



Newsletter #2

The MEDAE network wishes you an excellent year 2025, rich in projects to promote agroecology!

In this newsletter, you can find out about the prospects for supporting agroecology in North African public policies: (re)watch the last webinar as well as the side event organised during the UNCCD COP16, and consult analysis reports.

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What are the prospects for supporting the deployment of agroecology in public policies in North Africa?

Many of you attended the webinar organized by the MEDAE network on November 26, 2024 around the prospects for supporting the deployment of agroecology in public policies in North Africa.

Summary of webinar

Agriculture in North Africa faces a number of economic, social and environmental challenges (population growth, urbanization, heavy dependence on agricultural imports, climate change, soil degradation and pressure on natural resources, youth employment challenges, etc). While agroecology is practiced locally by many farmers and can provide a relevant response to these multiple challenges, how are public policies facilitating or hindering the agroecological transition in North Africa?

Through three presentations, this webinar analyzed the place of agroecology at local level (in agricultural practices), national level (in public policies) and international level (in the Rio international conventions). A discussion period provided an opportunity to exchange views on the prospects for supporting agroecology and ways of fostering the agroecological transition in North Africa.

You can (re)watch the webinar, view the presentations or read the webinar summary via the links below or at this webpage : <https://www.medae-agroecology.eu/our-activities/#resources>

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Back to the UNCCD COP16

The MEDAE network was present at COP16 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), which took place from December 2 to 13, 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. We organized a side event on December 4 on the theme: Securing food systems in North Africa: prospects for supporting the deployment of agroecology in public policies.

Following a presentation of the challenges facing agriculture in North Africa, and a review of public agricultural policies in the region, a round table bringing together a wide range of players (civil society, local authorities, donors, international organizations, etc.) provided an opportunity to take a cross-sectional look at the challenges and prospects for supporting agroecology in North Africa.

You can watch the recording of the side event and read the summary at the links below.

Watch the vidéo

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To go further

Cross-sectional analysis of agriculture-related public policies in 5 North African countries to study the extent to which they encourage or hinder agro-ecological transition.

Read the report

Analysis of the place of agroecology in the three Rio Conventions, with a view to proposing ways of better integrating agroecology into these Conventions.

[Read the report](#)

Join the MEDAE network and take part in its activities!

MEDAE is a network of diverse and complementary organizations (universities, research centers, development agencies, farmers, consumers, political organizations, etc.) that believe that the principles of agroecology can provide a relevant and multidimensional response to sustainable food systems in the Mediterranean.

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