

The CIHEAM participates to the "4 per 1000 Initiative" Day during the COP23

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Long-time committed to the search for solutions to climate change through the development of agricultural best practices, the CIHEAM participates in this Day devoted to the "4 per 1000 initiative: soils for food security and climate" on the occasion of the COP23 in Bonn on the 16 November 2016.

During the high-level meeting that brought together several Ministers of Agriculture and Heads of research institutes and international organisations with the presence of Dr Ibrahima Mayaki and Mr Stéphane Le Foll, respectively President and Vice-President of the Initiative, Mr Mohammed Sadiki, Vice-President of the CIHEAM, recalled the strong commitment of the Centre in the struggle against climate change.

As in Africa, in the Mediterranean, the struggle against climate change, land degradation or desertification is closely linked to issues related to water, agriculture and food security. Farmers and fishermen are the first victims of climate change and when agriculture is the only means of livelihood, rural people, especially young people, are forced to migrate to cities or other countries.

"Migration, climate change, inclusive and sustainable development and security are closely interrelated and must be addressed through a holistic approach" recalled Mr Sadiki.

The Strategic Agenda of the CIHEAM, CAPMED 2025 is entirely devoted to connecting economic, environmental and social approaches by supporting farmers and fishermen.

The CIHEAM is a place for exchange between experts but also between decisionmakers and above all, the CIHEAM is an active Organisation that works with the entire academic community to train young people and find solutions to the region's challenges.



Thus, among many projects, the CIHEAM presented MARSADEV, a project implemented in Egypt in the field of soil rehabilitation by carbon sequestration in oasis systems.



The Vice-President of the CIHEAM, Mohamed Sadiki

More about the 4 per 1000 initiative <u>www.4p1000.org</u> More about the <u>MARSADEV project</u> More about the CIHEAM <u>www.ciheam.org</u>

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Created in 1962, the CIHEAM is a Mediterranean organisation that works for improving sustainable agriculture and fisheries, for ensuring food and nutrition security and for developing rural and coastal territories. The organization gathers 13 Member States from both shores of the Mediterranean (Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey) and works with several international and regional institutions. CIHEAM's actions rely on a bottom-up collaboration and are problem-solving oriented, connected to the peculiar needs of the countries. With our Member States, public and private partners and academics the CIHEAM strive to meet the 4 following challenges:



Struggling against "triple waste" (Knowledge-Natural Resources-Food)



Boosting Sustainable Agriculture and Food



Investing in new generations and fragile territories

Preventing risks and managing tensions

