

Handover ceremony

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On Friday 29th March 2019, Professor Mohammed Sadiki met with Professor Masum Burak in the CIHEAM Headquarters in Paris, France. Pr Sadiki, whose term as CIHEAM President begins on the 1st of April 2019, was invited to the ceremony of handover by Pr Burak. The former President said that as the CIHEAM is before all a "big family", he will not "really leave it"



Holder of a PhD in Agricultural Sciences, a degree of engineering in Agronomy and a Master (DEA) in plant genetics, Mr Sadiki has a thirty-three years of varied professional experiences and knowhow at the crossroads of academic, scientific, research-innovation and agricultural development. His career includes different high-level positions in education and training, research and innovation, and agricultural and rural development. He has extended his skills to issues of development policy analysis and developed solid know-how in international cooperation, networking and partnership facilitation, through networks and long-standing relationships especially with funding bodies and development agencies. In this framework, he has been actively involved with the CIHEAM through different positions: Delegate of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Governing Board of the CIHEAM (since June 2009) and vice-president of the Governing Board.

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Protection of the planet by combating waste in all its forms including waste of knowledge and know-how;

 $\stackrel{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle}}}}}}}{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle{\scriptstyle}}}}}}$ Food and nutrition security by boosting sustainable agriculture and food;

Inclusive development by investing in new generations and fragile territories;

Prevention of crises and resilience of territories.

The CIHEAM Action Plan for the Mediterranean 2025 (CAPMED 2025) that falls within the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the United Nations is based on these four lines. The CIHEAM carries out its missions through the tools of specialised training, network research, cooperation, technical assistance but also political dialogue and partnerships.

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