

Agenda of the 9th Meeting of G20 Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS-G20)



Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 17-19 February 2020

Monday, 17 February 2020

08:00 – 17:30	A. TECHNICAL VISIT
	Saudi Irrigation Organization (SIO)
	Visit to herd department and dairy production unit of Nada Agricultural Company
_	Lunch and Visit to the Land of Civilizations, Al-Qara Mountain
19:00 - 21:00	B. SESSION PRIOR TO MACS
	Meeting of Taskforce for "Guiding principles for working groups and initiatives emanating from MACS"

Tuesday, 18 February 2020

08:30 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome Reception for All Delegates
09:00 – 09:15	A. OPENING SESSION
	Welcoming Address by the Chair
	Adoption of the Agenda
9:15 – 11:05	B. STOCKTAKING
	Overview
	Guiding principles for working groups and initiatives emanating from MACS (Co-Chair USA and Australia)
	Facilitating International Research Collaboration on Transboundary Plant Pests (Japan)
	Food Loss and Waste (Germany)
	Scaling up and out of climate-smart technologies and practices for sustainable agriculture (Japan)

	Discussion
11:05 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 13:15	C. TECHNICAL SESSION I
	Sustainable Agriculture Development in Drylands (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
	Dry Arc: A One CGIAR Initiative for the global drylands (ICARDA)
	Sustainable Agriculture Development in Drylands: The Arab Case (AOAD)
	Sustainable agriculture in the drylands (IFAD)
	Discussion
13:15 – 13:30	Photo session
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 16:30	D. TECHNICAL SESSION II
	Promoting Sustainable Development through Innovative Cutting-edge Agricultural Technologies for Increased Production (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
	Digital agriculture: from technologies to food systems changes (France)
	Empowering advisory services and growers by providing free access to innovative digital decision support tools (CABI)
	Innovation in Agri-Food Systems - drivers, constraints and opportunities to scaling up (linking to the IFIAFS) (FAO)
	Discussion (60 min)
18:30 – 21:30	Official Dinner (AlFelwah and AlJowharah Museum, Dammam)

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

08:30 - 09:00	Morning Coffee
09:00 – 11:00	A. TECHNICAL SESSION III
	Water-Energy-Food nexus to curtail future food uncertainties (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
	Land, a critical resource for the water, energy and food nexus (France)
	The Water-Food-Energy Nexus (IFPRI)
	Water Energy Food Nexus - Concept and its application to curtain future food uncertainties (FAO)
	Discussion
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 16:35	B. TECHNICAL SESSION IV
11:15 – 13:00	Drafting of MACS Communiqué (Restricted to G20 members)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:15	Drafting of MACS Communiqué (Restricted to G20 members)
16:15 – 16:30	Outlook for MACS 2021 (Italy)
16:30 –16:35	Closing Remarks by the Chair

