



KINGDOM MOROCCO

# Technical Dialogue promoting Organic Farming

Advising the Moroccan government on the promotion of organic farming including an appropriate marketing strategy

## The Agriculture in the Kingdom of Morocco

The Moroccan government aims at expanding the organic food sector in Morocco. The ministry sees effective leverage in the expansion of conversion support for farmers, in the adjustment of regulations for the import of organic seeds and seedlings, in the subsidisation of organic inputs, in the recognition of Moroccan organic regulations by the EU and in the creation of a centre of excellence for organic agriculture.

## The Project

The bilateral technical dialogue on agriculture and forestry launched in 2019 follows on from Morocco's "Génération Green 2020–2030" strategy and provides support in three areas in particular. On the one hand, the ministry will be advised on the implementation of its strategies to promote organic farming. On the other hand, the ministerial capacities for ensuring the conformity of Moroccan organic standards with the new EU organic legislation are being strengthened. Furthermore, the establishment of institutional structures for the development of expertise in organic farming is being supported.

## Project Goals

- Development of a sustainably organised organic farming sector
- Promotion of legal and institutional frameworks
- Strengthening organic agricultural education and extension
- Support in capacity building and development of institutional structures for agroecological innovations
- Advice on the development of agroecological production approaches in selected bioregions



*"The DIAF Organic Leadership Training was a true personal transformation for me as a vocational school teacher."*

Participant in the training for organic agriculture in cooperation with IFOAM

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### PROJECT TITLE

German–Moroccan  
Technical Dialogue on  
Agriculture and Forestry  
(DIAF) – Promotion of  
Organic Farming

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### AS OF

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Organic Farming

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#### PORTRAIT MOROCCO

Morocco is stably governed by an islamically legitimised constitutional monarchy and has a population of about 37 million. The agricultural sector consists largely of subsistence farms and employs about 40 per cent of the total population – around three quarters of the rural population.

## Results and Successes

The project supports the analysis of the Moroccan law on organic farming with regard to conformity with the new EU organic regulation and strengthens the capacities of state vocational training organisations, advisory services and controlling authorities. The Ministry of Agriculture is advised on the implementation of an organic action plan and partnerships are maintained with research and knowledge transfer organisations in Germany (Bavarian State Institute for Agriculture), Europe (Indaha-a-Nova bioregion in Portugal) and North Africa (SEKEM).

## Project Partners and Cooperations

- Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture (MAPMDREF), Department of Agriculture
- National Agricultural Research Institute (INRA)
- Federation of Organic Agriculture (MAROC-BIO)
- National Food Safety Agency (ONSSA)
- Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA)
- International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)

## Project Partner on Operational Level

- Directorate of Strategy and Statistics (DSS)

## Implementing Organisation

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