

International Seminar

# LINKING FOOD SECURITY TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL POLICIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

- The Experts' Views -

20 June 2015

EXPO – CASCINA TRIULZA  
“Civil Society Pavilion”  
100 Pax Workshop Room  
Milan

*This international seminar presents and discusses the main findings of the research carried out by IAI and the OCP Policy Center during 2014 by highlighting the strong interrelation between food security challenges and sustainable agriculture practices in the Mediterranean region. In particular, the edited volume presented here shows that a number of factors, including the fragile agricultural environment along the southern shore of the Mediterranean, unsustainable farming systems and policies, climate change challenges, water stress and the EU's unbalanced agricultural and trade policies, are responsible for deepening food security problems in the region.*

*This seminar will be followed by two other events planned on September 11th and October 12th, 2015.*

## AGENDA

(Working language: English – no simultaneous translation will be provided)



10:00 – 10:15

## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**Ettore Greco**, Director, IAI, Rome  
Representative of the OCP Policy Center, Rabat

10:15 – 11:30

## **THE FOOD SECURITY CHALLENGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: THE POLITICAL-ECONOMY DIMENSION**

### **CHAIR**

**Maria Cristina Paciello**, Senior Fellow, Mediterranean and Middle East Programme, IAI, Rome

### **PANELISTS**

**Michel Petit**, Associate Professor, CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute, Montpellier

**Moez El Shohdi**, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, The Egyptian Food Bank, Cairo

**Eugenia Ferragina & Giovanni Canitano**, Senior Research Fellows, Istituto di Studi sulle Società del Mediterraneo - CNR, Naples

### **Open discussion**

11:30 – 11:45

*Coffee Break*

11:45 – 13:00

## **KEY DETERMINANTS OF FOOD SECURITY**

### **CHAIR**

**Rachid Doukkali**, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center and Professor, IAV Hassan II Institute, Rabat

### **PANELISTS**

**Daniela Corona**, Senior Teaching assistant at the Law Department of the College of Europe, Bruges

**Pandi Zdruli**, Senior Research Scientist, CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute, Bari

**Ghada Ahmed**, Senior Research Analyst, Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness, Duke University, USA

### **Open discussion**

13:00 – 14:15

*Lunch*

14:15 – 16:15

## DEBATING FOOD SECURITY FROM THE WATER-ENERGY-FOOD NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

### CHAIR

**Omar Aloui**, Visiting Professor of Spatial and Regional Economics, Mohamed V University, Rabat

### PANELISTS

**Fidele Byiringiro**, Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCWA - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia - Beirut

**Martin Keulertz**, Research Fellow, Texas A&M WEF Nexus Research Group & Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Faculty of Life Sciences, Albrecht Daniel Thaer-Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Division of Environmental Governance, Berlin

**Nicolò Sartori**, Senior Fellow, Security-Defence and Energy Programmes, IAI, Rome

**Matteo Bartolini**, President CEJA, the European Council of Young Farmers, Brussels

### Open discussion

16:15 – 16:30

### CONCLUSIONS

**Representative of the OCP Policy Center**, Rabat

**Silvia Colombo**, Senior Research Fellow, Mediterranean and Middle East Programme, IAI, Rome

16:30

End of the seminar

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*ON*

*“BUILDING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD SECURITY IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA”*

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