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Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in the Euro-Mediterranean Area

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At the end of 2012, IAI launched a strategic partnership with the OCP Policy Center in Rabat dealing with Mediterranean issues. At the beginning of 2014, IAI and the OCP Policy Center began a new research project on the topics of food security and agriculture in the Middle East and North Africa and on the role of the European Union. This project will be developed over two years and will include both research and outreach activities. It will critically tackle the nexus between agriculture and food security in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and in the European Union (EU).

The seminar to be held in Rome on February 2 is organized within the IAI-OCP Strategic Partnership and has the sponsorship of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It will bring together academics, policy-makers and representatives of civil society to discuss the topics of food security and sustainable agriculture in the Euro-Mediterranean region in preparation for EXPO 2015. In particular, the seminar will be structured around two sessions followed by a roundtable discussion.

The first session will discuss major challenges to food security and sustainable agriculture in the Mediterranean region such as food import dependency, deterioration of natural resource, biodiversity loss, climate change, water scarcity and urbanization. The second session will provide a critical assessment of agriculture and food policies in the Euro-Mediterranean area. Major issues to be discussed will be: the agricultural liberalization process, highlighting major consequences, issues at stakes and challenges; the role of European Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform and its implications for the Mediterranean region; and the question of genetically modified food. To conclude, the roundtable discussion, gathering prominent representatives from government institutions, civil society and universities, will debate the opportunities to promote Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and common actions in the field of food security and agriculture.

Agenda

- 9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome coffee and Registration of participants**
- 9:45 – 10:00 **Introductory Remarks**
Ettore Greco, Director, IAI
Mauro Ghirotti, Head, Food and Nutrition Security, Rural Development, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Karim El Aynaoui, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Rabat
- 10:00 – 11:30 **FIRST SESSION:
CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**
- Chair **Maria Cristina Paciello, Senior Fellow at the Mediterranean and Middle East Programme, IAI**
- Panelists **Eugenia Ferragina**
Senior researcher, Institute of Studies on Mediterranean Societies (ISSM), Italian National Research Council (CNR), Naples
GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF WATER AND FOOD SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
- Rachid Doukkali, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center and Professor, IAV Hassan II Institute, Rabat**
IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
- Cecilia Sottilotta**
Adjunct Lecturer, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome
URBANIZATION, FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
- Open discussion
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**
- 11:45 – 13:15 **SECOND SESSION:
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD POLICIES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA**
- Chair **Rachid Doukkali, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center and Professor, IAV Hassan II Institute, Rabat**
- Panelists **Michel Petit**
Associate Professor, CIHEAM, Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen, Montpellier

*LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURE TRADE, EUROPEAN COMMON AGRICULTURAL
POLICY REFORM AND MEDITERRANEAN CHALLENGES*

Omar Aloui

Economist, Managing Director, Agroconcept, Rabat

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA

Daniela Corona

Senior Teaching and Research Assistant, College of Europe, Bruges

*ALLOWING OR BANNING GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD AND FEED? MOROCCO IN SEARCH OF
A SYNTHESIS BETWEEN CONFLICTING REGULATORY MODELS*

Open discussion

13:15 – 14:30

Buffet -Lunch

14.30 – 16:30

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:
***SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA:
WHAT POLICY OPTIONS?***

Chair

Ettore Greco, Director, IAI

Panelists

***Enrico Granara, Minister Plenipotentiary, Coordinator for Multilateral Affairs in the
Mediterranean and the Middle East at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation***

***Alexandre Meybeck, Senior Policy Officer on Agriculture, Environment and Climate
Change, FAO***

***Massimo Ragucci, Agricultural officer, Department of European and International
policies and Rural Development, Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry
Policies***

Angelo Riccaboni, Rector, University of Siena

Claudia Sorlini, President, Scientific Committee for EXPO 2015 of Milan

Open discussion

16:30

End of the Seminar

Group of experts contributing to the discussion

Hanafi Abdelhaq, Country Programme Manager, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD

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Fabian Capitanio, Researcher, Department of Agricultural Economics and Policy, University of Naples Federico II

Lorenza Daroda, Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Development

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Arthur Muliro, Deputy Managing Director and Head of Rome Office, Society for International Development

Chiara Pirovano, WWF Italy's Representative, Coordinating Committee Peoples' Expo

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