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Plurality of actors, resource management
and territorial development**

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At present, globalization, climate change and technology innovation (ICT) are considered as global drivers profoundly affecting human well-being in rural areas. Furthermore, mismatches between supply and demand for food caused by drought, desertification and market failures and therefore changes in the mode of production in agriculture to meet increased demand have exerted high pressure on natural resources.

To cope with global changes, rural societies have developed adaptation strategies that affected agricultural production systems, social-territorial organization and natural resource management. However, limits and barriers to adaptation restrict people's ability to address the negative impacts of climate change or manage risks of food security and natural resource scarcity in a way that maximises their wellbeing.

Moreover, agriculture and elementary food industries directly related still represent a high share of the economy in remote and predominantly rural areas. However, rural areas are increasingly diversified and rely more and more on secondary and tertiary economic sectors. Running in parallel with such changes in the rural areas are broad changes in rural governance and policymaking. Several public policies and development

and research projects have been implemented to promote rural development and to design successful adaptation strategies.

Since the mid 1970s, interest in the impacts assessment of rural development policies has sharply increased. The Institute of Arid Regions of Medenine-Tunisia (IRA), which celebrates 40 years of pioneering in the field of desertification research, has been at the forefront of research advances through many scientific programs, national and international research project - from advancing the scientific community's understanding of the global mutations to developing and applying impact assessment method and approaches. After forty years of socio-economic research what will be the take-home messages?

The aim of this conference is to reopen the debate on the rural development issues. The different assessment approaches, theories, practices and impacts not only in Tunisia but in other parts of the world will be addressed. The role of actors from different levels may play in the design and implementation of rural development policies will also be discussed. The conference is open to all those who are interested in agricultural economics: researchers, university professors, students, development agents, experts, policy makers, NGOs and civil society, regional and international organizations, etc.

This conference will support also research path of the institute of arid region that has become after some time the focal point, in Tunisia and elsewhere, at which all issues relating not only to desertification but also to different development aspects of arid and desert regions.

Objectives

- The conference will be a platform for the academicians, decision makers and practitioners to present their research findings disseminate ideas and information on impacts assessment of rural development policies.
- Discussing topics and sharing experiences pertaining the current socio-economic issues in arid areas.

Themes

The topics include but are not limited to:

1. Global mutations, impacts and challenges for agriculture and rural areas:
 - The globalisation impacts on agriculture and rural areas
 - Macroeconomic mutations and rural development policies
 - Climate change and adaptation strategies
2. Local adaptation strategies of rural communities, dynamic adaptation process:
 - Family farming and adaptation strategies to the macroeconomic mutations
 - Mobility, migration, and Pluriactivity of rural communities
 - Governance of sustainable rural development, rural territorial dynamics and local resources
 - Use of Natural Resources and Management Initiatives
3. Impact assessment of public policies and rural development:
 - Integration issues and social movements in rural communities
 - Value chains and market access issues for rural producers
 - Sustainable agriculture
4. Contribution of scientific research; Analysis, assessment and innovation:
 - Livestock, rangelands and food processing
 - Green economy
 - Economic and bio-economic modelling
 - Information and communications technology (ICT) for the rural development
 - Heritage, tourism and territory

Important Dates

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25 October 2015: Call for contributions

30 November 2015: Deadline for submitting extended abstracts (300 characters max spaces included)

15 January 2016: Acceptance notification

29 February 2016: Submission of final papers (30000 words, spaces included)

15 March 2016: Scientific committee comments will be sent back to authors.

31 March 2016: Pre-Final colloquium program

Organising Committee

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Terms of submission

Extended abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee. They should include an abstract of 300 words, in French or in English, describing the research problem, objectives, study site and methodology, with a title, five keywords and 3-5 references. The names of the author (s), institutional affiliation and full contact details (email, phone, fax and mailing address) should figure on the first page.

Authors are invited to submit their papers in accordance with the downloadable template on the seminar website. Extended Abstract must be sent through the conference website in Word format.

Languages: French and English.

Sponsors

The conference is organized with the support of several national and international organisations that will be mentioned in the second call for paper. The conference will provide an international forum for the dissemination and exchange of scientific information. This will be accomplished through several modes of communication: keynote presentation, parallel sessions, side's events, poster sessions, tutorials, and meetings of special interest groups.

Website and contacts

All other conference details (registration form, venue, etc.) will be posted shortly in the conference web site. Further inquiries could be addressed to: colloquelesor2016@gmail.com