



The international conference of organic agriculture and agroecology

IAV Hassan II Rabat, 11-13 November 2024

Program of the Conference

Monday, 11 November 2024

08-00 - 09:00	Check-in and welcome coffee
09:00 - 10:00	<p>Welcome and official opening from the Moroccan and German sides</p> <p>Moderation: Mr. Kamal Jabry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening and welcome by the Director of Agronomic and Veterinary Institute Hassan II, Mr. Prof. El Hraiki Video message from the Minister of Agriculture MAPMDREF Mr. Ahmed El Bouari Video message from the Federal Minister for Agriculture BMEL Mr Cem Özdemir Welcome address by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture MAPMDREF, Mr. Redouane Arrach Welcome address by the German Ambassador Excellent Robert Dölger Presentation of the program and opening of the conference by the DIAF team (Coordinator Ms. El Miri and head of Component Organic Agriculture of DIAF Dr Martin Baumgart)
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Speaker 1: Mr. Thomas Zebunke, German Fédéral Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break and networking
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Panel 1: The role of organic agriculture in the agroecological transformation for a healthy, environmentally friendly and fair agricultural and food system</p> <p>Moderation: Mr. Kamal Jabry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Patricia Flores, IFOAM Organic International Mrs. Stephanie Zeiss, GIZ KCOA, Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa and its benefit for the overall African Agroecological Movements. Mr. Laiti Abdelhak, FAO Morocco SIPAM (Ingenious World Agricultural Heritage Systems) M. Timothée Ourbak AFD (TREEA / IHYAE) Mrs. Prof. Lamiae Ghaouti IAV Hassan II, EU Project IBTIKAR
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 14:15	Keynote Speaker 2: Mrs Farkacha Nawal, Ministry of Agriculture MAPMDREF, Directorate of Production Sector Development (DDFP)
14:15 - 15:30	<p>Panel 2: Generation Green 2020-2030 strategy - where do we stand in terms of promoting organic farming and agroecology?</p> <p>Moderation: Mr. Prof. Badre El Himdy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Khalid Trid, Head of Label Promotion Department MAPMDREF-DDFP K Mrs. Zineb Laghzaoui President of the Interprofessional Maroc Bio Mrs. Rachida Mehdioui, President of RIAM (Network of Agroecological Initiatives in Morocco) Dr. Khalid Azim INRA (Organic Research Programme at INRA) M. Michel Reynaud, (Ecocert International)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mme Virginie COUSTET, Program officer for sustainable agriculture and forestry. EU Delegation in Morocco • Mrs. Imane Fatima Zahra Rane, Controllo e Certificazione Prodotti Biologici (CCPB Maroc)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:00	Science slam: A competition among young talents (PhDs and agricultural students) presenting innovative ideas while combining scientific rigor and creativity
17:00 - 17:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks

Tuesday, 12 November 2024

08-00 - 09:00	Check-in and welcome coffee
	Key Note Speech 3: Dr. Florian Bittner, Institut Julius Kühn (JKI), Research coordinator at the German Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants
09:00 - 10:30	<p>Panel 3: Innovations from the field: agroecological practices in the areas of soil, water, plant protection, etc.</p> <p>Moderation: Mrs Prof Ghizlane Echchgadda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jihad Elmalih, Facyla Permaculture Farm • Mr. Tobias Eisenring, FIBL • Mrs. Patricia Flores, IFOAM Organic Academy • Mrs. Eliana Martínez Pachón AGROSAVIA (Colombia) - Scientific validation of indigenous and traditional agro-ecological knowledge in Colombia • Mr. Karsten Ziebell, Team Leader, German-Thai cooperation project to promote the sustainable development of cluster farms - Creation of networks for agroecological innovations in Thailand • Mrs. Janet Maro, SAT Tanzania - Transferring knowledge into practice (tbd)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
	Keynote speaker 4: Prof. Jürgen Kroschel, Professor at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart. Team leader of the German-Colombian Agroecology Demonstration and Training Project
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Panel 4: Best practices for policies aimed at a sustainable (agroecological and organic) food transition.</p> <p>Moderation: Dr. Khalid Azim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Isabell Piroth, The Federal Organic Farming Scheme (BÖL) – Research and Information Management in Germany • Prof. Khaled Sassi, General Directorate of Organic Agriculture of Tunisia • Mr. Gabor Figezky, IFOAM Organic International • Mr. Martin Mattos Carrera, Director General of the Natural Resources Department, Uruguay Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries – Soil management plans as a tool for agro-ecological transformation • Mrs. Dr. Prapitpan Anupunt, Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE), Thailand - Successes and challenges in implementing agro-ecological transformation policies in Thailand's agriculture and food sector



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bakari Mongo, CEO of the NGO, Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM) - National strategy for ecological organic agriculture in Tanzania
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
	Key Note Speech 5: Helmy Abouleish SEKEM (Video Message). Managing Director of the SEKEM Group. President of the Biodynamic Federation - Demeter International
14:00 - 15:30	<p>Panel 5: Partnerships and development approaches</p> <p>Moderation: Mr. Tom Nizet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Martin Baumgart, Head of Organic Agriculture Component, DIAF Project Mrs. Claudia Heid, Bioregions Concept, LfL Bavaria Mr. Markus Arbenz, FIBL, Suisse Mrs. Ghizlane Echchgadda, Agroecological Centre ENA-Meknès M.Thomas Börkey Biermann/Mohamed Salah Zayani, Organic Wholesale Ökoring, Bavière M. Charif Guessous, Living Seeds M. Fernando Sousa, FIBL / Dryland Agroforestry Center (DAC), Portugal
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Wrap-up by the facilitator with an interactive panel / participative plenum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Lamiae Ghaouti (IAV Hassan II)
17:00	Cultural programme

Wednesday, 13 November 2024

- Excursion to the organic farm Dar Kharoube (Organic production of carobs)
- Excursion to the organic farm Domaine Mahfouda (Organic plant production)