

FORUM ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRIVERS AND IMPACTS FOR FORWARD-LOOKING POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

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FAO'S HEADQUARTERS – ROME

PROGRAMME

9:00-9:30: Arrival and registration of the participants

9:30-10:00: Opening session: *Welcome and introductory remarks*

I – Morning session: Understanding the drivers of migration in the Mediterranean from a rural and agricultural perspective

10:00-11:00 – 1st Roundtable: Migration patterns and drivers in the Mediterranean:

- TOPICS DISCUSSED
 - Rural migration patterns: definition of rural distress migration, migratory flows (origin, socioeconomic characteristics), migratory routes
 - Drivers of rural migration in the Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan countries (unemployment, rural poverty, environmental degradation and constraints, conflicts)

11:00-11:15: Break

11:15-12:30 – 2nd Roundtable: Impacts of migration on agriculture and rural development

- TOPICS DISCUSSED
 - Opportunities and risks of migration for rural development in origin areas: remittances and diaspora, food security, environmental issues, etc...
 - Impacts on agriculture and rural development in rural destination areas

12:30-2:15: Lunch Break

II – Afternoon session: Rural development programmes addressing the challenges of Mediterranean migrations

2:15-4:15: 3rd Roundtable [parallel sessions]: Exchange on policies and programmes to harness the potential of migration and better manage rural labour mobility for the future of Mediterranean food systems

- TOPICS DISCUSSED – PARALLEL SESSIONS
 1. Addressing the drivers of migration through inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development

2. The continuum between humanitarian programmes and development: actions in response to forced migration and displacement in the rural Mediterranean
3. Policy coherence in the Mediterranean regarding rural and agricultural development in origin and destination countries: agriculture, trade, employment and migration

4:15-4:30: Break

4:30-5:00: Closing session: *Concluding remarks*

Cocktail – closing refreshment