



CIHEAM participation in the International Agricultural Show of Morocco

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At the invitation of Mr Mohamed Sadiki, President of the CIHEAM Governing board and Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests of the Kingdom of Morocco, the CIHEAM took part in Morocco's International Agriculture Show (SIAM) held in Meknes from April 16th to April 21st 2019 and focused this year on the following topic: "Agriculture, a lever of employment and the future of rural world".

The SIAM welcomes every year more than a million visitors, almost 1700 national and international exhibitors from more than 70 countries and numerous international delegations including officials and professionals from agricultural, agribusiness and related sectors.

An area in the "Teaching, Training and Research" section was dedicated to the CIHEAM, in which were introduced the training, research and cooperation of the Center. During this presentation, the CIHEAM delegation exchanged with the Moroccan partners about the mutual initiatives and potential leads for collaboration

The "Doctoriales"

During the exhibition, a series of conferences, meetings and round tables are organized on topics in relation to this edition's topic. Within this framework, the *Doctoriales* (or Doctoral days) of the Center of Doctoral Studies of the Agronomic and Veterinary Hassan II were held.

The Doctoriales are an annual event which aims at creating a space of exchange and dialogue between postgraduates, scientists and researchers on the one hand and professionals and socioeconomic actors on the other hand. This meeting offers postgraduates the opportunity to explore their skills and some assets of their educational program.

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The initiative of having them at the SIAM is new and aims at reminding the strategic role of research and innovations in the agricultural and rural development, particularly concerning modernisation, attractiveness, productivity and competitiveness.

The CIHEAM Secretary-General, Mr Plácido Plaza, who inaugurated these days with Mr Mohamed Sadiki, presented the CIHEAM doctoral platform: a mobility disposal for Mediterranean doctoral students created to strengthen the sharing of knowledge and competencies regarding the main issues of the area such as food safety, climate changes or sustainable management of natural resources.

It was reminded that the doctoral platform had welcomed more than 300 doctoral students in ten years and had led to two major forums ([MEDFORUM Montpellier 2017](#), [MEDFORUM Bari 2018](#)) organised in partnership with the United Nations “Food Alimentation Organisation” (FAO), with “Agreenium” (France agronomic, veterinary and forest institute), with the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI-World Bank), with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and with the Italian Cooperation.

Emphasize the last segment

Concluding on the importance of [strengthening the interactions between the young researchers and the agricultural actors](#), Plácido Plaza announced that the activities of the CIHEAM doctoral platform will from now on devote to **connecting more the studies to the job markets** and to the professional opportunities that food and sustainable agricultural production systems represent. “Going from studies to jobs”, the last segment in which it is critical to invest to get over the challenges of the youth unemployment in the Mediterranean area.

Youth empowerment, as a lever of agricultural and rural development, will be, for this reason, the theme of the next ministerial meeting of the CIHEAM which will take place in Tunis in November 2019.

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Established in 1962, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) is a Mediterranean intergovernmental organisation composed of 13 Member States (Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey). As a key player in multilateral cooperation in the fields of agriculture, food, fisheries and rural territories, its missions revolve around four main objectives:



Protection of the planet by combating waste in all its forms including waste of knowledge and know-how;



Food and nutrition security by boosting sustainable agriculture and food;



Inclusive development by investing in new generations and fragile territories;



Prevention of crises and resilience of territories.

The CIHEAM Action Plan for the Mediterranean 2025 (**CAPMED 2025**) that falls within the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the United Nations is based on these four lines. The CIHEAM carries out its missions through the tools of specialised training, network research, cooperation, technical assistance but also political dialogue and partnerships.

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