



NATAE
North African Transition
to AgroEcology

NATAE is a four-year (2022-2026) project aiming to foster agroecological transition in North Africa. The NATAE project brings together a multidisciplinary and multi-actor consortium including research and education institutions, international organizations and local NGOs from around the Mediterranean. NATAE gathers 23 research and development partners from 14 countries from North Africa and Europe and is coordinated by the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier CIHEAM IAMM, France. The project aims to stimulate a transformation to agroecology by identifying optimal combinations of agroecological practices, empowering key stakeholders to encourage the elaboration of transformative policies and their adoption, and inducing adaptations in higher education.



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What are Field Labs?

The NATAE project sets up a series of field labs in five countries in North Africa where methodologies are being developed, tailored for local strategies, and tested for replicability.

An agroecological field lab is a place of structured exchanges on the agroecological transition where co-construction of knowledge occurs due to the dialogue organised between key stakeholders, including farmers, industries, governments, NGOs, consumer organisations, research institutions and local advisory services.

NATAE is currently organising **seven Living Labs** in a set of areas representative of North Africa farming systems and agroecological zones diversity in Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia: oasis and peri-oasis systems, cereal plains, irrigated valley and plain, mountains and peri-urban.

Five Replication Labs have also been selected in these areas where the methodologies and findings of the Living Labs will be tested for replicability.



Living Labs (LL)

- Mauritania: Riyadh, PK 17 LL (Peri-urban)
- Tunisia: Siliana LL (Cereal plains)
- Algeria: Laghouat LL (Oasis and peri-oasis system)
- Algeria: Tizi-Ouzou LL (Mountains)
- Morocco: Boulmane LL (Mountains)
- Morocco: Meknès LL (Peri-urban)
- Egypt: Luxor LL (Irrigated valley)

Replication Labs (RL)

- Mauritania: Atar RL (Oasis and peri-oasis system)
- Tunisia: Kebili RL (Oasis and peri-oasis system)
- Algeria: Setif RL (Cereal plains)
- Morocco: Saïss plain RL (Cereal plains)
- South Africa: South Africa RL (Peri-urban)

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