



# NATAE

North African Transition  
to AgroEcology

## Regional Conference on Agroecology: Science and Policy

Wednesday  
29 January  
2025  
(Day1)

Thursday  
30 January  
2025  
(Day2)

Friday  
31 January  
2025  
(Day3)

**Location : Hotel Regency, Tunis, Tunisia**

The Regional Conference on Agroecology: Science and Policy, scheduled for 29-31 January 2025 in Tunis, Tunisia, offers a crucial platform for North Africa. It aims to advance agroecology as a transformative solution to food security, nutrition, and environmental challenges. By uniting leaders from science, policy, and practice, the event seeks to lay the foundation for sustainable, equitable, and resilient food systems. Through collaborative dialogue and action, it aspires to integrate agroecology into agricultural and environmental policies, paving the way for a sustainable and inclusive future.

## CONFERENCE AGENDA



# DAY 1: Opening of the conference

29/01/2025 (Wednesday)

Time (CET)	Activity	Speaker
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>Welcoming participants - Registration</b>	
	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Under the high patronage of the Ministry of Environment, the opening remarks by the organizers, OSS and CIHEAM, will highlight the significance of the conference and the crucial role of agroecology in addressing food security and environmental challenges across North African countries	<b>Mr. Nabil Ben Khatra</b> , Executive Secretary, OSS <b>Ms. Elen Lemaitre-Curri</b> , Deputy Director, CIHEAM-IAMM <b>H.E. Mr. Giuseppe Perrone</b> , EU Ambassador, Tunisia <b>H.E. Mr. Habib Abid</b> , Minister of Environment, Tunisia
	<b>Conference Launch</b>	
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Chair	<b>Mr. Luc Gnacadja</b> , former Executive Secretary of the UNCCD
	Presentation of the agenda & the conference objectives	<b>Ms. Mélanie Requier Desjardins</b> , CIHEAM-IAMM
	<b>Introduction:</b> an overview of agroecology in the NATAE region as a hot spot of climate change	<b>Pr. Rachel Bezner Kerr</b> , Cornell University (online)
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Coffee break</b>	
	<b>Agroecology in Action: Insights from the MEDAE Network</b>	
	Chair	
	Facilitation	<b>Mr. Mounir Majdoub</b> , ACES
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>The MEDAE network (Interactive networking):</b> A platform to connect policymakers, practitioners, and researchers, focusing on shared strategies for sustainable development and resilience building in the Mediterranean and other African regions	<b>Ms. Marion Comptour</b> , CARI (online) <b>Ms. Mélanie Requier Desjardins</b> , CIHEAM-IAMM
	<b>Learning from Other Regions and networks: Initiatives, Insights, and Pathways for Connection</b> Exploration of initiatives, experiences, and success stories from other regions and networks, offering valuable insights and practical pathways to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange, and stronger connections for advancing agroecology and sustainable practices.	<b>Mr. Frédéric de Dinechin</b> , UFM (online) <b>Representative from DyTAES</b> <b>Mr. Aimable Twagirayezu</b> , PAFO, Rwanda <b>Mr. Abdelbacet Hamrouni</b> , ACDD, Tunisia
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Side event on Tunisian Green Corridor initiative	<b>All</b> (invited)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>Cocktail Dinner</b>	<b>All</b>

## DAY 2: Kick-off conference sessions

30/01/2025 (Thursday)

Time (CET)	Activity	Speaker
9:00 am - 11:00 am	High-level round table: Policy and public education strategies for accelerating the agroecological transition and promotional strategies at all levels	
	Facilitation	Mr. Patrice Burger, CARI President
	Introduction	Ms. Zohra Lili Chabaane, IRESA President, Tunisia
	Key approaches to accelerating the agroecological transition by focusing on the development and implementation of effective policies and promotional strategies.	Mr. Thierry Dupeuble, Director of IAMM, France
		Pr. Assane Soumare, University of Nouakchott, former Minister, Mauritania
Mr. Said Amri, Director of ENAM, Morocco		
Mrs. Laura Tabet, Nawaya Director, Egypt		
	Mr. Bruno Romagny, Research Director, IRD (online)	
	Mr. Elyes Hamza, Director of SPA/RAC - Former Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia	
11:00 am - 01:30 pm (including the coffee break and the discussion)	Session 1: Agroecology, policy and education Integration to enhance adaptation to climate change: national and Regional Perspectives	
	Chair	Mr. Elyes Hamza, Director of SPA/RAC, Tunisia
	Introduction: Inter-sectoral policy review from an agroecology perspective. Review of curricula on agroecology in 4 North African countries	Ms. Mélanie Requier Desjardins, CIHEAM-IAMM
	Introducing the multi-actor working groups session	Mr. Mehdi ben Mimoun, INAT, Tunisia
	4 Working groups session	INAT for Education & training CIHEAM-IAMM for public policies & agroecology
Public policies & agroecology groups facilitators: Ms Rita Jalkh and Ms Mélanie Requier (CIHEAM-IAMM)		
	Education & training groups facilitators: Mr Youssef Trifa and Mr Mehdi ben Mimoun (INAT)	
01:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Networking lunch	
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Session 2: Agroecology at international scale	
	Facilitation	Dr. Lamine Baba Sy, Director Water Department, OSS
	Introduction: Regional and international policies and agroecology	Mr. Dario Pollicino, IUCN (online)
	Panel session: Agroecology in the 3 Rio conventions:  Encouraging the development and implementation of policies that integrate agroecology into national and regional strategies	Dr. Hala Yousry, Professor of rural sociology, DRC, Egypt
		Mr. Khaled Cherki, President of African group of Negotiators, Morocco, (online)
	Mr. Hédi Chebili, General Director, DGEQV, Tunisia	
	Mr. Aymen Frija, Director ICARDA, Tunisia	
	Discussions	All
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Session 3: Going further: linking agroecology with food systems	
	Chair	Dr. Hala Yousry, DRC, Egypt
	Introduction: Exploratory Analysis of Agroecological Initiatives and the Promotion of Healthy and Sustainable Food	Pr. Georges Vlontzos, UTH, Greece
	Mr. Fateh Ameur, CREAD, Algeria	



## DAY 2

**Panel session on Awareness Campaigns:** Engaging the Public and Consumers in the Shift Towards Sustainable Farming: Empowering the general public and consumers with knowledge about the vital importance of sustainable farming practices in protecting ecosystems, enhancing food security and public health, and combating climate change

**Mr. Jesper Wohler**, Director Humana people to people

**Ms. Jalila Elati**, Professor, INNTA

**Mr. Olivier Lepiller**, CIRAD (online)

### Panel on food systems

Insights and perspectives from representatives of civil society, local governments, and researchers, focusing on inclusive approaches and collaborative solutions to build sustainable and resilient food systems

Representatives from civil society and local governments

**Mr. Abdelaziz Bouhajba**, AAD

**Mr. Amine Ben Abdallah**, RTTA

## DAY 3: Summary and avenues for future work & opportunities

31/01/2025 (Friday)

Time (CET)	Activity	Speaker
9:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>Session 4: Scaling up and mobilizing funding to advance agroecology</b>	
	Chair	<b>Pr. Assane Soumaré</b> , University of Nouakchott, Mauritania
	Facilitation	<b>Ms. Khaoula Jaoui</b> , Director Climate Department OSS
	Introduction	<b>Ms. Inji Doggui</b> , General Director, APIA, Tunisia
	<b>Panel session:</b> Financing Agroecology: A platform to showcase strategies and opportunities for expanding agroecological practices through innovative funding approaches and collaborative efforts, aiming to support sustainable agricultural transitions at scale	<b>Mr. Stéphane BROSSARD</b> , EU, Tunisia <b>Mr. Joel Teyssier</b> , Head of division AFD, North African Office <b>Dr. Anneke Trux</b> , GIZ <b>Ms. Nihal Bounaim</b> , Crédit agricole <b>Ms. Andrea Senatori</b> , Director AICS (tbc) <b>Ms. Leila Ben Abdeladhim</b> , representative of UNDP Tunisia <b>Representatives from: WB, FAO (tbc), AfDB (tbc)</b>
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Coffee break	
10:50 am - 11:50 am	<b>Session 5: Key Takeaways and Synthesis</b>	
	Chair	<b>Ms. Mélanie Requier Desjardins</b> , CIHEAM-IAMM
	Restitution over the working group sessions: (i) Education, (ii) Training, (iii) Public policy, Food Security and Agroecology Synthesis of discussions and key messages  Recap of the conference, summarizing key discussion points with takeaways	<b>Reports: representatives from OSS &amp; NATAE Consortium</b>
11:50 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Session 6: Closing Insights</b> Strategy and action planning for future collaborations	<b>Ms. Ndeye Fatou Mar</b> , Director of Land and Biodiversity Department, OSS
	Official closing	<b>H.E. Mr. Azeddine Ben Cheikh</b> , MAHRP, Minister of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia
1:00 pm	Networking lunch	All