



March 27 2023

**Subject: Support letter to ICARDA for FAO ITPGRFA BSF-5: On-farm conservation, characterization and utilization of wheat, durum wheat and barley landraces for food and nutritional security and adaptation to climate change**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The *Institut National Agronomique de Tunisie (INAT)* is pleased to support the application from the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) to the ITPGRFA BSF-5 of the project proposal "On-farm conservation, characterization and utilization of wheat, durum wheat and barley landraces for food and nutritional security and adaptation to climate change".

*INAT, Tunisia was involved in Phase 1 of this project for co-evaluation and co-developent of markers for various biotic stresses in durum wheat.*

The proposed project is a second phase and an important contribution to the development of our country. It intends to scale-out identified farmer-preferred landraces and improved varieties of the target crops to resource-poor farmers of the target countries.

- In the Phase 2, INRAT will in training and capacity building activities in Tunisia, along with other partners

ICARDA's research team has developed cutting edge expertise in this area and has produced a number of innovations suited for scaling. We support ICARDA as a lead organization of the proposed project to be responsible to coordinate and ensure that all partners contribute, produce meaningful outcomes, and meet all outputs for the benefit of farmers around the world to use and conserve adapted varieties leading to increased productivity and on-farm incomes, increased availability of diverse nutrient-rich food, reduced adverse impacts to the environment & enhanced resilience to production shocks.

Yours sincerely,



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