

Law 42 of 2001 on the creation and settle up of the GCSAR.

Article 1. Definitions

- Commission: the General Commission for Scientific agricultural research
- Administration Council is a council that runs with the GCSAR activities
- Consultant committee
- Centre for scientific agricultural research (there is one representation/centre in each region (governorate -14-)
- Station

Article 2.

- a) The GCSAR is a Scientific Commission placed in Damascus that has the duty of making agriculture scientific research by itself or in cooperation with other entities, and it has different centres or research stations in the Syrian territorial directorates
- b) GCSAR is autonomous from the financial and administrative point of view (budget depends on the Ministry (?))
- c) the executive list and internal system are issued by a resolution (Karar) of the Minister according to the proposal of the Administration Council
- d) financial autonomy: budget must be established by decision (Karar) of the Ministry on proposal of the administration council and after compliance with the Ministry of Financial Affairs

Article 3. Duties

1. Draft general policy for agricultural scientific research and to identify the priorities and implement them in order to develop the agricultural development programs in Syria
2. Scan the agricultural problems which can obstruct the development of agricultural production (animal and plant) and define possible solutions
3. perform agricultural research in the different areas (plants, animal, economic, social and management of natural resources)
4. to establish centres and stations to execute GCSAR programmes in compliance with the situation of agriculture and environment in Syria
5. train of staff in scientific and practical agricultural issues inside and outside the country
6. promote scientific exchanges of experts and organize scientific conferences and forums or participate in them inside or outside the country
7. promote agreements and exchanges of good scientific practices with other Arab or international scientific entities
8. cooperation with other national and international entities, participation on university networks
9. report the GCSAR the results collected from the research activities
10. publications

Article 4.

GCSAR is managed by an Administration Council and a General director

Article 5.

Administration council is integrated by the Minister of Agriculture (president)

- general director of GCSAR (vicepresident)
- directors of the different administrations (plant production, plant protection, crops, land and soil, genetic resources,
- assistants
- president of the union of agronomists
- director of statistic and planning from the Ministry of Agricultura
- Director of agricultural extension (ministry)
- Commission for the implementation for State planning
- Universities of agronomics and veterinary medicine, designated by the Ministry of Education
- 3 experts chosen by the minister for 2 years (renewables) one of them general farmers union

Duties: 1. draft policy agricultural scientific research and identify its priorities
2. accept the proposals of research proposed by the different directorates
3. prepare annual balance
4. annual report on GCSAR activities
5. accept a plan for training
6. approve scientific cooperation plan and organize agricultural conferences
7. approve scientific cooperation exchanges of staff or resources
8. accept contracts with international experts
9. approved the cooperation programs offered by foreign entities

- delegate certain powers into general director

One annual meeting to prepare and approve financial issues

Decisions should be in accordance with budget

Article 9: consultative committee

- a) members: general director
- members of the administration council
- representatives from the national farmers officer
- general farmers union
- veterinary and agricultural universities
- entities involved in agricultural research
- Arabic and international organizations working in Syria
- Agricultural room
- Open participation

Selection performed by competent body

Regular meetings/ emergency meetings

Article 10 duties

Article 11: General Director is appointed by the prime minister on proposal of the Ministry of Agriculture

3 assistants appointed by decision Minister of Agriculture based on proposal of the General Director. Each one respon

GD right to delegate some of his duties into assistants

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Article 12: powers of general director

- a. Management and administration and execution
- b. Representation

c. Contract with experts

Budget is autonomous but depending on Ministry of Agriculture budget lines

Article 14. Intellectual Property rights results of research right to register them and use them directly. It can get rights from other entities

Article 18: qualifications of staff

Article 19:

General director:

Accepted as a researcher (PhD), discretionary power of the administration council, incompatibilities

Law on common public associations 32/1957 will have subsidiary application

Public staffs