



**Meeting of the**

**ASPACOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION AT THE SIDELINES OF:**

**THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON COMBATING DESERTIFICATION (COP10/UNCCD)**

**Changwon, Korea 13 October 2011**

During the first Bi-regional coordination meeting held in The League of Arab States LAS headquarters in Cairo, on 21/6/2009 between Brazil and the League of Arab States, Paragraph (a) of the Fifth ASPA High Officials Meeting had been discussed on, holding sub-committee meetings about Desertification. And the Seventh High Officials Meeting that took place in Cairo July 2009 approved the desertification sub-committee meetings to take place on a side event of the UNCCD COP(s).

Accordingly, the ASPA Regional Coordinators (Brazil and the League of Arab States) suggested to the Government of Peru that it organize the second meeting of the ASPA Committee on Environmental Cooperation at the sidelines of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (COP/UNCCD), so as to facilitate the participation of all UNCCD Focal Points of ASPA member-States in the referred bi-regional meeting. The members of ASPA Committee on Environmental Cooperation, at the Sidelines of the COP 10/UNCCD Conference, started their meeting in Changwon, Korea 13 October 2011.

**1. OPENING SESSION**

During the opening session, MR PAULINO FRANCO (representative of Brazil from the Environment division, of Ministry of External Affairs), Mr CARLOS ANDALUZ (Peru, head of delegation of UNCCD) and Dr. WADID ERIAN (Representative of League of Arab States),

All the speakers expressed their appreciation to Peru for organizing this meeting on the sideline of the (COP/UNCCD), and appreciated the efforts that have been done by Brazil (as the coordinator for the South American Countries) and League of Arab States (as the coordinator for the Arab Countries) in coordinating the preparation of the meeting, and for preparing the proposals

They also expressed the willingness and persistence of all ASPA countries for working together to insure the success of the meeting, in achieving its goals.

**2. MEETING AGENDA**

The agenda of the meeting aimed at sharing with participants the progress of activities under the ASPA Environmental Cooperation which support the implementation of the UNCCD.

13:00 – 13:15rs.	Reception and registration of participants
13:15 – 13:30 hrs.	“ Words of Welcome ” - Peru - Saudi Arabia - Brazil - The League of Arab States (LAS)
13:30 - 14:00 hrs.	Presentations given by - Peru - LAS
14:00 - 15:00 hrs.	General Discussion

### 3. ATTENDANCE

List of participants is attached

Arab Countries	N°	South American Countries	N°
Jordan	1	Argentina	2
Lebanon	1	Brazil	3
Tunisia	1	Chile	1
Yemen	2	Colombia	2
UAE	1	Ecuador	2
		Peru	2
		Uruguay	1
		Paraguay	1
5 Arab countries with total of 6 participants		8 South American countries with total of 14 participants	
<b>Other Participants from</b>			
LAS: Nermin Wafa			
ACSAD, Tahar Abdel Kebir			
UNEP/ROWA, Fouad Abousammra			
and			
Global Mechanism Mechanism Alejandro Jaques			

### 3. MEETING OUTCOMES

The delegates and the focal points of ASPA took note of the presentations made by LAS and Peru, of the activities and quality of cooperation between Arab countries and South American Countries.

- Delegates congratulated the initiative for cooperation and expressed their interest in the exchange of experiences in Climate Change, Combating Desertification and Drought (Cooperation Framework and Horizontal Matrix). They agreed that all Arab countries are welcomed to send their Horizontal Matrix to Dr. Wadid Erian ([wadiderian@yahoo.com](mailto:wadiderian@yahoo.com)) and all South American Countries are welcomed to send their Horizontal Matrix to Ms. Sonia Gonzalez ([aspa@minam.gob.pe](mailto:aspa@minam.gob.pe)) Both Dr. Erian and Ms Gonzalez will prepare the final Horizontal Matrix in English, Arabic and Spanish.
- Delegates appreciated the Argentinean and Brazilian promise to finalize their chapter in LAMAARSA project document before the end of the year 2011 and sent to Dr. Erian to finalize the project document. They also requested Brazil and Argentina to call for a donors meeting for LAMAARSA project to take place in a side event of the RIO +20 Conference, which will take place in Brazil on June 2012.
- Delegates request LAS to host a meeting between Brazil Space Agent, NARSS in Egypt and Morocco Space Agent to finalize a draft agreement between the three agencies before the end of 2011.
- Upon the request made in Campina Grande, Brazil, ACSAD will be ready to organize a training course about “Agriculture Drought Monitoring using Remote Sensing technique” on the spring of 2012.
- Delegates appreciate Brazil and the League of Arab States to provide translation (Arabic, English and Spanish) during the meetings of the Experts for achieving better results and more active discussion.