

**Jordan Activities**  
**Quarterly Report-IX**  
**Sustainable Development of Drylands Project**  
**IALC-BRDP**

**Activities Summary (October 1 – December 31, 2004):**

**BRDC Sub-contract**

- The Year 2 SOW document for the Jordanian component of the project is finalized and a new sub-contract for that between IALC/UoA and BRDC was initiated and in the process of approval and signing from BRDC and UoA.

**Bio-solid Analysis:**

- Phase I of the bio-solid project with Royal Scientific Society (RSS) was concluded and the final report was submitted and approved.
- The proposal for phase II for this project is finalized with focus in the applications of bio-solid. The work will be conducted by RSS in collaboration with the National Center for Agriculture Research and Technology Transfer (NCARTT).
- The demonstration site was chosen at the NCARTT research station in Ramtha, initial steps of the project, including land preparation, are in progress waiting for finalizing the contract between RSS and BRDC.
- Initial draft of the contract between RSS and BRDC to implement Phase II of the bio-solid project is prepared and in the process of finalizing.
- Dr. Chris Choi of UoA visited the project site at the end of December and discussed with the project team from RSS and NCARTT the next steps of the project.

**Technical Visit to Tucson, Arizona:**

- Two persons from RSS are participated in a two weeks study tour at the University of Arizona in the field of bio-solid analysis and applications during December 2004.

**Wadi Mousa Visitor Center**

- The work in Wadi Mousa landscaping and Visitor Center design was put in hold waiting for a revision request by all involved parties in the reuse project in Wadi Mousa. A committee from the involved Jordanian institutes was formed to look on the various aspects of the reuse project.
- Dr. Erin Edison were asked to prepare a document with the landscape and visitor center designs to be presented to the committee members.

**Aqaba Water Conservation Garden**

- The design for Aqaba Water Conservation Garden for the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) was finished and the documents were submitted to USAID-Amman office

**ASEZA Water Budget and Network Design**

- Dr. Pet Waller of UoA visited ASEZA late December 2004 to continue working with the staff of ASEZA in the water budget plan and the network design.

**Activities Summary for the following period (January 1 – March 31, 2005):**

**BRDC Sub-contract**

- The Year 2 sub-contract between IALC/UoA and BRDC will be finalized and signed from both sides.

**Bio-solid Analysis:**

- The contract between RSS and BRDC for implementing Phase II of the bio-solid project will be finalized.
- Land preparation, bio-solid application and cultivation of the demonstration site will continue and soil measurements will be conducted.

**Wadi Mousa Visitor Center**

- Waiting for the Wadi Mousa Reuse Project Committee to discuss the various activities of the reuse project and gives its decision, this activity is in hold and the next step will be based on the committee directions.

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