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# Governance of irrigated areas in north-central Tunisia

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IOWater is involved with the Canal de Provence Company in technical assistance to the General Directorate of Rural Engineering and Water Use (DGGREE) of the Ministry of Agriculture for the sustainability of irrigated areas in five Governorates in central and northern Tunisia.

This project, which consists of an institutional support to Agricultural Development Groups (ADG) in Tunisia, is financed by "AFD" with a contribution from the French Rhone-Mediterranean- Corsica Water Agency.

IOWater is contributing in the assessment of Public Irrigated Areas (PIA) by carrying out field surveys, involving Agricultural Development Groups (ADG) and the Directorates of the Regional Agricultural Development Commissions (RADC), and more specifically in the organization of participatory workshops in which stakeholders talk about problems and difficulties they encounter.

Workshops were held in the fall of 2014 :

- In the **Governorate of Bizerte** on the relationships between RADC and ADGs, in which each participant was asked to present the tasks that the other is performing, as well as his own, then wonder about the indicators they have in common to objectify their assessments, and finally share all the solutions that they could implement. The method is based on the Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities- Threats (SWOT) analysis associated with the adapted metaplan technique.
- In the **Governorate of Kairouan**, as the problem of resource scarcity is arising in critical terms, the stakeholders have chosen to work on the cost of infractions by using role playing games featuring a group of offenders and a group of managers who must respond with suited tools.

The analysis of technical, organizational and governance difficulties encountered on the PIAs concerned should lead to an assessment of needs and to a capacity building program including awareness raising, the training of trainers, professional managers, technicians and managers, which will be implemented during the second year of the project.