Medicinal and aromatic plants**

Local groups in Fayum, supported by NSCE, will pursue their efforts in building the farmers' technical competencies, with an emphasis on improving post-harvest phase, through mechanization processing for example.



#### **EGYPT – Onions**

Concerning the onion value-chain in Sohag, the supporting team and farmers will focus post-harvest issues (packaging and processing) as well, but on onions', French beans' and dried tomatoes' joint marketing too.



#### **TUNISIA – Sheep breeding**

The agricultural development group of sheep farmers from the North, supported by Becosa, will work on improving and disseminating the Sigeo (identification and sheep flocks' management system that facilitates the monitoring and thus the flocks' management) to their members and to other breeders from the region, grouped in other FOs.



#### **TUNISIA – Camel breeding**

Several farmers' organizations in southern Tunisia, integrated in camel value-chain, will be supported in 2017 on herds' health management and on administration and accounting management of their organizations.



## MOROCCO – Beekeeping

The beekeeping cooperatives union in Taza will be supported by Fert in 2017, in a larger extend, on building the capacities of its technical committee, in terms of technical skills and advice and supervision competencies, but also on the establishment of a beekeeping nursery dedicated to demonstration apiary and then queens rearing.



## ALGERIA – Beekeeping

In 2017, the new national association of professional beekeepers (ANAP), supported by Area-Ed, will focus on setting-up a honey analysis laboratory (with long-term perspectives of developing standards), on setting-up a disease control network and on defining and sharing roles between the Wilaya associations and itself.



## MOROCCO – Mountain fruits farming

Two cooperatives in Rich region will be supported by Fert on technical aspects (especially those impacting quality) but also on the preparation of establishing a storage and processing service and, concerning the second cooperative, on establishing a phytosanitary input provision service.



## ALGERIA – Cereals

Cereal growers for Setif Wilaya, organized in several local associations, will continue to build their technical competencies, through local trainers/farmers, and will consider multiplying forage seed.



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## AGENDA



- ⇒ **13-15 February**, Fert supervision mission in Tunisia
- ⇒ **17 February**, workshop on defining the missions of the technical committee and the technician of the beekeeping Al Amal union (Taza – Morocco)
- ⇒ **15 March**, general assembly of the beekeeping Al Amal union (Taza – Morocco)

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