

*Initial Workshop Report – Project: “Enhancing the adaptive capacity and increasing resilience of small-scale agriculture producers of the northeast of Argentina (NEA) to the Effects of Climate Change and its Variability””*

*National implementing Entity: UCAR – Unit for Rural Change*

On 24th October, at the headquarters of the National Institute of Agriculture Technology (INTA – *Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria*), in the city of Buenos Aires, the Initial Workshop of the Project was held, with the objective of starting the activities of the institution. This working day was organized jointly between UCAR and INTA inviting the Coordinators of Regional Projects with Territorial Approach (PRETs - *Coordinadores de las Proyectos Regionales con Enfoque Territorial*) of the four provinces involved in the Project. Members of the Agricultural Risk Office (ORA - *Oficina de Riesgo Agropecuario*) and of the National Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development (SAyDS - *Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable*), the other two executing institutions of the project, were also invited.

The day began with an introduction conducted by Diego Ramilo, manager of the Federal Program of Assistance for Sustainable Rural Development (PROFEDER - *Programa Federal de Apoyo al Desarrollo Rural Sustentable*) of INTA, presenting the objectives of the meeting: identifying the administrative and technical referents for the different components and activities of the Project, and also start planning the first activities to be executed for each component, including schedule, budget and monitoring.

Mario Nanclares, Coordinator of the Social and Environmental Unit of the UCAR, explained in which way the UCAR will take part in the Project, commented how the process was undertaken to become the National Implementing Entity, and detailed the resources provided by the Adaptation Fund. He made a special mention on how this is a big opportunity for Argentina, to demonstrate the country’s abilities for the direct implementation of projects.

The workshop proceeded with a presentation over the components and actions of the Project that was made by Laura Abram Alberdi and Guadalupe Meroño, consultants of the Social and Environmental Unit of the UCAR that work together with Mario Nanclares in the coordination of the Project.

Fernanda Rojo and Fernando Toth, also from the Social and Environmental Unit of the UCAR, presented the general guidelines established by UCAR for the consideration of gender and indigenous peoples' issues.

The following topic was the Institutional Organization Chart divided by component, described by the coordinators of INTA (see organization chart in Annex I).

Afterward, representatives of the Area of Administration, Finance and Accounting of UCAR (María de los Ángeles Calvino, María Cristina Benegas, Humberto Speziale, Laura Soler and José María Elustondo), jointly with Sebastian Arbillaga, representative of ArgenINTA Foundation, explained the mechanisms and the procedures that need to be followed for disbursements, agreements and acquisitions.

Soledad Moreiras and Ana Pont Vergés, from the Monitoring and Evaluation Area of UCAR, talked about Monitoring and Evaluation of the Project: they explained the procedures for obtaining information, presented the schedule for the presentation of reports and offered a reminder of the contents of the Results Framework.

It was agreed that members of UCAR will train members of INTA to use the SIIG (comprehensive and integral management system); this software is used by the UCAR to develop monitoring activities. It was also mentioned that the technicians involved in the coordination of the project are working on formulating the initial survey questionnaires for the beneficiaries.

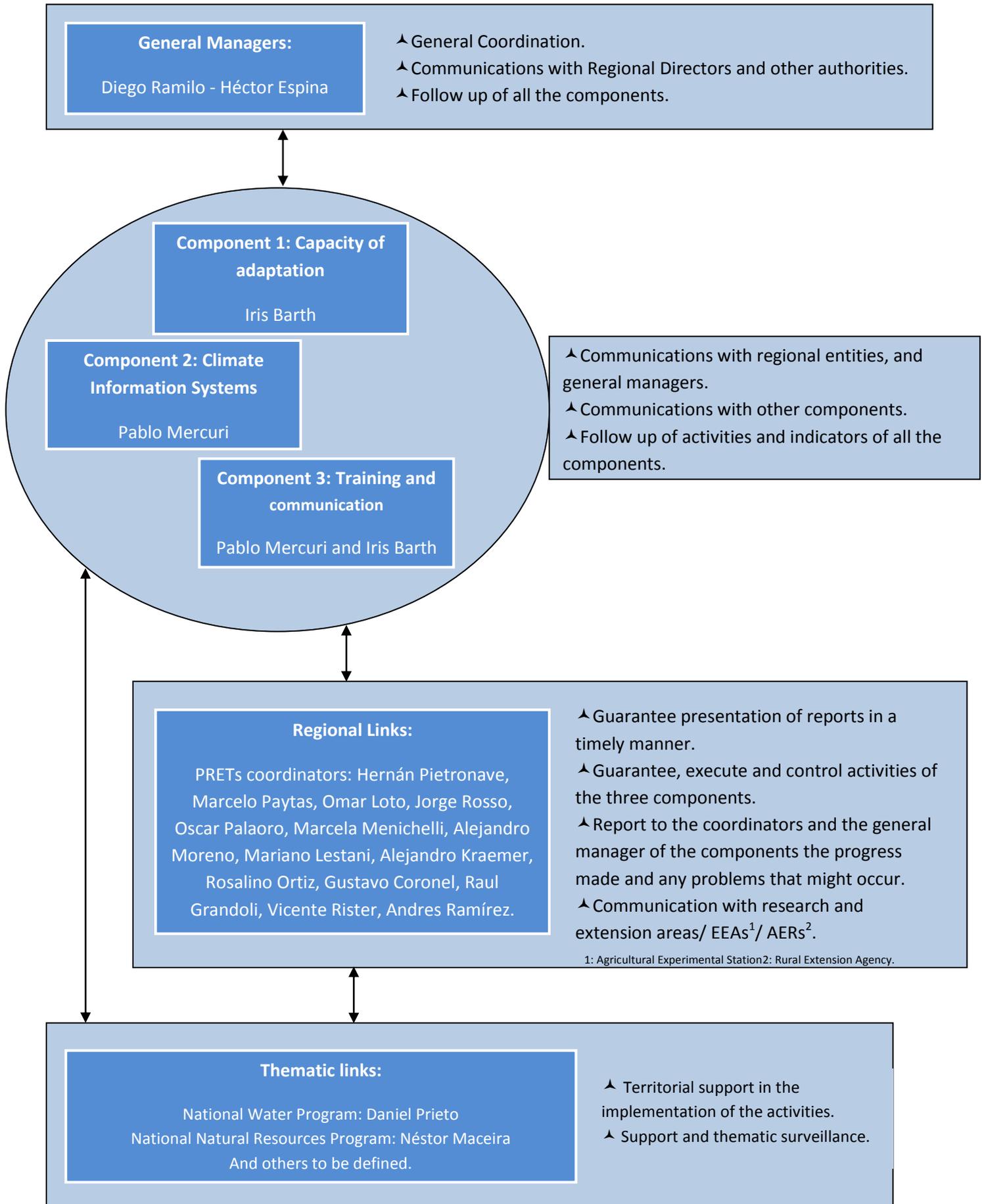
To conclude, the Workshop participants were organized in working tables divided by provinces in order to further detail their plans on operative activities and define the next steps to be taken.

### **Next Steps**

Next steps were agreed as follows:

- The first priority is to purchase machinery to start working in the field.
- Each member takes to their province the Annual Operating Plan (POA) prepared during the workshop, to analyze it and share it with the rest of their coworkers.
- They agreed to meet again towards the end of November in the city of Resistencia, province of Chaco, to finalize the last details together.
- They agreed on working in the coordination with ORA and SAYS for the execution of shared activities.

**Annex I. INTA Institutional Organization Chart. Managers and Functions.**



## Annex II. Assistance Records

<b>INTA</b>		
<b>Name and Surname</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Province-Location</b>
Alejandro Moreno	PRETs Coordinator	Chaco
Andres Ramirez	PRETs Coordinator	Corrientes-Bella Vista
Diego Ramilo	INTA-PROFEDER Manager	Buenos Aires
Etelvina A. Gesualdo	AER, EEA Coordinator	Chaco-General Pinedo, Las Breñas
Gustavo Coronel	PRETs Coordinator	Santiago del Estero-Bandera
Hernán Pietronave	PRETs Coordinator	Santa Fe-Reconquista, Cuña y Bajos
Iris Barth	INTA Consultant GIZ-CIM	Buenos Aires
Jorge Rosso	PRETs Coordinator	Corrientes-Capital
José Peichoto	PRETs Coordinator	Corrientes
Juan Martignago	PRETs Coordinator	Chaco-Saenz Peña
Marcela Menichelli	PRETs Coordinator	Santa Fe-Reconquista
Mazzola Carina	INTA Communicator	Buenos Aires
Omar Gabino Loto	PRETs Coordinator	Chaco-Las Breñas
Oscar Raúl Palaoro	PRETs Coordinator	Chaco-El Colorado
Pablo Mercuri	INTA Climate and Water Director	Buenos Aires
Pablo Walter	INTA-PROFEDER NEA Coordinator	Buenos Aires
Raúl Grandoli	PRETs Coordinator	Corrientes - Goya, Lavalle, Esquina
Roberto De Ruyver	ICyA Area Coordinator	Buenos Aires-Castelar
Rosalino Ortiz	PRETs Coordinator	Chaco

<b>UCAR</b>	
<b>Name and Surname</b>	<b>Unit/area</b>
Ana Pont Verges	Monitoring and Evaluation Area
Carolina D´Arielli	Human Resources Area
Cristina Benegas	Acquisitions Area
Fernanda Rojo	Social and Environmental Unit
Fernando Toth	Social and Environmental Unit
Guadalupe Meroño	Social and Environmental Unit
Humberto Speziale	Area of Administration, Finance and Accounting Area
José María Elustondo	Disbursements, budgets and planning Area
Laura Abram Alberdi	Social and Environmental Unit
Laura Soler	Disbursements, budgets and planning Area
Lucila Smolko	Social and Environmental Unit
María de los Ángeles Calvino	Disbursements, budgets and planning Area
María Soledad Moreiras	Monitoring and Evaluation Area
Mario Nanclares	Social and Environmental Unit

<b>OTHER INSTITUTIONS</b>			
Daniel Miguez	MAGyP-ORA	Sandra Occhiuzzi	MAGyP-ORA
Lucas Di Pietro Paolo	SAyDS	Sebastián Arbillaga	ArgenINTA Foundation

**Annex III. Pictures of the meeting.**





