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A better understanding of the drivers and impacts of
migration for forward-looking policies and programmes

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CIHEAM activities contribute to the development of a global, innovative and committed vision for the Mediterranean. The Organisation main fields of action are: Education and training; Research, networks and open knowledge platforms; Projects and technical assistance; Political dialogue and partnerships.

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A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRIVERS AND IMPACT FOR FORWARD-LOOKING POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

Concept Note

International migration and its impacts on both origin and destination countries have become major concerns in national, regional and international political agendas. Governments, development cooperation agencies, international organisations and NGOs have addressed the stakes of migration in order to formulate possible long-term solutions. In such context, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the European University Institute (EUI) – Global Governance Programme and the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) are willing to set up a comprehensive framework for rural migrations in the Mediterranean from the perspective of rural and agricultural development.

Migration can indeed represent opportunities for the development of both origin and destination countries as well as for increasing regional cooperation among stakeholders. At the same time, the growing vulnerability of rural livelihoods is a major trigger for ongoing migratory flows, with rural populations moving towards areas with higher economic potential.

Most rural areas in the region and beyond are characterised by outmigration. This affects the local economy, society and agroecology. The implications of this phenomenon are significant in terms of food production, natural resource management, skill management, territorial integration, social protection, diasporas and inclusive development – with impacts on the overall resilience and sustainability of our society. In the Mediterranean, this is particularly intense due to a multiplicity of interrelated factors.

A shifting agrarian world

The Mediterranean is affected by a number of socio-economic, political and environmental dynamics, which have implications on migration and mobility patterns. Conflicts and political instability, inadequate access to income opportunities and decent jobs as well as to financial services and social protection in rural areas.

The region is intensively exposed to climate change dynamics, such as drought and desertification processes, which contribute to the amplification of the vulnerability of rural livelihoods. In the last two decades, the population has doubled due to a high growth rate; demographic trends follow an asymmetric and diverging pattern, between a decreasing and ageing population in most European countries, and fast-growing population rates in Africa and Asia. Such processes take place at a fast pace on a rich but fragile resource base, with acknowledged limitations in terms of land, water, and food production, especially on the southern and eastern shores, where agriculture is mostly characterised by rainfed production and agro-pastoral systems.

At the crossroads of three continents, all Mediterranean countries are areas of origin, destination and transit of migratory flows coming from sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and central Asia. Even if agriculture and rural livelihoods are priority fields in policy agendas in all countries across the region, public investments have consistently decreased in recent decades. Furthermore, rural development represents a main strategic pillar of development cooperation between the EU and its partners in the Mediterranean and beyond. Despite relevant political and financial commitments, growing rates of poverty and outmigration in rural areas indicate that appropriate strategies have yet to be forged. Additionally, regional processes may help tackling long-term drivers by creating synergies and fostering projects creating social and inclusive development.

Rural mobility

Migration represents an increasingly important source in the livelihood strategies of many rural households, and the mobility of rural populations plays a growing role in restructuring the rural landscape. Migration is rarely an informed, voluntary choice but rather undertaken out of extreme necessity due to poverty and livelihoods' deterioration, or due to a conflict or a protracted crisis. The implications and consequences of migratory flows are relevant in countries of origin and destination alike.



The impacts of rural mobility on development in areas of origin are double-folded. They may reduce pressures on local resources, and increase exposure to technical innovations and financial investments through the transfer of know-how and remittances, which could be reinvested locally. There are indications that in an increasing number of areas, remittances have overtaken agriculture as the main source of income and investment. However, migration can also be problematic in terms of labour shortage or increased social disparities at household and community level. In particular, outmigration of rural youth may lead to significant challenges for local productivity and resilience, labour shortage and development, and ultimately for the sustainable future of the agrarian systems. There are also gender aspects to consider, both in terms of economic empowerment of women as well as challenges in increased or perpetuating imbalances.

Impacts in countries of destination are also significant. In the EU, the agricultural sector and rural communities are characterized by a declining and ageing population, with related problems of workforce availability and generational renewal. Intense immigration in rural areas has definitely represented a key factor of resilience for the EU rural world, especially during the financial crisis. The contribution of the immigrant workforce is particularly relevant in a) Intense agricultural systems in high potential areas and in b) Marginal rural areas (i.e. mountainous areas, remote villages, and islands), where it represents a main asset helping to maintain these territories alive and productive, with relevant social and environmental implications. However, the conditions and rights of agricultural migrant workers are often a matter of concern due to informality and invisibility. A fairer and more effective integration of migrants in the European countryside and agricultural sector is one of the main objectives of the Common Agriculture Policy reform envisaged in 2020.

The dynamics and complexity of migration as a phenomenon, as well as its significant impact on the future of agrarian systems across the Mediterranean, call for policy dialogue and exchange at regional level, both among the Mediterranean countries as well as across policy sectors. In fact, agriculture provides for push pull factors affecting migratory flows on the different Mediterranean shores. Hence, considering migration dynamics and impacts from the perspective of agriculture and rural development is essential to move towards more sustainable and inclusive food systems and rural worlds.

Additionally, research and innovation hold a key role in developing solutions and understanding the root causes of migration and the inter-dependencies between different drivers for migration including economic, political, social, demographic, conflict-related and environmental drivers.

The region proves to be a relevant setting enabling to explore the relations between agriculture and rural development and migration. Sustainable rural development leads to social and territorial cohesion, job creation in agro-food value chains and the conservation of natural resources. These are essential to improve livelihoods and food and nutrition security in rural areas, and therefore to address the adverse drivers of migration. The region also offers unique experiences in terms of the contribution of remittances to poverty alleviation and economic growth. Experience shows that the integration of a gender perspective in development policies and programmes related to migration have the potential of making them more efficient and sustainable. A focus on youth could also address the issue of youth unemployment in the Mediterranean.

The FAO, CIHEAM, UfMS & EUI event

Jointly organised by the CIHEAM, FAO, UfMS and EUI – Global Governance Programme, the event is aimed at discussing different perspectives and challenges associated with rural migratory dynamics, providing policy recommendations and the establishment of a regional multi-stakeholder platform including decision-makers, CIHEAM and its partners. The event will bring together experts from international organisations, development cooperation agencies, research institutions, policy practitioners and civil society organisations, with the purpose of debating the following issues:

- ⇒ How can investigating and investing in agricultural and rural development help address the adverse drivers of rural migration?
- ⇒ What are the impacts of emigration on rural areas and communities of origin? What are the differential impacts on women and men of different ages and of different socio-economic backgrounds?
- ⇒ What scenarios and what feasible strategies can help pursue sustainable rural development in a context of ongoing environmental and societal changes? In particular, with the aim of tackling the desertification of rural areas, the lack of agricultural workforce and generational renewal?
- ⇒ What is the effectiveness of existing programmes addressing rural poverty in origin areas and what are the consequences regarding migration?
- ⇒ What is the effectiveness of existing programmes and schemes enhancing the integration of migrants in destination countries as well as the contribution of migrants to rural development of countries of origin?



Forum speakers:



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Ibrahim Awad is at present Professor of Global Affairs and Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at the American University in Cairo (AUC). He holds a PhD degree in political science from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. He previously held the positions of Director, ILO International Migration Programme and Director, ILO Sub-regional Office for North Africa. His recent publications in migration studies include "The Challenge of Global Governance in the Sustainable Development Agenda", "The Multilevel Governance of International Migration", "Towards a Joint Approach to Migration and Asylum in the Euro-Mediterranean Space", "Labour Migration Governance in Times of Political Transition: A Comparative Analysis of Egypt and Tunisia" and "Population Movements in the Aftermath of the Arab Awakening: The Syrian Refugee Crisis between Regional Factors and State Interest," CMRS is a multidisciplinary center that offers Master and Diploma degrees in migration and refugee studies. It is also a center of excellence in conceptual and empirical research on international migration and refugee movements, especially in the Middle East, Africa and the Mediterranean Basin.



Pascal Bergeret is Doctor in agricultural economics, Montpellier University (1986). He worked in agricultural research and development programmes in Nepal, Cameroon, and Vietnam. He was Head, environment and sustainable development, for GRET, a French NGO involved in international development work, and was later appointed as Director, Innovation Department, in the French Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forest. He is presently Director of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute, Montpellier, one of the four institutes of the International Centre for Higher Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM). He is the current President of EURAGRI.



Mohammed Charef, Geographer and Urban planner, is also an expert in the field of migration and population mobility. He holds a PhD in planning geography from the University of Poitiers and a PhD in Sciences from the Université Libre of Brussels. He is a Professor of Geography at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences at the University Ibn Zohr. He has published several works in the field of migration, population and development. Visiting professor in several foreign universities including the University of Aix-en-Provence, the University of Metz, the University of Saint Joseph in Beirut, the University of Poitiers, the Université Libre of Brussels, the San Antonio University in Texas, French Polynesia etc. He is a member of the National Council of Human Rights and President of the Commission of the Human Region of the CNDH of Agadir. He is also Head of the Graduate School of Migration and Sustainable Development.



Alessandra Corrado (PhD) is senior researcher and member of the Center for Rural Development Studies, at the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Calabria. University of Calabria is a leading university in Southern Italy, with a relevant research experience on migration and rural issues, agrifood and development processes. Alessandra Corrado's research activity revolves around rural development issues, international migrations, agro-food systems. Her publications and studies have focused on migrant labour in agriculture, migrations and informal economy, rural development and sustainable agro-food systems, migration and development nexus. She carried out researches in Italy, France, Mali, Ecuador, Argentina. She is co-editor of the volume Migration and Agriculture: Mobility and Change in the Mediterranean Area (Routledge 2016).



Eugenio Donadio is the International Programmes Director at GVC. He has a background in Civil Engineering and over 10 years of experience as an aid worker, during which he has developed and managed humanitarian, resilience and development programmes, together with large country teams. In addition to this, Eugenio has led humanitarian responses in a number of countries and crises including among others: Syria, Gaza, Ebola and Zika. His core technical expertise are in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Protection; Disaster Risk Management and Resilience. GVC is an Italian NGO (1971) active in international development and humanitarian aid projects. In 2017, GVC managed 84 projects in 24 countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. With nearly 770 professionals employed and 250 partners, in 2017 GVC reached 1.4 million people. The organisation's programmes (26 million in 2017) are funded by the most important institutional donors as well as by private donors and foundations.



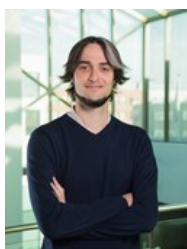
Mohammed Elloumi, Mohamed ELLOUMI is an Agronomist, graduate of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique of Toulouse (ENSA Toulouse). He holds a DEA in Rural Economics and postgraduate PhD in Rural Economics and Development from the University of Montpellier 1. He is qualified to direct research, is a Professor of Higher Agricultural Education and Head of the Laboratory of Rural Economy at INRAT. Through multiple research networks and national and international projects, Mohamed Elloumi participates in research on agricultural policies, rural development and the governance of natural resources with particular focus on stakeholder strategies and institutional changes. He has coordinated and co-edited several books on these issues in Tunisia and in Mediterranean countries.



Christian FUSILLIER is an agro-economist who started its international experience in Togo (trainer in agricultural school, French Ministry for Foreign Affairs), in Haïti (research development expert on irrigated rice systems, World Bank), and then in Niger (rural development, French Development Agency - AFD). He worked for 18 years at IRAM (Institut de recherche et d'application des méthodes de développement, Paris) as Programme manager for rural development, support to farmers organizations, and vocational training. He occupied the position of Director of IRAM for nearly 10 years. During this period, he realized numerous studies and evaluations in Africa, Asia and Caribbean countries. He then worked as a freelance expert both in France and at the international level, and gathered experience on support to small and medium size enterprises development. Christian joined AFD Group in 2011, first as a Project manager in the Team in charge for Education, Vocational training and Employment, where he enhanced vocational training operations for agriculture and rural development. Since 2017, he is Head of the Team in charge for Agriculture, Rural Development and Biodiversity.



Flore Gubert is a senior researcher at the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) and associate member at Paris School of Economics. She is currently heading IRD's Department "Societies and globalization". As a development economist, she has been working on migration issues in Western Africa for about 15 years, with a focus on the drivers of migration and the developmental impact of migration and remittances. She has published several articles on the topic in international journals and has just co-edited a book with several contributions on the political impact of migration in African source countries. She is the Scientific Coordinator of the European Expert Network on International Cooperation and Development which provides technical assistance for the European Commission. The French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), an internationally recognised multidisciplinary organisation working primarily in partnership with Mediterranean and inter-tropical countries, is a French public establishment under the joint authority of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. Via its network and presence in fifty or so countries, it takes an original approach to research, expertise, training and knowledge-sharing, to the benefit of developing countries and regions.



Yoan Molinero Gerbeau is a Political Scientist and International Relations Specialist. He is Researcher at the Institute of Economy, Geography and Demography of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). From 2014 he is member of the TEMPER Project funded by the EU Commission, where he has principally worked coordinating with Ana López Sala the area of Seasonal Migration Flows. He has done fieldwork interviewing migrant farmworkers in several agricultural enclaves like Huelva and Lleida (Spain) or Piana del Sele (Italy). Actually, he is finishing his PhD, that is a study on the systemic role played by migrant farmworkers in sustaining global agriculture. The Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) is the largest public institution dedicated to research in Spain and the third largest in Europe. CSIC has 6% of all the staff dedicated to Research and Development in Spain, and they generate approximately 20% of all scientific production in the country.



Michele Nori is a Tropical Agronomist with a further specialisation in Rural Sociology. Through interfacing field practices, academic research and policy making levels, he has developed an 'horizontal career'; this is based on more than 20 years' collaborations in different regions of the globe with a number of organisations at different levels. His current concern is to provide scientific evidence and policy advice on aspects of rural development, food security and natural resource management through sound analysis of field realities and practices. Migrations to and from rural areas represent a critical factor in enhancing agricultural systems and rural livelihoods, specifically in the Mediterranean. Such endeavour is undertaken through the Global Governance Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute. The GGP hinges on broad interdisciplinary themes and on the many cross-cutting issues related to globalisation such as Global Economics, Europe in the World, Cultural Pluralism and Global Citizenship.



Hyeshin Park is a Co-ordinator and Economist with the Migration and Skills Unit at the OECD Development Centre. She is currently co-ordinating the joint OECD-ILO project, *Assessing the economic contribution of labour migration in developing countries as countries of destination* which is being carried out in 10 developing countries. She also co-ordinated the recently finalised project, *Interrelations between public policies, migration and development: case studies and policy recommendations*. She holds a Master's degree in International Economics from the Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne and is a PhD candidate in Development Economics. Her work is focused on the links between migration and development, labour market and public policies in both countries of origin and destination.



Jean-Paul Pellissier is a veterinarian (ENSV Lyon, 1988) with a graduate degree in socioeconomics (EHESS, Paris, 1996).

He has worked in the field of agriculture and rural development for more than 20 years and has acquired an in-depth regional vision of issues linked to agricultural and rural policies in the Euro-Mediterranean and African Regions and of the relationships between the EU and the Mediterranean countries of the Southern Neighbourhood.

He holds the position of Deputy Director of CIHEAM - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier since 2005.



Marcello Scalisi is the Director of UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union - since 2008.

He holds a degree in Historical Sciences and in International Cooperation at the Faculty of Literature, Philosophy and Languages of University of Roma Tre, Rome.

After working for about three years as a volunteer in a drug rehabilitation center, he gained extensive experience in Sicily in the sustainable tourism sector, managing and monitoring EU projects for local tourism development and providing vocational training for dozens of companies and thousands of workers.

He started working at UNIMED in 1998 as project manager and moved gradually to the coordination of UNIMED's European, International and National funded initiatives and projects. Since Marcello Scalisi became director of UNIMED, there has been a significant increase of the number of associated universities to the network, funded projects and employees and collaborators. Moreover, UNIMED is nowadays a permanent stakeholder of the European Commission.

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UNIMED, nowadays, associates 108 Universities from 23 countries of Euro-Mediterranean Region (www.unimed.net) Migration and Agriculture: Mobility and Change in the Mediterranean Area (Routledge 2016).



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Gianni Bonini was born in Florence on 29 September, 1950. After obtaining the classical high school diploma at "Liceo Michelangelo", he graduated with honours from the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy in Florence, with a Modern History dissertation on collectivization in Soviet agriculture with Giuliano Procacci as supervisor. In the mid-80s, he directed the digitisation of the cultural heritage in Florence; in 1990 he was appointed President of the joint-stock company *Fiorentinagas pluriservizi Spa*, an ENI owned affiliate company of the City of Florence. This marked the start of a professional career that led him to manage, as CEO, various companies and projects involved in conventional energy, natural gas and electricity, but also water, renewable sources, biomasses and photovoltaics. He is vice-President of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM). He is the author of a great number of articles and essays, which are going to be collected in a compendium providing his most recent reflections on the world's new multipolar Disorder following the fall of the Berlin wall.



Apostolos Papadopoulos is a Professor of Rural Sociology and Geography at the Department of Geography at Harokopio University, Athens, Greece. He was Director of the Post-Graduate Programme entitled: «Applied Geography and Spatial Planning» at the Department of Geography (2009-2011) and Vice-Rector of Economic Affairs and Development (2011-2015), while currently he is Dean of the School of Environment, Geography and Applied Economics (2017-2020) in the same University. He has worked as senior researcher and/ or principal investigator in numerous research projects funded by Greek National Agencies, the European Commission and the McArthur Foundation (USA). He was Chair of the Hellenic Sociological Society (HSS) and Chair of the LOC for the 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association organised in Athens in 2017. Currently, he is Vice-President of the European Sociological Association (2017-2019). He has extended research experience on issues of rural development, rural sociology and geography, socio-spatial transformations in rural areas, social class and stratification, international migration, migrant associations and civil society, social and geographical mobility with special emphasis on migrants. His current interest is on how rural areas can be revitalised and on the improvement the well-being of rural inhabitants.



Pedro de Vasconcelos joined IFAD in 2007 as Programme Manager of the multi-donor Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR) and is IFAD's Senior Technical Specialist on remittances, migration and inclusive finance. The US\$62 million Facility, under his leadership, has tested and scaled innovative approaches on migration and economic development by maximizing the impact of remittances and migrant investment on development. Mr De Vasconcelos is an internationally recognized expert in his field and contributes actively to national, regional and global policy agendas (G7/20, GFMD, and IFAD's Global Forums on Remittances, Investment and Development, among others) placing remittances, migration, financial inclusion on the global agendas of major development institutions and governments. He is also the lead author of the biannual IFAD flagship publication *Sending Money Home* and originator and coordinator of IFAD's International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR).

Mr De Vasconcelos' areas of expertise range from financial inclusion for development (remittances, payments systems, investments), migration and entrepreneurship, SME development and finance. Before joining the Fund, Mr De Vasconcelos designed, launched and managed the Inter-American Development Bank's Multilateral Investment Fund's (FOMIN) strategy and programme on remittances and migrant investment. He also launched and coordinated FOMIN's ICT for development programme. From 1998 to 2000, De Vasconcelos served at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva.

Mr De Vasconcelos holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Business from the University of Toulouse-France and a Master's Degree in International Business and Management from the University of Paris IV, La Sorbonne.

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Mr. **Saïd Bhira** was appointed special counsellor to the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) on Higher Education and Research in September 2017. Born in 1955, Mr. Bhira is doctor in History and researcher at the University of La Manouba (Tunisia). He previously held the positions of Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia (2015-2017) and Secretary General of the Economic and Social Council of Tunisia (2008-2011). During his career, Mr. Bhira also served in several management positions (counsellor, director general, director) at the Ministry of Higher Education and Research of Tunisia dealing with Higher Education management, Student Life and University Cooperation. Mr. Bhira also has extensive experience in participating in civil society activities (culture, human rights, international relations, trade unions, etc.).



Giuseppe Provenzano is MA in International Public Affairs (LUISS School of Government, Rome) and MA in International Relations of Asia and Africa (University L'Orientale, Naples).

He is currently a Junior Expert at the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, focusing on Higher Education and Research, and especially on Research and Innovation.

Previously, he has authored published papers and articles on the deep roots of migration, the blue economy, the foreign policy of the European Union, and the energy political economy in Iran.



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9:00-9:30: Arrival and registration of the participants

9:30-10:00: Opening session: *Welcome and introductory remarks*

- **Kostas Stamoulis**, Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department, FAO
- **Gianni Bonini**, Vice-President, CIHEAM
- **Anna Triandafyllidou**, Director of the Cultural Pluralism Research Area, Global Governance Programme, EUI
- **Saïd Bhira**, Special Counsellor to the Secretary General, UfM
- **Leonard Mizzi**, Head of Unit at EC – DG DEVCO, European Commission
- **Luca Maestripieri**, Deputy Director General, General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Leonardo Carmenati**, Director, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

I. Morning session: Understanding the drivers of migration in the Mediterranean from a rural and agricultural perspective

10:00-11:00 – 1st Roundtable: Migration patterns and drivers in the Mediterranean

MODERATOR: **Apostolos Papadopoulos**, Professor of Rural Sociology and Geography, Harokopio University, Member of the CIHEAM Advisory board

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- ⇒ Rural migration patterns: definition of rural distress migration, migratory flows (origin, socioeconomic characteristics), migratory routes.
- ⇒ Drivers of rural migration in the Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan countries (unemployment, rural poverty, environmental degradation and constraints, conflicts).

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SPEAKERS:

- **Paola Alvarez**, Migration and Development Specialist, IOM
 - **Malika Martini**, Regional Gender Officer for Rural Development and Agriculture, FAO Regional Office for Near East and North Africa
 - **Alessandra Corrado**, Senior researcher and member of the Centre for Rural Development Studies, University of Calabria
 - **Audrey Lenoel**, Post-doctoral researcher, National Institute for Demographic Studies
 - **Mohammed Charef**, Director of the Laboratory of Studies on the Migrations, Anthropology, Spaces and Societies, ibn Zohr University
- [Q&A]

11:00-11:15: Coffee break

11:15-12:30 – 2nd Roundtable: Impacts of migration on agriculture and rural development

MODERATOR: **Ahmad Sadiddin**, Economist, Agricultural Development Economics Division, FAO

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- ⇒ Opportunities and risks of migration for rural development in origin areas: remittances and diaspora, food security, environmental issues.
- ⇒ Impacts on agriculture and rural development in rural destination areas.

SPEAKERS:

- **Michele Nori**, Research Fellow, Global Governance Program, European University Institute
- **Flore Gubert**, Senior Researcher, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
- **Olivier Le Masson**, Geographer, GRDR-Migration-citoyenneté-développement
- **Yoan Molinereau Gerbeau**, Research fellow, Spanish National Research Council
- **Pedro De Vasconcelos**, Programme Coordinator of the Financing Facility for Remittances, IFAD

[Q&A]

12:30-2:15: Lunch Break

II. Afternoon session: Rural development programmes addressing the challenges of Mediterranean migrations

2:15-4:15 - 3rd Roundtable [parallel sessions]: Exchange on policies and programmes to harness the potential of migration and better manage rural labour mobility for the future of Mediterranean food systems

TOPICS DISCUSSED – PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. Addressing the drivers of migration through inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development (**Sheik Zayed Center**)

MODERATOR: **Amr Adly**, Middle East Directions Programme, EUI

SPEAKERS:

- **Peter Wobst**, Senior Economist, Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, FAO
- **Mohamed Elloumi**, Head of Rural Economy Department, National Agricultural Research Institute of Tunisia
- **Jean-Paul Pellissier**, Deputy Director, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier



- **Leonard Mizzi**, Head of Unit at European Commission – General Directorate for International Cooperation and Development
[Q&A]

2. The continuum between humanitarian programmes and development: actions in response to forced migration and displacement in the rural Mediterranean (**Espace Gabon**)

MODERATOR: **Rima Al-Azar**, Senior Natural Resources Officer, FAO

SPEAKERS:

- **Biagio di Terlizzi**, Deputy Director, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari
 - **Marcello Scalisi**, Director, Mediterranean Universities Union
 - **Eugenio Donadio**, International Programmes Director, GVC Italia
 - **Abdallah Ahmad**, Director of Social Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs of Lebanon
- [Q&A]

3. Policy coherence in the Mediterranean regarding rural and agricultural development in origin and destination countries: agriculture, trade, education, employment and migration (**Iran Room - B016**)

MODERATOR: **Giuseppe Provenzano**, Junior Expert, UfM

SPEAKERS:

- **Pascal Bergeret**, Director, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier
- **Christian Fusillier**, Agro-economist, Project Manager, Agence Française de Développement
- **Ibrahim Awad**, Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo
- **Pietro Pippi**, Head of Rural Development and Food Security Office, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- **Stefano Pisotti**, Deputy Head, Unit of Strategy, Global Processes and International Organizations, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Hyeshin Park**, Project Coordinator - Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre

[Q&A]

4:15-4:30: Coffee break

SPEAKERS:

- **Junko Sazaki**, Director of the Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, FAO
- **Marie Hélène Le Hénaff**, Director for External Relations, CIHEAM
- **Michele Nori**, Research Fellow - Migrants' contributions to farming and rural development in Europe, Global Governance Program, EUI
- **Giuseppe Provenzano**, Junior expert, UfM

Cocktail