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On Wednesday, October 29th, 2014 the first International Conference of the ACCBAT Project will be held in Nabeul, Tunisia; the Conference will be organized by ICU - Institute for University Cooperation Rome - under the patronage of H.E. the Tunisian Minister of Agriculture.

"The ACCBAT strategic project: Achievements and Prospects" Conference will be the occasion to share the advancements of the project's activities implemented by its partners, namely the Jordanian National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension, the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture and, the Italian River Po Basin Authority. The conference will also aim to highlight the importance of ACCBAT as a strategic project in the ENPI CBC MED Programme framework. According to the Programme's priority to promote environmental sustainability at the basin level, ACCBAT is implemented through pilot actions, reinforcement of capacity building and training on water demand management in irrigated agriculture through the introduction of new technologies and best agricultural practices.

In conjunction with the International Conference, an important goal achieved by the ACCBAT project in Tunisia will also be shared: the pilot site for agriculture irrigation with treated wastewater in Oued Souhil, close to Nabeul, will be inaugurated.

The event will last all day and international participants are foreseen.

ACCBAT is a 5M€, 3-year project, co-funded by the European Union (90%) for an amount of 4,498,152.50 Euros that contributes to the adaptation to climate change promoting the environmental sustainability through the increase of the water-use efficiency and the use of treated wastewater for agricultural irrigation.

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The project "Adaptation to Climate Change through Improved Water Demand Management in Irrigated Agriculture by Introduction of New Technologies and Best Agricultural Practices - ACCBAT" is implemented under the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme (www.enpicbmed.eu). Its total budget is 4,998,152.50 Euro and it is financed, for an amount of 4,498,152.50 Euro (90%), by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument.

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