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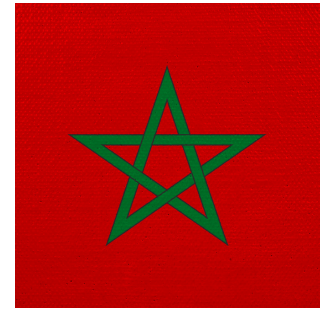
Country sheets

2022-2023



Member state :
MOROCCO

Morocco



In 1982, Morocco obtained the status of Associate Country, before **becoming a Member State of the CIHEAM in 1991**. Morocco and the CIHEAM mainly cooperate in the fields of education, migration, climate change especially issues related to water management, development of rural and coastal areas.

In 2000, Morocco organised the **CIHEAM Ministerial meeting** in Rabat on “**Coordination of the Mediterranean Countries' Development Policies**”.

- **Delegate of Morocco :**

Mr Bilal Hajjouji - General Director of Director General of Agricultural Education, Training and Research (DEFAR)

- **Former President of the CIHEAM Governing Board (2018-2023)**

Mr. Mohamed Sadiki - Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Waters and Forests

- **Former President of the CIHEAM Advisory Board (2019-2022)**

Mme Lamiae Ghaouti - Responsable du Département de Coopération, Partenariat et Développement à l'Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire IAV Hassan II



Key numbers

Education and training, from 2003 to 2016/2017

537

Moroccan
students

Masters of Science

442

Scholarships

987

Moroccan
students

Specialized training

497

Scholarships

POLITICAL DIALOGUE



6th Edition of the Halieutis Forum (February 2023, Agadir)

The Secretary General and its team participated in the Halieutis Forum on the invitation of Pr. Mohamed Sadiki, on "Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture: Levers for an Inclusive and Efficient Blue Economy". In parallel, meetings with both Ministers of Agriculture of Spain and Morocco took place and around twenty bilateral agreements were signed.



International Agricultural Show of Morocco (Meknes, May 2023)

The CIHEAM participated in the IASM in presence of the CIHEAM Zaragoza director and staff from the General Secretariat to present the different institutes and training opportunities developed by the CIHEAM.



World Water Day Youth Workshop (May 2019, Marrakech)

Forty-four passionate young water professionals the region and Morocco have gathered to participate in the third edition organised by the CMI (Center for Mediterranean Integration), in collaboration with the CIHEAM. This workshop focused on the theme of Water and Migration, an essential aspect of the United Nations "Leaving No one Behind" 2019 World Water Day theme.

Research projects, training and cooperation

Protect the planet

SPIS LAB (2020-2022, funded by GIZ) The objective was to drive the sustainable adoption and use of solar-powered irrigation systems and sustainable water management practices. The promotion of SPIS was through: Capacity development measures of value chain actors, awareness creation of key stakeholders, and applied research on the contextual and optimal use of solar-powered irrigation systems (SPIS).

Food security and nutrition

TIBIO-MED (2017-2018, funded by the MIPAAF) project aimed to promote the development of research to identify, enhance, promote and protect the typical and organic productions of countries on the southern Shore with a focus on the quality of local olive oil in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. The project aimed to assess the organization of the agro-food quality systems, and the strategies, tools, actions, programmes and measures for the enhancement of the typical and organic products.

Inclusive development

CAMA (2020 - 2023, funded by PRIMA) The CAMA project aims to identify the main barriers that hinder Conservation Agriculture (CA) adoption by smallholders of Mediterranean countries and to overcome them with a participatory research approach based on the use of field experiments and pilot case studies in several conditions and the development of an extensive programme of dissemination and training.

Crisis and resilience

FAO Xyllela 2019 (2019-2020, funded by FAO) : The objective is to draft a report assessing the risks and the potential socio-economic impacts of *X. fastidiosa* introduction, establishment and spread on the main crops in targeted NENA countries, and providing recommendations to policy makers in these countries.





Best Thesis Prize 2021 : Sanae Touali

In June 2022, at the National School of Agriculture of Meknes (ENA Meknes) Mrs. Sanae Touali, a graduate of the CIHEAM Montpellier (France) received the prize for the Best Thesis of the CIHEAM 2021 in the presence of its director Mr. Saïd Amriri, Mr. Thierry Dupeuble and Mr. Philippe Le Grusse, respectively, director and director of studies at the CIHEAM Montpellier Institute.

Ms. Touali's work **on the analysis of the resilience of agricultural production systems in the Setif plain in Algeria** had convinced the jury of the **CIHEAM Advisory Board**. As a reward, Mrs. Sanae Touali received a **silver medal** from the CIHEAM, a **diploma signed** by the Secretary-General, Mr. Placido Plaza Lopez, and the President of the CIHEAM, Mr. Mohamed Sadiki current Minister of Agriculture in Morocco. A few months earlier, under this prize, she had also **obtained funding of up to 5000 euros in support of her research**. With this support, Ms. Touali was able to finance a **feasibility study in the field of plastic recycling in the context of the circular economy in Morocco**.

Publications and related readings

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