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Anap's 2018 general assembly

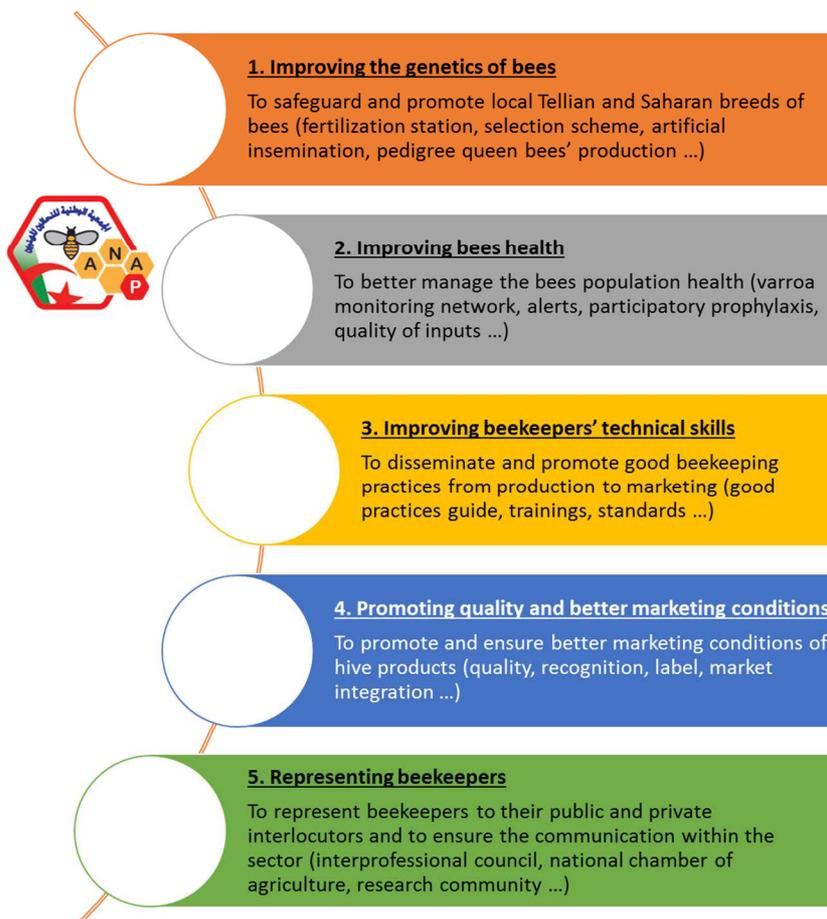
Anap (national association of professional beekeepers) prepares its 2018 elective general assembly. The main target of this assembly, scheduled for the end of the year, is to renew its instances, in particular, members of its national board and the chairman. Three preparatory regional assemblies, in the East, West and Central Algeria, will take place beforehand. Two years after the creation of the association, this general

assembly will also be the opportunity for the chairman to introduce its new ambitions. Reinforced by technical and organizational activities implemented with its partners, Anap is aligning to strengthen its role and representativeness in the beekeeping sector with the perspective of its national scope ambition.

The opportunity for Anap to explain its ambitions

This ambition is organized around five long-term structuring progress areas:

In order to achieve these objectives, Anap strengthens its internal organizational structure by recruiting permanent staff. This reinforcement concerns a permanent animator responsible for the secretariat of the organization, the coordination of the working areas and of Anap's members and local facilitators-trainers. In 2018, 6 local facilitators-trainers (selected from the members of Anap) will indeed strengthen the association's training and local facilitation system. They will specify and adapt the working areas' objectives and activities to the level of beekeeping territories, even in the deep Algeria. They will also contribute to personify its slogan and leitmotif: "Anap, an association serving the professional beekeepers".



GDAEBN's 2018 general assembly

Since its creation in 2011, the agricultural development group of sheep breeders from the North (GDAEBN) has had the ambition to be the principal interlocutor of sheep's breeding in North Tunisia as well as to be the guardian of a professional breeding.

The services undertaken since then by the GDAEBN have sometimes been specific to a breed, e.g. the center for Noire de Thibar rams breeding. However, since their ambition was greater, the services developed by the group respond to the needs of breeders who grow any kind of sheep (mechanical mowing, decision support tool, improvement of forage and herds' feeding ...).

Breeders of Sicilo-Sarde breed (dairy breed), initially grouped into a specific group, got gradually interested in getting closer to GDAEBN. The exchanges have become more intense in the course of last few months.

A key landmark: Sicilo-Sarde breeders getting closer to GDAEBN

In April 2018, GDAEBN held its annual general assembly. It was an opportunity for about 30 breeders of Sicilo-Sarde and more or less 20 breeders of other breeds (Barbarine, Noire de Thibar ...), as well as for their partners from the administration and from the private sector to meet and exchange on their experiences and difficulties inherent to the practice of their profession (shepherds' mobilization, feeding, preservation and improvement of genetic resources ...) and to share the values of a collective commitment.



The membership and the active involvement of the Sicilo-Sarde breeders is a real opportunity for GDAEBN.

The recognition of the group is actually based on a quality action in the field, but also on the mass of the population involved in terms of breeders and herd.

The membership also helps to strengthen a hard core of professional and dynamic breeders who gather because they believe that their profession can only exist through its performance, technical skills and through the management of services to breeders by the profession itself. The ambitions of these breeders are therefore in accordance with the several tasks GDAEBN undertook. The mechanical mowing and the Sigeo services especially, are of a strong interest to dairy farmers. The Sigeo – a decision support tool used for the daily management of herds and base of the genetic selection, that is essential for the group, should contribute to its expansion, once the tool is fully operational. In addition to the already undertaken tasks, GDAEBN should meet the challenge of serving its new members on its specific needs. It will in particular include enabling the operationalization of mechanical milking.

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