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AARINENA includes five sub-regions:

- **Arabian Peninsula** (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE)
- **Maghreb** (Algeria, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia)
- **Mashreq** (Cyprus, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Syria)
- **Nile Valley & Red Sea** (Djibouti, Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen)
- **Western Asia** (Iran, Pakistan, Turkey)

Northern Africa and the Middle East



Vision and Mission of AARINENA

- To contribute to the **enhancement of agricultural and rural development** in the Region through fostering **agricultural research and technology development** and by strengthening collaboration in this regard within and outside the Region in order **to achieve greater degree of self-reliance in food and agriculture,**
- and to **improve the nutritional well-being and overall welfare** of the people of the Region, while at the same time sustaining and further improving the productive capacity of the natural resources base.



AARINENA's objectives are:

- Foster the development of **agricultural research**;
- Promote the **exchange of** agricultural scientific and technical experience and **information**;
- **Strengthen national agricultural research capacities** for providing timely and necessary data and information to policy-makers;
- Encourage the **establishment of appropriate cooperative research** and training programmes;



AARINENA's objectives are:

- Advise members on issues pertinent to research organization and management;
- **Strengthen cross-linkages between national, regional and international research centres and organizations**, including universities, through involvement in jointly planned research and training programmes; and
- **Assist in the mobilization of financial and other forms of support to all efforts** aiming at strengthening agricultural research and technology development in the Region.



Regional Networks

- Biotechnology
- Cotton
- Date palm
- Medicinal and Herbal Plants
- Olive
- PGR
- WUE



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