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



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PROGRAMME

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 Maestriperi**, 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, Harokapio University, Member of the CIHEAM Advisory board

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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).

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*)

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 Pipi**, 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



4:30-5:00: Final session: Closing remarks

SPEAKERS:

- **Junko Sasaki**, 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

