



TOWARDS MORE SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET AS A STRATEGIC RESOURCE FOR ACCELERATING THE AGENDA 2030 IN THE REGION



THE 3RD WORLD CONFERENCE REVITALIZATION OF MEDITERRANEAN DIET

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), the Third World Conference on the Revitalization of the Mediterranean Diet, entitled "Change of Route Towards More Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems in Mediterranean Countries: the Mediterranean Diet as a Strategic Resource to Accelerate the Agenda 2030 in the Region" will be organized on 28-30 September 2022, at the Cosimo Lacirignola Campus, CIHEAM-Bari Institute, in Valenzano, Bari.

THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT

The Mediterranean is historically the meeting area of **ancient millenary civilizations**, characterized by a multiplicity of countries with marked environmental, cultural, social, economic and political differences.

Located at the crossroads between Africa, Asia and Europe, today the Mediterranean is a region where growing interdependent challenges are undermining the sustainability of food systems, and negatively impacting on their populations and natural resources.

Across the Mediterranean region, there is an "inegalitarian drift" in the current relations between Northern Mediterranean countries and Southern-Eastern ones, where many difficulties are encountered due to the existing economic, social/cultural disparities and conflicts. In the Mediterranean there is a great heterogeneity between countries and an ever-growing gap between developed economies and those that are less so.

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) / per capita is higher in the Mediterranean countries of the European Union than that of the countries of the South and East of the Mediterranean, wich highlights a profound difference between Mediterranean economies which inevitably has repercussions on the social, environmental, and social dimensions of people livelihoods.

Currently, further aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic, the region is marked by a "post nutrition transition state" in which the prevalence of undernutrition (wasting, stunting, underweight) and micronutrient deficiencies are overshadowed by the prevalence of overweight, obesity and diet-related chronic non-communicable diseases with undesirable impacts not only on the health and related public expenditure, but also on the cultural, social, economic and environmental sustainability dimentions.

Accelerated climate change has further exacerbated existing environmental problems in the region that are caused by the combination of changes in drought and desertification processes, increasing pollution and declining biodiversity.

Disruptions of imports from Ukraine and Russia will further expose Mediterranean countries to food shortfalls with increasing in prices, with combined effects on production cuts, export restrictions, energy prices and difficulties in logistics with negative impacts on both producers and consumers, worsening food insecurity in the region.



1. Environmental Challenges

Over-exploitation of natural resources and adverse impacts of environmental degradation by climate change, water scarcity, desertification and drought, land degradation, carbon sequestration, loss of biodiversity, fish stocks depletion, lack of good sustainable practices in agriculture and fisheries, urban sprawl, chemical contamination, marine pollution, marine invasive non-indigenous species.

2. Economic Challenges

Unequal economic drift between Northern and Southern-Eastern Mediterranean countries, population growth, increased demand for food, poverty and unemployment (especially among young people), conflict areas, food insecurity, migration from rural areas and other countries, urbanization, changing food procurement, predominance of imported food, internationalization of markets, low profitability for smallholders, lack of efficient rural sustainable development policies (particularly for women and youth, in connection to employability and careers) and incentives for ecosystem services, mismatch between education and job market, lack of innovation, food loss and waste, economic shock of hundreds thousands of agro-food SMEs due to the pandemic of Covid-19 and Ukraine's food export crisis, with expected rise in global food prices.

3. Social and Cultural Challenges

Changes in Mediterranean societies and roles of women (cf. gender equality and inclusion), emerging new unsustainable globalized lifestyle behaviors, population growth, progressive urbanization, migration from rural areas and from other countries, erosion of food cultures and traditional knowledge, lack of social and cultural innovation, education and communication.

4. Health and Nutritional Challenges

Malnutrition and nutrition transition (undernutrition, hidden hunger, and obesity), unsustainable unhealthy dietary shifts, sedentary lifestyles and lack of physical activity, erosion of the Mediterranean diet heritage, food safety and food insecurity, Covid 19 pandemic, growing public health expenditures, diffusion of new emerging pandemic diseases, animal welfare.

THE 3RD WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE REVITALIZATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

The Conference, as part of the **UN Food Systems Summit movement for change**, will accommodate multiple perspectives to improve the sustainability and resilience of food systems in the Mediterranean. The Conference will involve a **broad spectrum of stakeholders**, equally representing women and men, from both South/Eastern and Northern Med countries, to enable a SFS change of route in the region for coping with growing challenges and accelerating the Agenda 2030.

The Conference **will address priority issues** identified from the reflection initiated at the Second World MD Conference in 2019, and from the three SFS-MED independent Food Systems Summit Dialogues , held in 2021, by CIHEAM, FAO, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Prima Foundation and United Nations One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Program (OPN-SFSP).

National pathways, UNFSS coalitions and commitments of relevant interest to Mediterranean countries from the Summit's process will be also presented within a reinforced multistakeholder regional and interregional collaboration perspective.

The Conference will be addressed to reinforce the movement for change initiated by the UN Food Systems Summit for a food systems transformation in the Mediterranean region towards sustainability and resilience.

Webinars and independent side events will be staged to allow more voices and spaces for dialogues to the business system and the civil society, to structurally fulfill the Conference's impact.

In line with **the Call to Action of the G20 Matera Declaration**, a change of route towards more sustainable and resilient food systems will be enhanced at the Conference, with the Mediterranean diet acting as a Sustainable Consumption and Production lever, within a collaborative One-Health framework.

Boosted by the 2021 **UN Food Systems Summit's** process, global commitment of the international community for a shift towards more sustainable food systems (SFS) has increased significantly over recent years to accelerate the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development.

However, tackling food system transformation towards more sustainability and resilience is a very complex systemic process that requires considering sustainable food systems as a whole rather than in separate components, **going beyond disciplinary approaches and silos**, and engaging a wide range of interests from different groups and agendas, with diverse institutional settings and agro-ecological constraints in countries and territories on all shores of the Mediterranean.

By considering the **complexity of multiple entangled challenges** facing the Mediterranean, a systemic approach on sustainable food systems (SFS), context-specific for the diversity of the Mediterranean countries, is urgently needed to cut across sectors and create synergies overcoming "silo" effects.

There is a need to overcome **fragmented sectoral approaches**, within the framework of sustainability, ensuring coherence and coordination of actions, regarding **green**, **blue and circular economies**, linking sustainable food consumption and production through the Mediterranean diet as a SFS-MED lever, within a **One Health** approach.

These growing challenges are **complex and deeply entangled**, and thus require solutions that are systemic and dynamic. This will be especially challenging because of the persistent Covid-19 constraints that are further deteriorating the context.

For coping with these multiple and interdependent challenges, which is putting a strain on food supply chains more than previously, **a change of route is needed**, requiring urgent actions to trigger SFS winwin solutions on the ground at the country level, while taking into account the widely differing cultural and developmental dimensions across the region.

A better understanding of the multidimensionality of the sustainability of food systems, as well as interconnections between individual Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will allow to strengthen science diplomacy dialogues between Northern and Eastern/Southern countries of the Mediterranean, to accelerate the 2030 Agenda.

Cultural innovation **changes in the mind-set** of people are also required for building the necessary consensus to enable the food environment in the Mediterranean to move to more effective cooperation

among all actors engaged to transform food systems, towards the achievement of the Agenda 2030 SDGs, despite the specificity and diversity of the territorial contexts

However, Mediterranean countries have a common precious heritage, such as the Mediterranean diet which constitutes a powerful sustainable development resource for young people and women in the region on which the future of sustainability lies in their hands.

Although the fact that the **Mediterranean diet** is well documented and acknowledged as a healthy diet, sadly, it **is abandoned**, mainly by the young generations, in most Northern, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries, in which problems of under-nutrition coexist with overweight, obesity and diet-related chronic diseases.

The erosion of the Mediterranean diet heritage, by the loss of its adherence among Mediterranean populations, is alarming as it has undesirable impacts not only on health, but also on social, cultural, economic and environmental trends in the Mediterranean region.

The revitalization of the Mediterranean diet needs to be strongly enhanced for halting the malnutrition in all its forms, the degradation of ecosystems, enhancing people's livelihoods, counteracting climate change, and stopping the collapse of biodiversity in the region, for the benefit of people and nature.

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OBJECTIVES

- ▼ To enhance a change of route in the Mediterranean for a shift towards more sustainable and resilient food systems for accelerating the Agenda 2030 at the country level;
- ▼ To enhance the SFS-MED Platform, with its Coordination Desk hosted at the CIHEAM-Bari, by strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships across the entire region;
- ▼ To catalyse more collaborative multi-stakeholder "green", "blue" and "circular" SFS- on the ground in Mediterranean countries, MED territorial context specific, within a **One Health** approach development framework with the Mediterranean diet acting as a SCP (sustainable consumption and production) lever;
- ▼ To foster a change in the current perception of the Mediterranean diet as a resource of sustainable development in the Mediterranean, at country and regional level, taking in consideration their contextual differences;
- ▼ To consolidate the initiative of World Mediterranean Diet Conference as permanent forum for multi-stakeholder and transdisciplinary SFS-MED dialogues and actions to accelerate the Agenda 2030 in the region.

The **SFS-MED Platform,** a multi-stakeholder initiative on sustainable food systems, is a collaborative effort initiated in 2019 as outcome of the 2nd World MD Conference by the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMS) as an affiliated project of the UN One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Programme.

This **multi-stakeholder** collaborative effort, within the **tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** signed by the three Organizations on 14 January 2021, is under codevelopment with the PRIMA Foundation to provide a framework for collaboration among all interested stakeholders, from Northern and Southern/Eastern Mediterranean countries, to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda in the Mediterranean region.



- ◆ A forum for dialogue and collaboration on priority themes for sustainable food systems in the Mediterranean, acting as a neutral facilitator of multi-stakeholder exchange to enhance policy coherence, build trust, and promote the effective implementation of actions.
- ◆ An ideal setting to rebalance sustainability and finance. Dedicated support for the co-creation of flagship projects and investment proposals will enable actors in Mediterranean food systems to access funding and scale up sustainable investments.
- ◆ A network for strengthening knowledge sharing and capacity building related to sustainable food consumption and production across the Mediterranean.
- ◆ **Opportunities for regional cooperation** for data sharing, science diplomacy, and the advancement of green and blue practices, as well as inclusive and digital innovation.

New forms of innovative multi-stakeholder strategies and transdisciplinary knowledge-sharing will be fostered by the SFS-MED Platform, between the Northern and the Southern shores of the Mediterranean region.

The **SFS-MED Platform** will identify **interlinkages between the SDGs**, challenges, drivers, and trade-offs at every stage of food systems (production, processing, distribution, sale, consumption, including food losses and waste), to enhance innovation, scientific research and data for impact assessments.

The **SFS-MED Platform** will enhance more sustainable food supply chains and the role of the cities as

hubs of innovation and opportunity connecting people and ideas, to accelerate the **shift** towards an **equitable and inclusive sustainable transformation** of Mediterranean food systems in the region.

The development of joint SFS-MED Platform Flagships, projects, with a significant transformative SFS impact and high replication potential, will allow to attract and mobilize more private and public investments (investment funds, development banks, national agencies, private partners, etc.), particularly for small scale farmers and fishers, as well as for youth and women in rural areas highly affected by rural migration to cities.

A CHANGE OF ROUTE

The development of a SFS-MED Platform Community of Practice (CoP) will accelerate the transformation of Mediterranean food systems towards sustainability and resilience, by promoting and disseminating, through technological and organizational innovation, best practices knowledge and the excellence of territories and their actors, linked to food production and consumption patterns, characteristics of the Mediterranean diet.

Best Practices of local experiences, living labs generating innovation/research and cooperation, and a community of practice social approach, fostering knowledge shared on green, blue, circular economy and sustainable food systems will be identified and promoted as potential powerful SFS-MED Platform tools.

The SFS MED Platform initiative will be developed through an inclusive, participatory multi-stakeholder collaborative effort, based on knowledges and partnerships, context-specific for the Mediterranean.

The Mediterranean diet will play an important strategic role as culturally diverse countries unite that have embraced this dietary model as a Mediterranean lifestyle, healthy and sustainable, without thereby distorting the identity of each country.

The Mediterranean diet as a lever of change will be enhanced for re-directing demand towards more sustainable food consumption, thereby influencing production and reducing the overall negative impacts on ecosystems, in a context of increasing social disparities and in the shadow of climate bre-

akdown, in which food systems are also drivers of environmental degradation.

Food systems are failing to provide decent livelihoods to large sections of the population in a context of increasing social disparities and in the shadow of climate breakdown, in which food systems are also drivers of environmental degradation.

In the light also of the new challenge posed by the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, which is putting more strain on food supply chains, the SFS-MED Platform initiative will be developed through an inclusive, participatory multi-stakeholder collaborative effort, based on knowledges and partnerships, context-specific for the Mediterranean.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The 3rd World MDConference will have a hybrid format, in presence and online, articulated through plenary sessions, working sessions and side-events in four different locations in the CIHEAM-Bari Campus.

All sessions are designed to facilitate synergies, parterneships and collaborations withing a broad range of partners from across the region, equally representing women and men from South/Eastern and Northern Med countries.

All sessions will be structured in thematic working groups as entry points for Identifying game-changing solutions for improving the sustainability and resilience of Med food systems and the Mediterranean diet, to be presented as delivererables of the Conference.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ♦ Issuing a SFS-MED Call for a Common Action: A Change of Route in the Mediterranean to Accelerate the 2030 Agenda;
- ◆ Identifying game-changing solutions for improving the sustainability and resilience of Mediterranean food systems for achieving the SDGs of the Agenda 2030 at the countries level;
- ◆ **Strengthening** SFS regional and interregional dialogues between Northern and Southern/Eastern Mediterranean countries towards an equitable transition to a climate resilient society, through better understanding growing interdependent challenges that all populations are facing in the region;
- ◆ **Unlocking** the potential of research, innovation, sharing knowledge and capacity building, between public and private partnerships from Northern and Southern/Eastern Mediterranean countries, through the SFS-MED Platform's activities with a spe- and interregional dialogues, actions and solucific attention to support youth, women, small and medium scale farmers, producers and artisanal fisheries, in their access to national and international market:

- ◆ Developing a SFS-MED multistakeholder joint action framework for the sustainability of Med food system and the Mediterranean diet, tailored to multiple sectors and disciplines;
- ◆ **Implementing** the systemic approach of the SFS-MED Platform¹, context specific, to respond to the multiple and interdependent challenges that MED countries are facing;
- ◆ Changing the perception of the Mediterranean diet, from just only an healthy diet to a strategic resource of sustainable development, linking consumption and production in a healthy and sustainable way, with multiple benefits, and country variations;
- ◆ Building up the initiative of the World Conferences of the Revitalization of the Mediterranean Diet as a permanent forum for SFS-MED regional tions to accelerate in the region the shift towards the Agenda 2030.

1) https://www.sfsmedplatform.org/storage/app/media/uploaded-files/SFS-MED%20PLATFORM%20CommonGround%20working%20document.pdf

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Since 2002, CIHEAM-Bari with the Forum on Mediterranean Food Cultures, Las Palmas University of Gran Canarias, Sapienza University of Rome, and ICAF (International Commission of the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition), has developed a continuous collaboration on the Mediterranean diet.

In 2003, the Second Euro-Mediterranean Forum "Dialogues among Mediterranean Civilizations on Food Security" was organized in Corigliano Calabro.

In 2005, the Third EuroMed Forum "Dialogues between Civilizations and People of the Mediterranean: The Food Cultures" was organized, at the Sapienza University of Rome".

At the end, "The Call of Rome for a Common Action on Food in the Mediterranean" was issued.

In 2009, the 3rd International CIISCAM Conference "The Mediterranean Diet Today: A Model of Sustainable Diet", was organized by CIISCAM, in collaboration with the Forum on Mediterranean Food Cultures, CIHEAM-Bari, Bioversity International, and the technical support of FAO.

In 2010, the talk show "BIODIVERSITY? Sustainable Food for All: The Mediterranean Diet, an Example of a Sustainable Diet", a TV Talk Show was organized at the Parco della Musica, Rome within the Biodiversity Week.

In 2010, the International Scientific Symposium "Biodiversity and Sustainable Diets: United Against Hunger" was organized at FAO in Rome, in which a scientific consensus on the definition of "sustainable diets", with the Mediterranean diet as an example was reached.

In 2011, **the international CIHEAM-FAO workshop** on "Guidelines for the Sustainability of the Mediterranean Diet" was organized at the CIHEAM-Bari in which the Mediterranean diet was identified as a joint case study for the characterization and evaluation of the sustainability of food consumption and diets in the Mediterranean.

In 2014, **the International Workshop** "Assessing Sustainable Diets within the Sustainability of Food Systems. New Challenges For Mediterranean Diet And Organic Food was organized at the CREA-NUT in Rome."

In 2015, the International Conference "Does the Mediterranean Diet Still Exist? Nutrition-Health-Quality-Sustainability-Innovation-Evolution" was jointly organized at the Milan EXPO by CIHEAM-Bari, CNR, CREA, ENEA and Forum on Mediterranean Food Cultures, On this occasion the "Med Diet EXPO Milan 2015 Call: Time to Act", was issued by CIHEAM and endorsed by 81 institutions.



In 2015, at the **EXPO Milan**, CIHEAM and FAO jointly published "Mediterranean Food Consumption Patterns: Diet, Environment, Society, Economy and Health", as a white paper of the priority 5 of the Feeding Knowledge Programme of the Milan EXPO Legacy.

In 2016, the First World Conference on the Mediterranean Diet "Revitalizing the Mediterranean Diet from a Healthy Dietary Pattern to a Healthy Mediterranean Sustainable Lifestyle" was organized in Milan by IF-MeD (International Foundation of Mediterranean Diet), in collaboration with CIHEAM, FENS (Federation of European Nutrition Societies) and the technical collaboration of FAO. On this occasion, The Call for Action on the Revitalization of the Mediterranean Diet was issued and endorsed by 37 scientific societies, research institutes and national and international organizations.

In 2017, the FAO /CIHEAM International Workshop on "Development of Voluntary Guidelines for the Sustainability of the Mediterranean Diet in the Mediterranean Region" was organized at the CIHEAM-Bari, the in the context of the One Planet Sustainable Food Programme Systems of the United Nations (OPN-SFSP).

In 2019, the Second World Conference on the Revitalization of the Mediterranean Diet "Strategies towards More Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean. The Mediterranean Diet as a Lever Bridging Production, Transformation and Consumption in a Sustainable and Healthy Way", was organized in Palermo by CIHEAM-Bari and Forum on Mediterranean Food Cultures.

In 2019, a program of web dialogues "Towards a Joint Design of a Conceptual Framework for a Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) Approach, Context-Specific for the Mediterranean Region, for the Co-Development of a Mediterranean Multi-stakeholder SFS Platform, was organized from October to November by CIHEAM-Bari with FAO and Union for the Mediterranean.

In 2019-2020, the codevelopment of the SFS-MED Platform was initiated by CIHEAM, FAO and Union for the Mediterranean with a common ground paper.

In 2021, three SFS-MED independent Food Systems Summit Dialogues on "Pathways for the Future of Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean" were organized on 27 April, 21 June and 9 December by CIHEAM, FAO, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Prima Foundation and One Planet Sustainable Food Programme Systems of the United Nations (OPN-SFSP).



WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

"COSIMO LACIRIGNOLA" CAMPUS, CIHEAM BARI INSTITUTE, VALENZANO (BARI)

LOCATION: GREAT HALL

10.00-10.30 **WELCOME**

Maurizio Raeli, Director, CIHEAM Bari Antonio Decaro, Mayor, City of Bari Stefano Bronzini, Rector, University of Bari Aldo Moro Michele Emiliano, President, Apulia Region

10.30-11.00 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Angelo Riccaboni, Chair, PRIMA Foundation
Paolo De Castro, Coordinator European Parliamentary Alliance against Hunger
Joanna Stawowy, Commission for Agriculture, European Commission

11.00-11.45 **KEYNOTES**

ACCELERATING THE 2030 AGENDA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Placido Plaza, Secretary-General, CIHEAM Nasser Kamel, Secretary-General, UfM Maurizio Martina, Assistant Director-General, FAO

12.00-12.30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

H. E. Mohammed Sadiki, Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests of Morocco; President, CIHEAM Governing Board (tbc)

H.E. Abdallah Lahlou, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture of Palestine

H. E. Mahmoud Elies Hamza, Minister of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries of Tunisia

12.30-13.30 **LIGHT LUNCH**

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LOCATION: GREAT HALL

13.30-15.00 **SESSION 2**

FOOD SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION IN TIMES OF MULTI-LEVEL CRISIS: RESILIENCE, OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROSPECTS

Objective: To highlight regional concerns and impacts of the crises of the last 10 years (health, social unrest, global warming, economics and finances, and weakening of regional solidarity /collective responsibility) on food security. To provide successful and promising initiatives, focusing on the contribution of emerging technologies in alleviating vulnerability and securing sustainability in the face of accumulating challenges.

Moderator:

Mouin Hamzé, Former Secretary General, CNRS, Lebanon

Rapporteur:

Virginia Belsanti, CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

Wafaa El Khoury, Service Chief, Investment Centre Division, FAO

Abdelhamid El Zoheiry, President, Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)

Hammou Laamrani, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Charalampos Kasimis, University of Athens

Amel M. Azab, SDG Climate Facility Project Coordinator, Arab Water Council (AWC), Co-chair, Gender Equity and Women Empowerment Voluntary Group for Climate Change, UNDRR

Maria Cristina Russo, Director for Global Approach & International Cooperation, EU DG Research & Innovation Thierry Dupeuble, Director, CIHEAM Montpellier

LOCATION: GREAT HALL

15.00-17.00 **SESSION 1**

THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS POST- SUMMIT PROCESS: SFS-MED DIALOGUES FOLLOW-UP LINKING NATIONAL PATHWAYS AND MULTISTAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS TOWARDS MORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Objective: To connect food systems knowledge and expertise from diverse constituencies through the SFS-MED Platform initiative to support Med countries for accelerating the Agenda 2030

Organized by:

SFS-MED Platform Coordination Desk Moderator:

Sylvia Lopez-Ekra, Deputy Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

Rapporteur: **Josè Valls Bedeau**, Policy Officer, FAO

Introduction:

Building on the outcomes of the three SFS-MED Independent Dialogue held in 2021

Alwin Kopse, Lead Representative, One Planet Network's Sustainable Food Systems Programme, Federal Office for Agriculture of Switzerland Keynote Speech:

Stefano Gatti, Minister Plenipotentiary, Special Italian Envoy for Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and International Cooperation of Italy

Panel with UNFSS Med Member State Summit Dialogues National Convenors:

Albania: **Emira Gjeci**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Egypt: **H.E. Amb. Ehab Badawy**, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Israel: **Noga Kronfeld-Schor**, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Environmental Protection

Italy: **Stefano Gatti**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Special Italian Envoy for Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and International Cooperation of Italy

Jordan: **Mohammad Al-Heari**, Secretary-General, Ministry of Agriculture; **Mahmoud Rabai**, Secretary General Assistant for Project and Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture

Malta: **John Busuttil**, Director, Directorate General Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Morocco: **Redouane Arrach,** Secretary General, Agriculture Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests

Spain: **Samuel Jesus Juarez Casado,** Senior Advisor- General Secretary for Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Turkey: **Nihan Atay Haspolat**, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Wrap-up

Sandro Dernini, Coordinator, SFS-MED Platform Coordination Desk, CIHEAM Bari

17.00-17.15 **PRESENTATION**

SFS MED DIET PLATFORM CIHEAM BARI

Biagio Di Terlizzi, Deputy Director, CIHEAM Bari

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17.30-18.30 LOCATION: **DOCUMENTATION CENTRE**

SIDE-EVENT

Organized by CIHEAM Bari

THE CONTRIBUTION OF CIHEAM TO THE OBJECTIVES OF A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Objective: to present a virtuous path, starting from the latest significant and tangible activities carried out by the CIHEAM institutes, to achieve future actions, all aimed at the transition towards Sustainable Food Systems

Welcome and introductory remarks:

Plácido Plaza Lopez, Secretary general of the CIHEAM

Panel:

Roberto Capone, Principal Administrator, CIHEAM Bari; Focal Point CIHEAM Sustainable Food Systems **Konstadinos Mattas**, Visiting Professor, CIHEAM MAICh, BioValue Project Coordinator

Kessari Myriam and Prosperi Paolo, Scientific Administrators, CIHEAM Montpellier

Ana Maria Sànchez, Principal Administrator, CIHEAM Zaragoza

Conclusions:

Mohamed Sadiki, President, Governing Board CIHE-AM; Minister of Agriculture of Morocco (tbc)

18.00-19.00 LOCATION: GREAT HALL

SIDE-EVENT

Organized by CIA-Agricoltori Italiani

BEST PRACTICES AND AGREEMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA TO INCREASE THE ADDED VALUE OF FARMERS IN OLIVE OIL, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE, CITRUS PRODUCTION SECTORS

Objective: To increase the added value of farmers in the production sectors of olive oil, fruit and vegetables, citrus fruits: business best practices and agreements in the Mediterranean area.

Moderator:

Elisabetta Guidobaldi, Agenzia ANSA

Panel:

Carla Abitabile, CREA Politiche e Bioeconomia Benedetto Fracchiolla, President, Finoliva Salvo Laudani, President, Freshfel Europe Gabriel Trezado, General Director, Cooperativas agro-alimentarias de España (in remoto) Rachid Benali, President, Interprolive Maroc-Fédération interprofessionnelle marocaine de l'olive Giuseppe De Noia, President, CIA Levante Arnold Puech d'Alissac, President, World Farmers Organization (in remote)

Closing Remarks:

Cristiano Fini, President CIA-Agricoltori Italiani (in remote)

18.00-19.00 LOCATION: GREEN ROOM

SIDE-EVENT

Organized by LINK2007

COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS

Objective: to present significant experiences on Community Food developed from the last mile with our partners in Africa and the Middle East where good practices with measurable and replicable impact have been developed to support local production systems from a food sovereignty perspective and continue the effort to provide inclusive and sustainable responses to the food crisis

Conducted by **Roberto Ridolfi**, President, LINK2007

Panel:

Italo Rizzi, Focal Point Food Systems, Link2007
Luigi Cavallito, COSV
Sandro DeLuca, CISP
Streng Cerise, LVIA
Franco Tesio, Valoryza
Giuseppe DeSantis, Rural Seeds Network
Barbara Aiolfi, Bicocca University
Biagio di Terlizzi, CIHEAM Bari
Sara Savastano, IFAD
Pietro Pipi, AICS Uff VI Rural Development and Food Security

18.00-19.00 LOCATION: **BLUE ROOM**

SIDE-EVENT

Organized by Forum on Mediterranean Food Cultures/Plexus International Forum Onlus

COLLECTIVE CATERING AS A CULTURAL TOOL TO PROMOTE THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

DEDICATED TO CARLO CANNELLA.

Objective: To promote the multiple benefits of the sustainability of the Mediterranean diet, through the development of a joint research project on collective catering, open to all interested partners, supported by a communication campaign associated with the regional cuisine of the Mediterranean diet.

Conducted by

Roberto Carcangiu, Chief, President, Associazione Professionale Cuochi Italiani

Lorenzo M. Donini, Director, School of Specialization in Food Science, Sapienza University of Rome **Sandro Dernini**, President, Forum on Mediterranean

Food Cultures/Plexus International Forum Onlus

LOCATION: GREEN ROOM

9.00-10.30 **SESSION 3**

RESILIENCE AND TRANSFORMATION OF MEDITER-RANEAN FOOD SYSTEMS: THE ROLE OF THE MEDI-TERRANEAN DIET

Objective: to contribute to the 'change of route' by developing a policy framework that qualifies transformation of food systems to resilience.

Moderator:

Gianluca Brunori, Chair, Report of the 5th SCAR Foresight Exercise Expert Group EC, University of Pisa

Rapporteur:

Josè Valls Bedeau, Policy Officer, FAO

Speakers:

Dominique Barjolle, ETHZ Switzerland
Mirjana Gurinovic, Centre of Research Excellence in Nutrition and Metabolism Belgrado
Maria Partalidou, University of Tessaloniki
Francesca Galli, University of Pisa
Paolo Prosperi, CIHEAM Montpellier

LOCATION: BLUE ROOM

9.00-10.30 **SESSION 4**

ASSESSING AND PROMOTING THE ADHERENCE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

Objective: to address the health and nutrition challenges associated with adherence, and lack thereof, to the Mediterranean diet and propose actions, framed within the context of the Right to Food and the six principles of food security.

Moderators:

Jacques Delarue, Secretary, Federation European Nutrition Societies (FENS)

Barbara Burlingame, Chair, Task Force on Sustainable Diets, International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS)

Rapporteurs:

Marcela Gonzalez Gross, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain

Furio Brighenti, University of Parma

Speakers:

Antonia Trichopoulou, President, Health Hellenic Foundation

Sandro Dernini, Senior Advisor, CIHEAM Bari Nahla Hwalla, American University of Beirut, Lebanon Rekia Belhasen, Chouaib Doukkali University Francesco Sofi, University of Florence LOCATION: GREAT HALL

9.00-10.30 **SESSION 5**

SFS-MED GAME-CHANCING SOLUTIONS FROM A GREEN CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Objective: to contribute to Mediterranean food systems change of route towards sustainability by identifying green and circular economy game changing solutions in the food value chains, and the requirement for their replication

Moderator: **Alessandra Sensi**, Head of Sector Environment and Blue Economy, UfM

Rapporteurs: **Afef Tlili**, UfM Consultant **Johanna Klein**, UfM Consultant

Speakers:

Philip Mikos, Head of Unit, European Commission, North Africa, DG NEAR

Mohamed El-Shinawi, Co-Chair, PRIMA Foundation Roberta de Palma, UNIDO/SwitchMed

Laila Naffaa, President, Arab Women Organisation Jordan

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Eduardo Cuoco, Director, Organic IFOAM Europe **Essma Ben Hmida**, Endaa InterArabe, Micro-finance institution, Tunisia

Fatima Zahra Zerouati, Journalist and activist for environment communication

LOCATION: **DOCUMENTATION CENTRE**

9.00-10.30 **SESSION 10**

SCALING-UP AGROECOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN THE TRANSITIONS OF MEDITERRANEAN FOOD SYSTEMS: AN ENTRY POINT FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

Objectives: To elaborate on the base of the discussion a route of change enabling scaling-up of agroecology for territorial development and the Med Diet Revitalization; To promote and support the launching of a permanent forum with the SFM-MED platform on enabling game-changing solutions for scaling-up agroecology across the Mediterranean Region.

Moderator:

Massimo lannetta, Head, Biotechnologies and Agroindustry Division, ENEA; Chair, Technical Scientific Committee Italian AgriFood Technological Cluster CL.A.N. Rapporteur:

Milena Stefanova, Researcher, ENEA Speakers:

Andrea Segrè, University of Bologna

Dessislava Dimitrova, Senior researcher, Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research of Bulgarian Accademy of Science; coordinator of Slow Food - Bulgaria **Lisa Paganelli**, Coordinator, Distretto Bio-Simbiotico di Val Bidente e dell'alta Val Rabbi

Tarek Elarabi, Associate Professor of Agricultural Microbiology, Ain Shams University, Egypt Ain Shams University, **Lydie Stella Koutika**, Glinka World Soil Champion 2021, soil scientist, CRDPI, Pointe-Noire, Congo

Marina Carcea, Technology Director, Food and Nutrition Centre, CREA

Nicolas Tinois, co-chair, EU Standing Committee on Agricultural Research, Strategic Working Group on Agroecology, Project management Jülich GmbH

LOCATION: GREAT HALL

11.00-13.00 **DIALOGUE**

MEDITERRANEAN MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE: AREAS OF COLLABORATION AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS

Objective: To discuss international food security priority areas and operational proposals for the Mediterranean region with food security national delegates to contribute to the efforts of the international community for immediate and concrete responses to the food security crisis. This will be a follow up of the "Ministerial Mediterranean Dialogue on the Food Security Crisis" of last June and the results will converge in the next edition of the dialogue in December.

Moderator:

Stefano Gatti, Minister Plenipotentiary, Special Italian Envoy for Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and International Cooperation of Italy

Rapporteur:

Roberta Trevisi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and International Cooperation of Italy

Speakers:

Maximo Torero Cullen, chief-economist, FAO; Alvaro Enrique Albacete Perea, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean;

Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, sustainable agri-food systems and fisheries, DG INTPA, EU Commission;

Angelo Riccaboni, Chair, PRIMA foundation; **Biagio Di Terlizzi**, Deputy Director, CIHEAM Bari;

other international organisations (tbc).

INTERVENTIONS OF MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES NATIONAL DELEGATES.

LOCATION: GREEN ROOM

11.00-12.30 **SESSION 9**

SFS-MED BLUE GROWTH: BENEFICIAL PRO-DUCTION AND CONSUMPTION WITH LESS ENVI-RONMENTAL PRESSURE

Objective: to provide solutions to improve the role of Aquatic Blue Foods, in the context of its inclusion and role in the Mediterranean Diet, with the aim of reducing its environmental impact and enhancing the beneficial effects on the environment and our human socioeconomic, food and nutrition systems.

Moderators:

Arnì Mathiesen, Senior Advisor, Iceland Ocean Cluster

Rapporteurs:

Massimo Zuccaro, CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

Raúl Compés López, Director, CIHEAM Zaragoza Vera Agostini, Deputy Director NFI, FAO Melanie Siggs, Director, Global Seafood Alliance Stephanie Vella, National Hub for Malta, WestMED Co-Presidency 2022-2023 Roberto Ugolini, CIHEAM Bari LOCATION: BLUE ROOM

11.00-12.30 **SESSION 12**

CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

Objective: To identify actions that contribute to improve the sustainability of the Mediterranean diet and that can ground individual and collective commitments

Moderator:

Alexandre Meybeck, Senior Scientist, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Rapporteur:

Hamid El Bilali, CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

Barbara Burlingame, HLPE Steering Committee Member

Roberto Carcangiu, Chief, President, Associazione Professionale Cuochi Italiani (APCI)

Denis Lairon, Emeritus research Director, INSERM Konstadinos Mattas, Leader, BIOVALUE project Roberta Billitteri, Vice President, Slow Food Italy Daniele Rossi, Chair, Copa Cogeca Research & Innovation

Elliot Berry, Hebrew University

Gianluigi Cardone, Scientific Administrator, CIHEAM Bari

13.00-14.00 **LUNCH BREAK** 13.00-14.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

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LOCATION: YELLOW ROOM

11.00-12.30 **SESSION 8**

LAND USE PLANNING FOR COPING WITH IMPACTS OF WATER SCARCITY AND LAND DEGRADATION ON MEDITERRANEAN FOOD SYSTEMS

Objective: to deep into the problems, challenges, and solutions. It will show and document that land and water scarcity could be better managed through efficient use and implementation of innovative irrigation systems and sustainable land use planning.

Moderators: **Pandi Zdruli**, Senior Research Scientist, CIHEAM Bari; **Feras Ziadat**, Land Resources Officer, FAO

Rapporteur: Siad Si Mokrane, CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

Hammou Laamrani, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Ioannis Daliakopoulos, Coordinator, PRIMA project REACT-4MED, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Heraklion, Greece Eddy De Pauw, expert on soil and land management

and land use planning

Vincent Gitz, Director, Programs and Platforms, CIFOR-ICRAF

LOCATION: **DOCUMENTATION CENTRE**

11.00-12.30 **SESSION 7**

THE ROLE OF EURO-MEDITERRANEAN SMALLHOLDERS AND FOOD BUSINESSES IN ENHANCING THE MED DIET AS A SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY DIET

Objective: To highlight the role of farmers and businesses in implementing the MED Diet, assessing, and promoting more just, environmentally friendly, profitable, healthy and secure food systems

Moderator:

Angelo Riccaboni, Chair, PRIMA Foundation

Rapporteur:

Giovanni Stanghellini, PRIMA Foundation

Speakers:

Peter Shmidt, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), President of the EESC Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT)

Florence Tartanac, Senior Officer, FAO Cristina Chirico, Head, international office, CIA-Agricoltori Italiani

Paola Giavedoni, Director of Innovation di EITFOOD Mohamed Wageih, Project Officer, PRIMA Francesco Bottalico, CIHEAM Bari LOCATION: GREAT HALL

14.00-15.30 **SESSION 11**

SFS AS AN EFFECTIVE TRIGGER FOR ONE HEALTH TO PROMOTE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BEYOND

Objective: To identify concrete tools for the application of "One Health" in contexts where production systems are crucial for food security and human health.

Moderator:

Biagio Di Terlizzi, Deputy Director, CIHEAM Bari

Rapporteur:

Rula Atweh, National Council for Scientific Research CNRS-L, Lebanon.

Speakers:

AbdulHakim Elwaer, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa, FAO

Arnì Mathiesen, Senior Advisor, Iceland Ocean Cluster **Carlo La Vecchia**, University of Milan

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14.00-15.30 **SESSION 6**

REINFORCING THE INTER-RELATIONS BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE AND FOOD HERITAGE FOR SUSTAINABLE DIETS AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Objective: To enhance Dynamic Conservation of the Mediterranean Agricultural and Food Heritage Systems through labelling and certification of products and services and contribute to a Change of Route for the revitalization of Mediterranean family agriculture and sustainable food systems.

Moderator:

Parviz Koohafkan, President, World Agricultural Heritage Foundation

Rapporteur:

Andrea Ferrante, Schola Campesina

Speakers:

Samira Nafzi, RDD Association, Tunisa Stefano Grego, World Agricultural Heritage Forum Kazem Vafadari, Asia Pacific University Beppu Japan Hasrat Arjjumend, Grassroots Institute Montréal Thomas Price, IUCN Dakar

Shantanu Mathur, IFAD Rome Alireza Khosravi, CIRPS Rome Hildegard Lingnau, Executive Secretary, GFAR

LOCATION: GREEN ROOM

14.00-15.30 **SESSION 13**

GAME-CHANGING SOLUTIONS FROM LESSONS LEARNED FROM WOMEN, YOUTH AND INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES.

Objective: addressing gender & generation aspects in the Mediterranean diet to optimize research to a more sustainable, equitable and resilient food system approach in line with the Agenda 2030.

Moderators:

Wafaa El Dikah, Senior Gender Expert, CIHEAM Governing Board - Lebanon;

Maroun El Moujabber, Chair, Scientific Committee PRIMA Foundation- CIHEAM Bari

Rapporteur:

Vasia Madesi, Yellow Window

Speakers:

Margreet van der Burg, Wageningen University Rosanna Quagliariello, CIHEAM Bari

Sandrine Dury, Assistant to the Director, Environments Department and Societies, CIRAD

Amel M. Azab, SDG Climate Facility Project Coordinator, Arab Water Council (AWC), Co-chair, Gender Equity and Women Empowerment Voluntary Group for Climate Change, UNDRR

Stefano Magno, Policlinico Gemelli, Rome

LOCATION: **BLUE ROOM**

14.00-15.30 **SESSION 14**

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY, KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY FOR EMPOWERING THE MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH

Objective: to identify how cooperating on knowledge and skills can make food systems more sustainable and employable.

Moderator:

Giuseppe Provenzano, UfM

Project Manager on Higher Education and Research

Rapporteur:

Yasmine Seghirate El Guerrab, CIHEAM, Paris

Speakers:

Amb. **Senén Florensa**, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Mohamed El-Shinawi, Co-Chair, PRIMA Foundation Alicia Perez-Porro, Scientific Coordinator, CREAF Sonia Abdelhak, Principal Biologist, Institut Pasteur de Tunis

Damiano Petruzzella, CIHEAM Bari

Constantin Tsakas, Centre for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)

Giuseppina Miuli, CIHEAM Bari

LOCATION: **DOCUMENTATION CENTRE**

15.30-17.00 **SESSION 15**

INNOVATIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISES IN SFS MED: LIVING LABS APPROACH

Objective: to compare skills and experiences to overcome the limits of current models and provide concrete guidance to improve the cooperation between research and enterprises in SFS MED.

Moderators:

Lamiae Ghaouti, Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II, Morocco

Teodoro Miano, Vice Rector, International Affairs, University of Bari Aldo Moro

Rapporteur:

Damiano Petruzzella, CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

Antonio Logrieco, Director CNR-ISPA
Omar Bizri, international expert
Marta Laranjo, UNIMED
Mahdi Khomsi, BUSINESSMED
Damiano Petruzzella, CIHEAM Bari
Isidora Stojacic, ENOLL
Maria Canelhas, EIT Food
Giacomo Scarascia Mugnozza, Politecnico of Bari

LOCATION: GREEN ROOM

15.30-17.00 **SESSION 16**

RESILIENCE OF FOOD SYSTEMS AND THE MEDITER-RANEAN DIET IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Objective: to iprovide solutions for coping with food insecurity and the erosion of the Mediterranean diet in times of crisis through a sociotype framework approach as ecological systems construct for increasing the resilience of food systems in the Mediterranean.

Moderator:

Elliot Berry, Hebrew University, Chair, Scientific Committee, IFMeD

Rapporteur:

Edoardo Mocini, Sapienza University of Rome

Speakers:

Dorit Nitzan, Incident Manager Ukraine, WHO **Antonia Trichopoulou**, President, Health Hellenic Foundation

Rekia Belhasen, Chouaib Doukkali University Alessandro Galli, Global FootPrint Network Suzanne Piscopo, University of Malta Lorenzo M. Donini, Director, School of Specialization in Food Science, Sapienza University of Rome

LOCATION: BLUE ROOM

15.30-17.00 **SESSION 17**

MEDITERRANEAN CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Objective: to discuss the role of Mediterranean cities and local governments in food systems transformation, the implications in terms of multi-level food systems governance, and the importance of cities networks

Moderator:

Florence Egal, International Expert, Territorial food systems and Urban-Rural Linkages

Rapporteur:

Francesca Volpe, CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

Luigi Ranieri, Director, Piano Strategico Città Metropolitana of Bari

Mohamed Al-Shaqra, Coordinator Internal Cooperation, Gaza Municipality

Carles Llorens, Secretary-General, ORU FOGAR
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Egidio Dansero, Coordinator, Rete Italiana Politiche
Locali del Cibo; University of Turin

Vicente Domingo, Director, Centro Mundial de València para la Alimentación Urbana Sostenible (CEMAS) LOCATION: GREAT HALL

15.30-17.00 **SESSION 18**

UNITY AND DIVERSITY OF THE CULTURAL IDENTI-TIES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET: IDENTITARY CUISINE AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Objective: to provide practical and concrete ways to enhance cultural values and exchanges between Mediterranean collective identities

Moderators:

Zain Fashho, Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS, Jordanian ALF HoN)

Enrico Molinaro, Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue (RIDE, Italian ALF HoN); Mediterranean Perspectives

Rapporteur:

Sandy Qaqish, Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Jordan

Keynote speaker:

George Baourakis, Director, CIHEAM Chania

Speakers:

Wadii Abdelwahdi, ALF Co-Head of the Moroccan Network

Merna Shalash, ALF Head of the Egyptian Network Tzofnat Peleg-Baker, ALF Israeli Network

Fadwah Khawaja al-Shaer, ALF Head of the Palestinian Network

Necdet SaĐlam, ALF Co-Head of the Turkish Network **Caroline Robertson-Von Trotha**, German Representative at the ALF Advisory Council

SIDE EVENTS

LOCATION: GREEN ROOM

17.30- 18.30 **SIDE-EVENT** Organized by Slow Food Italia

TERRA MADRE, URBAN REGENERATION THROUGH AGROECOLOGY

Objective: to protect the rural biodiversity of Puglia through the recognition of 5 new Slow Food Presidia, born precisely to help small producers and to rediscover quality artisanal products.

Moderator: **Raul Tiraboschi**, Vice President, Slow Food Italy

LOCATION: GREAT HALL

17.30- 18.30 **SIDE-EVENT**

Organized by Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), with the network of the Italian UNE-SCO Chairs and the Campania Region

A NEW INTERNATIONAL MASTER ON MEDITERRA-NEAN DIET FOR ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PAM ACADEMIC PLATFORM

Objective: The new strategies of the "Next Generation EU/PNRR" Program offer the main support for food security and the fight against climate change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region, through the ecological transition, the protection of biodiversity and the transformation of the agri-food system.

Moderator: **Salvatore Alessandro Giannino**, Delegate of PAM to UNESCO

Panel: Sergio Piazzi, General Secretary of PAM.

Valeria Fascione, Councillor for "Research, Innovation and Start up" of the Campania Region.

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Pier Paolo Franzese, Coordinator of UNESCO Chair in Environment, Resources and Sustainable Development, Parthenope University of Naples

Antonio Puzzi, Mediterranean Diet Virtual Museum, University "Suor Orsola Benincasa" Naples. UNESCO Chairs of Italian Universities will take part.

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

LOCATION: BLUE ROOM

17.30- 18.30 **SIDE-EVENT** Organized by Agrifood Cluster CL.A. N

CLUSTER AGRIFOOD AND MEDITERRANEAN DIET: RESEARCH AND BUSINESSES FACING SUSTAINABILITY.

Objectives: Presenting the Cluster's position and priorities on Issues related to nutrition and health with particular reference to the Mediterranean Diet and the sustainability of the Italian agri-food model

Moderator: **Daniele Rossi**, Chair, Copa Cogeca Research & Innovation WP; Delegate Confagricoltura Panel: **Patrizia Brigidi**, Vice-president of the Technical-scientific Committee, CL.A.N., UNIBO

Antonio Logrieco, Member of the Technical-scientific Committee CL.A.N., CNR **Andrea Minisci**. Valle Fiorita Srl

LOCATION: DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

17.30- 18.30 **SIDE-EVENT**Organized by Coldiretti/Campagna Amica

DIETA MEDITERRANEA, PATRIMONIO IMMATERIALE DELL'UNESCO: IL CIBO TRA AZIONE LOCALE E SISTEMI GLOBALI

Objectives: Saranno presentate dall'Osservatorio le prassi di riferimento della Dieta Mediterranea patrimonio immateriale UNESCO, utili alla promozione di uno stile di vita favorevole allo sviluppo sostenibile, con le buone pratiche messe in atto da Fondazione Campagna Amica che, attraverso il sistema integrato delle aziende agricole in Italia e all'estero, è capace di generare cambiamenti reali e duraturi a vantaggio delle popolazioni.

Moderator: Vito Amendolara, Delegato Confederale Coldiretti e presidente Osservatorio Dieta Mediterran

Interverranno:

Carmelo Troccoli, Direttore, Fondazione Campagna Amica

Roberto Capone, Amministratore Principale, CIHE-AM Bari

Debora Scarpato, Università Partenope, Napoli Enzo D'Anna, Ordine Nazionale Biologi Stefano Dumontet, UNI/ISO Italia Pietro Spagnoletti, Coldiretti Puglia LOCATION: GREAT HALL

9.00-10.30 **SESSION 19**

FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS SDG DRIVEN AS FUNDAMENTAL PUSH FACTORS FOR A SFS-MED CHANGE OF ROUTE

Objective: to contribute to the change of route providing some solutions in the area of financing SFS MED systems.

Moderator:

Roberto Ridolfi, President, LINK2007: Cooperazione in Rete

Rapporteur:

Francesco Rampa, ECDPM

Speakers:

Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, Food Security Agriculture, DG INTPA, European Commission

Paolo Di Stefano, Head on International Affairs, Coldiretti

Stephen Mari, Senior Manager, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti - CDP

Dhalia Abdel Kader, Chief sustainability Officer Commercial International Bank Egypt

Hans Loth, RABOBANK

Nouran El Said, Business Development Director, Plug'n'Grow

Thouraya Triki, Director, Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division, IFAD

LOCATION: GREAT HALL

10.30-12.00 **SESSION 20**

THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET AS A STRATEGIC RESOURCE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION

Objective: to provide concrete actions for coping with the challenge of the revitalization of the Mediterranean diet by promoting a change of route in its perception: from just only an healthy diet to a strategic resource of sustainable development, in the region with multiple benefits and country variations.

Moderators:

Roberto Capone, Principal Administrator, CIHEAM Bari;

Sandro Dernini, Coordinator, SFS-MED Platform Coordination Desk/CIHEAM Bari

Rapporteur:

Francesco Bottalico, CIHEAM Bari

Key speakers:

Pier Luigi Petrillo, President, Evaluation Body Intangible Cultural Heritage, UNESCO

Lluis Serra Majem, Rector, University of Las Palmas of Gran Canaria

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

LOCATION: GREAT HALL

12.00-13.00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

A CHANGE OF ROUTE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO ACCELERATE THE 2030 AGENDA: A CALL FOR A JOINT ACTION

Maurizio Raeli, Director, CIHEAM Bari

AbdulHakim Elwaer, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa, FAO

Marco Giungi, Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of the Multilateral Unit, MFA-DG DEVCOOP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

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