CONFERENCE - DEBATE

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18h30-20h15 (Room ASP3G3)

RURAL EMPLOYMENT
AND AGRICULTURAL MODELS:
Issues and experiences shared
from Europe, the Mediterranean
Basin and Africa

Hosted by Eric ANDRIEU,
S&D Coordinator for Agriculture
and Rural Development

Conference and Debate
Poster Session
Cocktail

WITH SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS FROM
THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH

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At the invitation of Eric Andrieu, European Deputy for the South-West constituency of France and Vice-chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament, Agropolis International has been asked to organise an event (followed by a cocktail) at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The aim of this event is to share views with members of the European Parliament, staff of the European Commission, experts and other officials based in Brussels, on how various agricultural models impact differently the creation and economic and social sustainability of rural jobs, both directly and indirectly linked to farming activities. This discussion will build on learnings from experts in the domain, and will help to draw recommendations.

This event is being organised by Agropolis, at the request of Eric Andrieu, as this platform gathers in Montpellier more than 2,700 researchers and teachers focussing their activities on agricultural issues relevant to the South, especially in the Mediterranean and in sub-Saharan Africa.

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PROGRAMME

18.30: INTRODUCTION BY

Eric Andrieu, European Deputy for the South-West constituency of France, S&D Coordinator for Agriculture and Rural Development

18.45 - 19.15: PART 1

Agricultural references framework and exchanges about their coexisting modalities

- Petra Berkhout, Wageningen University & Research (The Netherlands)
- Fati N’zi-Hassane, Chief of Staff of Ibrahim Hassane Mayaki, NEPAD Executive Secretary and Head of the Human Capital Development Programme of NEPAD (South Africa)

19.15 - 20.00: PART 2 – POSTER SESSION

Introduction and presentation of the posters
Free exchange between the posters’ authors and the participants

20.00 - 20.25: PART 3

Issues of research and partnership: what are the priorities for integrating research on agricultural and environmental questions between European, Mediterranean and African collaborating teams?

- Mohammed Sadiki, General Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Sea Fishing, Rural Development and Forestry (Morocco)
- Bernard Hubert, President, Agropolis International (Montpellier, France)

20.25 - 20.45: FREE EXCHANGE

Questions from participants

20.45 - 20.50: CONCLUSION BY ERIC ANDRIEU

20.50: COCKTAIL
SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

**Mrs Petra BERKHOUT**
Wageningen University & Research (The Netherlands)

Mrs. Petra Berkhout is an agricultural economist with a professional experience of 26 years. Until 2000 she worked for the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, first in the area of the agricultural market policy, later in the area of EU rural and structural policies for the agricultural sector. She was spokesman for the Netherlands in the Committee on Structural Policies and Rural development (‘STAR’-committee) and working groups on rural development (‘Agenda 2000’) and co-author of the first Dutch RDP. In 2000, she switched to research and participated among other things in SAPARD projects in Lithuania and Poland. She has ample experience in impact assessments in the area of the first pillar of the CAP and in evaluation studies, especially of rural development programmes. She was lately involved in the review of the Maltese local development strategy. She was editor of the annual agricultural report for more than 10 years (2013-2015), commissioned by the ministry of Economic Affairs. She now leads the successor of this publication on the food economy. Since 2014 she is co-manager of the EU funded project FOODSECURE, an interdisciplinary research project to explore the future of food and nutrition security with 16 project partners and a lead time of 5 years (www.foodsecure.eu).

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**Mrs Fati N’ZI-HASSANE**
Chief of Staff of Ibrahim Hassane Mayaki, NEPAD Executive Secretary and Head of the Human Capital Development Programme of NEPAD (South Africa)

Fati N’Zi-Hassane serves in Midrand, South Africa at the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency as Head of Human Capital Development Programme. Her main task is to translate the African continental strategies related to human capital, into programmes implemented at national level. Her scope include the skills development (with a bias toward technical vocational training), the employment issues and the gender component. She also coordinates the Office of the CEO, Dr Ibrahim Mayaki. Prior to joining NEPAD in 2016, Fati worked in Europe since 2006 as a management consultant and as a programme manager, supporting the transformation of private and public entities. Her interest for education, employability and equal opportunity led her to take part to several initiatives serving communities in both France and Niger since 2007. Fati holds an engineer degree from the *Ecole Nationale de Statistique et d’Economie Appliquée d’Abidjan*, and a MBA from French business school ESSEC. She is from Niger and Côte d’Ivoire. She has lived in seven different countries since she started travelling at the age of 3 months.

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Doctor in Agronomic Sciences and Agricultural Engineer, Mohammed Sadiki has been Professor and Researcher at the Hassan 2 Veterinary Agronomic Institute (Morocco) since 1984. He has also been the director from 2009 to 2012. At the same time, he has done Expertise on behalf of international organizations and has been a member of several research and development networks. His career is marked by different responsibilities in education, training, research and innovation as well as in agricultural and rural development. Currently Secretary General of the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture, Mohammed Sadiki is also a member of the Management Committee of the International Platform for Research in Agrobiodiversity and member of the Scientific Council of CIRAD (International Center for Agricultural Research and Development). In addition, he was appointed Governor representing Morocco on the IFAD Board of Directors. Mohammed Sadiki has received several awards for his work, including the FAO Medal of Merit for his research on agricultural biodiversity, the Order of Agricultural Merit of the French Ministry of Agriculture, the IPGRI-CGIAR Award of Merit or the Distinction Award of the University of Minnesota (USA).

M. Bernard Hubert, President, Agropolis International (Montpellier, France)

Bernard Hubert is Emeritus Senior scientist at the National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) and Professor at the Advanced School for the Social Sciences (EHESS), where he is teaching on how the concept of sustainable development does address research. After 10 years in Africa working as an ecologist in ORSTOM (now IRD), he joined INRA in 1981 where he has led a research unit in Avignon and then the Agrarian Systems and Development Department (1994-2003). He became the Scientific Director for Social sciences and applied mathematics (2003-2007) and then he was in charge of the creation of the French Initiative for International Agricultural Research-FI4IAR (2007-2010). He is acting as Chair of Agropolis International since 2009 and chairs the French "Commission de la Recherche Agronomique Internationale-CRAI", which groups together Cirad, Inra, IRD and Irstea with three Ministries (Foreign Affairs, Research, and Agriculture). His main research areas are concerned by pastoralism in different parts of the world as well as collective action with a peculiar attention to learning processes and systems thinking.

Since 2013, he is correspondent member of the French Académie d’Agriculture. He is co-chief editor of the Journal Natures Sciences Sociétés, associate editor of The Rangeland Journal and chairs the Scientific committee of Cahiers Agricultures. He is participating to the Angkor ICC as sustainable development expert since 2010. @AGROPOLISORG
Poster session

Setting the scene

- Agropolis, an outstanding scientific concentration in Europe in the fields of agriculture, food, biodiversity and environment.
  
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  speaker: Eric Fargeas, fargeas@agropolis.fr

- Which agricultural model for youth employment?
  
  corresponding authors: Bruno Losch, bruno.losch@cirad.fr
  Fatima N’Zi-Hassane, fatiN@nepad.org
  speaker: Jean-Michel Sourisseau, jean-michel.sourisseau@cirad.fr

- National Information Platforms for Nutrition, NIPN
  
  corresponding author: Mélanie Broin, broin@agropolis.fr
  speaker: idem

- Laboratories Without Walls, an instrument to pave the way to new synergies
  
  corresponding author: Sabrina Deforge, deforge@agropolis.fr
  speaker: Alessandro Valeiro, valeiro.alejandro@inta.gob.ar

Strengthening and diversifying productions

- Greater banana diversity contributes to capacity development and improved rural livelihoods in Africa
  
  corresponding author: Nicolas Roux, n.roux@cgiar.org
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- Increasing agriculture productivity and resilience in West Africa
  
  corresponding author: J-F Rami, jean-francois.rami@cirad.fr
  speaker: Serge Braconnier, serge.braconnier@cirad.fr

- Similar social and ecological mechanisms underpin the sustainability of two traditional floodplain fisheries separated by an ocean and by thousands of years of history
  
  corresponding author: Doyle McKey, doyle.mckey@cefe.cnrs.fr
  speaker: idem

- E-SPACE: Improving epidemiosurveillance of mediterranean and tropical plant diseases
  
  corresponding author: Claire Neema, claire.neema@supagro.fr
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Technical and social innovations towards sustainable change

- PROIntensAfrica, harnessing the potential of various intensification pathways for food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture.
  
  corresponding author: Florent Maraux, florent.maraux@cirad.fr
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- HNV Link, A European Network on High Nature Value Farming
  
  corresponding author: Claire Bernard, bernard-mongin@iamm.fr
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- DigitAg, the Digital Agriculture Convergence Lab
  
  corresponding author: Véronique Bellon-Maurel, veronique.bellon@irstea.fr
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- G-Eau, Involving citizens in rural development
  
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