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GOVERNANCE AND ENABLERS FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT**

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PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

WELCOME SESSION AND OPENING REMARKS



Cecilia García, Director of Cooperation with Africa and Asia, AECID

Cecilia García holds degrees in Geography and History and in Law, as well as a Master's degree in International Law and International Relations. She has been a member of the Diplomatic Service since 2005.

Before joining the Directorate for Cooperation with Africa and Asia at AECID, she was posted as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassies of Spain in Côte d'Ivoire (2009–2012), Algeria (2012–2015), and Zimbabwe (2018–2021), and temporarily in Mauritania and Senegal. At headquarters, she held the positions of Head of Area at the Directorate-General for Development Policies (2005–2008), Deputy Sub-Director for Sub-Saharan Africa at the Directorate-General for Africa (2008–2009), and Deputy Director of the Human Rights Office (2015–2018). Until her appointment as Director for Cooperation with Africa and Asia, she was serving as Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in Dublin (2021–2024).



Senén Florensa, Executive President, IEMed

Senén Florensa (Valls, 1950) is the President of the Delegate Committee and the Director General of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) with the range of Executive President, Chair of EuroMeSCo General Assembly, and director of the quarterly afkar/ideas and of the IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook.

A career diplomat with the personal rank of ambassador, he holds a degree in Economic Science (1971) and in Law (1972) from the Universitat de Barcelona. He studied for his doctorate in Economics at the Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (1973-1974); as a Fulbright scholarship holder at New York University ,

Ph. D. Program (1974-1976), and at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, where he presented his doctoral thesis in 1979. Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

He has also been Director of Studies at the Diplomatic School of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Professor of International Economics and Development at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Governing Board of the Universidad Antonio de Nebrija in Madrid.



Miguel Moro, Director General, Casa Árabe

During his career as a diplomat, Miguel Moro Aguilar has been posted in Amman (Jordan), and has held, among other positions, that of Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Baghdad and in Tel Aviv. His most recent posting abroad was as Ambassador to Kuwait between 2020 and 2024. His last position was in Madrid, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, as Ambassador on Special Mission for the Gulf Countries.

He was appointed Director-General by the Governing Board of Casa Árabe on 5 February 2025.

CONTEXT SETTING PRESENTATION:

Recognizing women as economic actors in Mediterranean agriculture _____

Speakers



Alun Jones, Head of Projects, CIHEAM Zaragoza

Alun Jones has over 25 years of international cooperation experience working in the United Nations, the European Union and CIHEAM. Currently Head of the Projects Unit at CIHEAM Zaragoza, he promotes innovation and international cooperation in the agrifood sector through research and development cooperation projects. Previously, he led global communications and advocacy at the UN Crime and Drugs Office, managed the Press Office of the EU Economic and Social Committee, and was Deputy Head of Press at the European Food Safety Authority.



Dina Najjar, Senior Gender Scientist, ICARDA

Dr. Dina Najjar is a Senior Gender Scientist at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA). She joined ICARDA in 2014 as a social and gender specialist and is a socio-cultural anthropologist by training. Her work focuses on the intersections of gender equality and public policy; agricultural technologies and innovation delivery systems; rural employment and migration; climate change adaptation; and access to productive assets—particularly land and natural resources—in the Middle East and North Africa and other dryland contexts.

Dr. Najjar leads and supports multi-country research and development initiatives that embed gender-transformative approaches across agri-food systems, including crop–livestock and small-ruminant value chains, climate-resilient technologies, and inclusive extension and learning platforms. She works closely with farmers, cooperatives, civil society, and government partners to generate evidence and translate it into practical tools, training approaches, and policy-relevant recommendations that strengthen women’s agency, reduce labor burdens, and expand equitable participation in innovation and markets.

Her published work spans topics such as feminist political ecology of agricultural innovation, gender and climate vulnerability, and socially inclusive pathways for scaling technologies in drylands.

DIALOGUE 1:

Women’s recognition, voice and leadership in agricultural governance _____

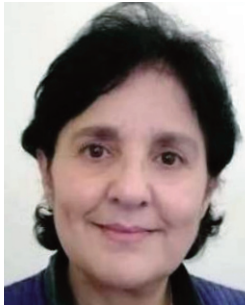
Moderator



Julia Choucair, Researcher, Arab Reform Initiative

Julia Choucair Vizoso is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Arab Reform Initiative, where she cofounded the Environmental Politics Program and runs the research agenda on Food Sovereignty. She is also Adjunct Professor at the IE School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs in Madrid. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Yale University and an M.A. in Arab Studies/B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

Speakers



Fathiya Saidi, Deputy Secretary-General, The Union of Feminist Action – Tangier. (Morocco) – Speaker.

Fathiya Saidi – Activist and actor of the SSE in the service of women's empowerment

Fathiya Saidi is Secretary General of the Union of Feminist Action – Tangier section and Regional Coordinator of the Moroccan Network of the Social and Solidarity Economy. A long-time activist for women's rights, she works for their economic inclusion through the promotion of the SSE.

She is at the initiative of innovative mechanisms such as an SSE coworking space and Dar Al Mokawila – House of Women's Entrepreneurship, fostering training, mentoring and support for cooperatives and social entrepreneurs. She has also contributed to the creation of the regional federation of women's cooperatives in the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region.

Her action extends to awareness-raising and action-research on gender equality, the fight against gender-based violence and the promotion of positive masculinity. Through her commitment and her strategic vision, she actively participates in the transformation of the SSE in Morocco and in the socio-economic empowerment of women.



Manuel Anta, Strategic Planning and Budget Lead, Office of Youth and Women, FAO. – Speaker.

Manuel Anta works in the Office of Youth and Women of the FAO, where he manages programs and initiatives oriented to promote the meaningful participation of youth, especially of young women, in the transformation of agri-food systems. With more than 13 years of experience in the United Nations system, he has led processes of strategic planning, management of programs and mobilization of resources in collaboration with governments, private sector and international organizations. His work is centered especially on the leadership and the empowerment of young women, promoting alliances and institutional frameworks that strengthen their voice and their participation in the decision-making in agri-food systems.

DIALOGUE 2: Women in agri-food value chains

Moderator



Eva Suárez, Head of a Spanish Cooperation Office in Egypt, AECID.

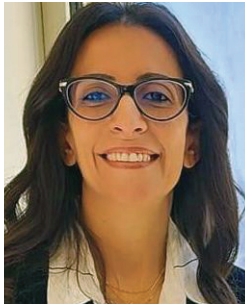
With more than twenty-five years of professional experience related to International Cooperation, including conflict zones and fragile states. Eva Suárez has worked at the Faculty of Law of the University of Granada, the European Parliament in Luxembourg, the International Foundation for the Internationalization of Public Administration – FIAP- in Madrid, and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation - AECID, where she has held different positions of responsibility at the Cooperation Offices of the Spanish Embassy in Sarajevo and the Consulate General of Spain in Jerusalem. In 2017, she was appointed as Head of the Spanish Cooperation in Palestine. In 2022, she joined the Spanish Embassy in Cairo as Head of the Spanish Cooperation in Egypt, position that currently holds. Eva Suárez Leonardo holds a Degree in Law from the University of Granada, Research Proficiency in European Union and International Economic Cooperation from the University of Granada, Specialist in European Union Law from the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Expert in Development Cooperation from the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Master in European Community Law from the Autonomous University of Madrid, and Master in Public Management and Humanitarian Affairs from the University of Sarajevo and Rome La Sapienza.

Speakers



Mariatou Abdoulaye Dia, Vice-president, Economic Interest Group (GIE). (Mauritania) – Speaker.

Mariatou Abdoulaye Dia is a seasoned education leader and community development expert based in Boghé, Mauritania, with over 35 years of experience in education, gender inclusion, and rural empowerment. She serves as Director of the Lycée de Touldé, Boghé, where she leads academic and administrative operations while actively promoting girls' education and youth empowerment. Since 1997, she has also been President of the Nissa Bank of Boghé, advancing women's financial inclusion and supporting income-generating activities in rural communities. Ms. Dia has coordinated major development initiatives, including the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) program with partners such as UNICEF, and has trained over 200 women in entrepreneurship, agriculture, and financial literacy through collaborations with international NGOs. She holds a Master's degree in Gender and Development and a degree in Biology, and is widely recognized for her leadership in advancing inclusive development and women's empowerment in Mauritania.



Hala Barakat, Director, AUC Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. (Egypt) – Speaker.

Hala Barakat (BA '98, MA '16, PhD'26) is a seasoned business leader and passionate advocate for entrepreneurship and leadership. With a diverse career spanning banking, hospitality, and manufacturing industry, she has honed her skills in strategy, operations, and finance.

Currently, as the Director of the American University in Cairo's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (AUC CEI), and Egypt Women on Board Observatory, Hala is dedicated to empowering emerging entrepreneurs, fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting rising SMEs. She has successfully led initiatives to support youth startups, scale-ups, and women entrepreneurs, securing significant funding and partnerships. She is also leading the Corporate Governance Unit, championing the AUC Egypt Women on Boards Observatory as well as the Family Business Consortium. Hala is a strong advocate for women's economic empowerment and has actively contributed to initiatives promoting gender equality in the workplace.

Prior to her role at AUC CEI, Hala founded and managed Arabiaware, a successful retail, export/import business. She continues her work in business development and management consulting. She sits on the board of a number of Associations and committed to mentoring younger promising generations. She has also held positions at renowned institutions, including the Arab African International Bank and Canwell Canada.

She holds a Master's degree in Economics in International Development from the American University in Cairo and attaining a PhD in Economics from Cairo University.



Dhouha Mizouni, CEO, Global Bridge Consulting. (Tunisia) – Speaker.

Dhouha Mizouni Chtourou is a senior international expert specializing in the olive oil value chain and export development, with over 15 years of experience.

She has led major companies and consortia, expanding their presence across more than 25 international markets.

She supports international organizations (GIZ, SIPPO, PwC, FAO, EY..) in structuring agricultural value chains in North Africa.

She also contributed to the development of the study *"Reducing Inequalities in the Olive Oil Value Chain in Tunisia"* commissioned by Oxfam, with a particular focus on the role and conditions of women within the sector.

She is actively committed to strengthening women's position across the entire value chain, particularly by promoting their access to leadership and decision-making roles.

In 2025, she was recognized by *Vogue US* as the "Queen of Olive Oil in Tunisia," highlighting her leadership and influence in the industry.

As the founder of Global Bridge Consulting, she advises companies on strategy, branding, and access to premium markets. Recognized for her strategic leadership and field expertise, she actively contributes to the global promotion of Tunisian olive oil.

DIALOGUE 3:
Access to land, assets and productive resources _____

Moderator



Zeina Jallad, Director of the Palestine Land Studies Center, American university of Beirut. – Moderator.

Dr. Zeina Jallad is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. She is an international lawyer, Assistant Professor of International Law at the American University of Beirut, Director of the Palestine Land Studies Center, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Birzeit University.

With more than two decades of experience across the United Nations, academia, and international legal and policy institutions, her work focuses on international law, human rights, accountability, land, and justice, particularly in relation to Palestine and the Arab region. She holds a J.S.D. from Columbia Law School, completed with highest distinction, and an LL.M. from Columbia University. Her academic affiliations have included Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, and NYU School of Law, and her scholarship has appeared in leading international law journals.

Speakers



Rimane Aziz, Factory Director, Agrofitt S.A.L. (Lebanon) – Speaker.

Rimane Aziz is the co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of AgroFITT, an agrifood company based in Jezzine, Lebanon, producing natural dried fruit and vegetable bites. With an MSc in Industrial Technology and a BSc in Biology/Biochemistry from Saint Joseph University of Beirut, she leads operations, quality, and R&D focused on process optimization, food safety systems, and product innovation. She holds a patent in the process of dehydration and has extensive

experience spanning R&D and quality leadership roles across the Lebanese food industry



Meriem Jerbi, Projects coordinator, CAWTAR

With an academic background in Economic and Social Management, she has 27 years of professional experience in development and human rights. As a project coordinator, she has worked in several countries (Tunisia, Mauritania, and Chad), as well as within national institutions such as the National Office of Family and Population, and international organizations including UNDP and UNFPA.

Since 2011, she has been part of the CAWTAR team as a Project Officer supporting the participation of women and youth in local development and decision-making. Since 2017, she has been managing projects that support women's participation in socio-economic life at the local level, involving local stakeholders to promote better environmental protection and foster sustainable and inclusive local development.



Manuel Nogales, Managing Director, Acodea (Spain) – Speaker.

Graduate in Business Administration and Management and Master's in International Business Management, he is the Executive Director of Acodea. He has more than 15 years of experience in international cooperation and business, especially in strengthening cooperatives and producer organizations. He has led strategic initiatives in Europe, Latin America, and Africa, promoting sustainable rural development models. His work focuses on building partnerships and promoting cooperativism as a driver of economic and social transformation. He has contributed to consolidating Acodea as a benchmark in international cooperation among farmers.

DIALOGUE 4:

Gender-responsive financing and investment in agriculture

Moderator



Roger Albinyana, Managing Director, IEMed – Moderator.

Roger Albinyana is the Managing Director of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed). Roger has been working at the IEMed since 2016 as director of the Euro-Mediterranean Policies department until he was appointed Managing Director.

He's also an associate professor at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Barcelona, where he teaches international economic policy. Roger is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA) and he was a board member at CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs) from 2017 to 2025. Since 2025 he is the co-chair of the Enabling Innovation Ecosystem Stakeholder Board of the future for PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area).

Prior to joining the IEMed, Roger served as Secretary General for Foreign and EU Affairs of the Government of Catalonia (2013-2016) and was a member of the EU Committee of the Regions. From 2010 to 2013 he served as advisor on private sector development at the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean.

He holds a PhD in Economic History from the University of Barcelona and a MA in Economic History from the same university, a BA in Economics from Pompeu Fabra University and a BA in Business Administration and Management from the Open University of Catalonia.

Speakers



Rocío Arias, Project Manager for Women's Programs, Generational Renewal, and Rural Development, AgroBank. (Spain) – Speaker.

Rocío Arias holds a Bachelor's degree in System and Information Management from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and a Master's degree in Financial Advisory from Universidad Europea.

She has 20 years of experience in the Spanish financial sector, including 15 years in Bankia's Research Unit and 2 years in CaixaBank's Madrid Business Division. She currently serves as Project Manager for Communication and Strategic Programmes on Women in Agriculture, Generational Renewal, and Rural Development at AgroBank, CaixaBank's specialized business line dedicated to the agri-food sector.

Throughout her career, she has been closely involved in initiatives related to communication, research, information management, and event coordination, with a strong commitment to promoting inclusion and development in rural environments.

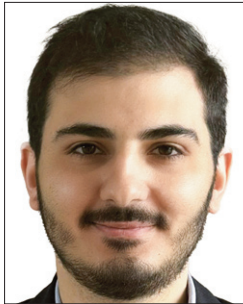


Nisreen Lahham, Climate Change Adaptation and Greening Agriculture Specialist, FAO RNE. (Egypt) – Speaker.

Dr. Nisreen Lahham is a Climate Change Adaptation and Greening Agriculture Specialist at FAO's Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, with over 20 years of experience spanning the water–energy–food (WEF) nexus, gender-responsive agricultural development, climate adaptation, circular economy, and foresight.

Throughout her career, Nisreen has championed women's roles as drivers of agri-food system transformation across the Arab region. At FAO, she leads initiatives that integrate gender equity into climate-resilient agriculture and rural development. Prior to FAO, she headed the Sustainable Rural Development Unit at the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), technical arm of the League of Arab States, where she coordinated the Arab Network for Rural, Bedouin and Coastal Women- directly advancing women's institutional recognition, economic autonomy, and participation in agricultural governance. She has also held leadership roles with IWMI and GIZ, managing regional programs on climate resilience, water security, and WEF nexus in the MENA region with an integrated gender focus.

A recognized futurist and transdisciplinary thinker, Nisreen founded the Futures Studies Forum for Africa and the Middle East (FSF), an independent initiative advancing foresight methodologies for inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Economics and has published widely on climate resilience, food and water security, and gender-responsive rural development. She brings to this dialogue a systems perspective on how agricultural and rural policies can simultaneously strengthen women's autonomy, reduce inequalities, generate decent employment, and build territorial cohesion across rural and peri-urban Mediterranean landscapes.



Iyad Mouawad, Program Manager - Innovation Hub, Berytech. (Lebanon) – Speaker.

Iyad Mouawad is a development practitioner and program manager with over a decade of experience working across entrepreneurship, education, sustainability, culture, and social impact in Lebanon and the MENA region. He currently leads and manages programs at Berytech focused on entrepreneurship support, agrifood innovation, cleantech, and the strengthening of business support organizations.

His work spans program design and implementation, capacity building, partnership development, donor reporting, and strategic planning. Iyad holds an MSc in Development Studies from SOAS, University of London, and is particularly interested in inclusive development, local ecosystems, and initiatives that connect innovation with social and environmental impact.



Octavi Quintana, Director, PRIMA Foundation

Bachelor in Medicine from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and specialist in Intensive Medicine, he has a master's in Public Health from Columbia University. Octavi Quintana has been a clinical physician, director of the hospital of Málaga, deputy general director of INSALUD, president of the Steering Committee of Bioethics and member of the Public Health Committee of the Council of Europe. He has also served as president of the Spanish Society of Healthcare

Quality, coordinator of humanitarian aid in Rwanda, Burundi, Bosnia and Kosovo, vice president of the European Group of Ethics of the European Commission, director of International Affairs in the Ministry of Health and director of Scientific Research in the European Commission in Health, Energy, Social Sciences and Infrastructures, and director of science outreach programs of TVE2. Currently, he directs the Prima Foundation.

DIALOGUE 5:

Access to knowledge, innovation and agricultural extension systems _____

Moderator



Anna Dorangricchia, Program Manager, UfM – Moderator.

Programme Manager on Gender Equality at Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat, Ms Anna Dorangricchia works more specifically on women economic empowerment, female entrepreneurship and gender-lens investments.

She has a long-lasting experience as Senior expert in programming, monitoring and evaluation in the area of economic inclusion of women and

youth under the framework of European Neighbourhood Instrument. Her professional career has been focused on supporting the cooperation among EU and non-EU national and regional authorities, NGOs, universities and private sector in the area of inclusive development.

Speakers



Karim Amin, Agri Entrepreneurship and Innovation, FAO Near East and North Africa. (RNE) – Speaker.

Karim Amin is the Agri Entrepreneurship innovation specialist at FAO RNE, dedicated to scaling agrifood innovation and sustainable entrepreneurship. With a career built on bridging the gap between grassroots startups and regional development goals, Karim specializes in architecting ecosystems that turn sustainability challenges into scalable business opportunities. With 9 years of experience in business support programs for entrepreneurs in the region, Karim worked with almost 200 Startups and scale Ups for public, private, and international organizations business support programs. Karim is currently managing the FAO's regional startup incubation program (Agrination), directly accelerating ventures that tackle food security and climate resilience on a multi-national scale.



Katja Vuori, CEO, Agricord. (Belgium) – Speaker.

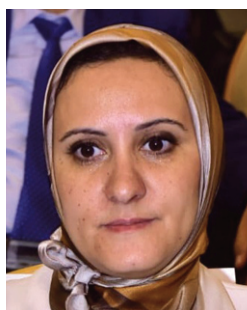
Katja Vuori has over 25 years of experience in the field of development and human rights. She has worked in various capacities within the Finnish public administration, research institutions, the United Nations, and several international non-profit organizations. For the past seven years, Katja has been an integral part of the AgriCord alliance secretariat based in Brussels, where she currently serves as the CEO. AgriCord is a global alliance of 13 agri-agencies that specialize in providing technical support to farmers' organizations, helping to strengthen their institutional and service delivery capacities.



Irene Samy, Professor and Director, SESC Research Center - Nile University. (Egypt) – Speaker.

Irene S. Fahim (Senior Member, IEEE- EDS chair) Professor, Program director of Industrial and Service Engineering and Management department, Nile University Cairo, Egypt and the Director for Smart Engineering systems research center, Nile University. She is a Fulbright alumna. She earned in 2018 a Diploma of development practice, Regis University, Denver, USA. She finished my PhD in Mechanical Engineering,

The American University in Cairo (AUC). Egypt in 2015. Before that, she earned her master's and BSC in Mechanical Engineering, AUC. She won the state encouragement award for women 2020, and Hazem Ezzat Research excellence award, 2021 and Loreal UNESCO for Women in Science 2021 Egypt young talents program. She won Africa grows green prize 2022. She received a grant for Egypt Higher Education Climate change partnerships Grants in collaboration with Nottingham University and the British council. She received a grant for capacity building for "Women in Science and Engineering" from IEEE Circuits and Systems Society. She also received several grants for gender equality and capacity building in Education from the British council. She was selected in 2019 to be among the members of the first scientific council of the Egyptian Young Academy of Sciences (EYAS) as a part of the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT) to empower and encourage young Egyptian scientists in science and technology. She participated in Fulbright Junior Faculty program for renewable energy in 2016. She was also a part of an Entrepreneurship and leadership Program, 1000Women, Goldman Sachs, 2016 which was executed at AUC for 6 Months. She won Newton Mosharfa institutional link award for two years in collaboration with Nottingham University, UK. for manufacturing plastic bags from natural materials where She got acknowledged by Mr. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi for my work at the 3rd National Youth Conference in Ismailia, April 2017. She has two filed patents in the green sustainability sector. One patent for her invention of producing biodegradable plates from sugarcane waste and the other patent for inventing a wastewater filtration system from agricultural waste. She is an expert in measuring the life cycle assessment and carbon emissions that evaluates the environmental impacts associated with all stages of a product's life cycle, from raw material extraction to disposal. This includes assessing energy and resource consumption, emissions, and potential environmental damage across the entire supply chain. She is a member in the Power Africa steering committee, volunteer in IEEE Smart Village committee and treasurer of IEEE CIS Chapter, Egypt. Moreover, she was one of the members in the Events Committee of the IEEE Humanitarian Activities, 2018. She was also the technical chair for the first IEEE SIGHT Egypt ideation camp 2018. She is currently a member of the impartial committee of the body for granting certificates of conformity for products, the General Organization for the Control of Exports, and Imports. She is also one of topical advisory panel, in Polymers Journal, MDPI, She is also a member of the Coronavirus Global R&I Collaboration Portal and a member in the Leaders in Innovation alumni society, Royal academy of Engineering and a member in the Egyptian National Network Nanotechnology.



Bouchra Aguenouz, Regional Director of the Agricultural Council, National Agricultural Advisory Office. (Morocco) – Speaker.

Bouchra Aguenouz, an engineer in the agri-food industry, graduated from the Hassan II Agronomic and Veterinary Institute. I am currently the Regional Director of Agricultural Advisory Services in the Beni Mellal–Khénifra region.

Among our missions at the National Office of Agricultural Advisory Services is supporting rural women through training, capacity building, and the development of income-generating activities.

CLOSING TECHNICAL SESSION



Arnau Gallard, Head of the Sustainable Development and Regional Integration Department, IEMed.

Arnau Gallard is the Head of the Department of Sustainable Development and Regional Integration at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed). He is also a foreign policy affiliate professor at ESADE University and an associate professor at Pompeu Fabra University, where he teaches economics.

Previously, Arnau was an economist at the World Bank Group, where he worked from 2012 to 2025 on private sector development, agriculture and food, and climate change. He has also worked with and consulted for several international organizations, government agencies, and international NGOs.

He holds a BA in Politics from the University of York (UK), an MSc in Foreign Service from Georgetown University (USA), and an MBA from INSEAD (Singapore/France). He has lived in Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Eswatini, Singapore, Chile, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and has carried out project work in over 100 countries.

CLOSING SESSION



Javier Rosón, Coordinator, Casa Árabe in Córdoba

Javier Rosón Lorente is a renowned Spanish researcher specializing in the field of Social Anthropology, with a particular focus on the study of the contemporary Arab and Islamic world, especially Morocco and cross-border dynamics. He holds a PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Granada.

His work is characterized by in-depth ethnographic analysis and extensive fieldwork, focusing on crucial topics such as migration (with particular attention to unaccompanied minors and young migrants), borders (particularly in the context of Ceuta, Melilla and the Strait of Gibraltar), social movements, urban youth cultures, and political and social transformations in Morocco and the Maghreb. His research addresses the complexities of identity, citizenship, precariousness, and resistance in these contexts.

Rosón Lorente is the author and co-author of numerous articles in prestigious scientific journals, book chapters, and possibly monographs. His academic output is a reference in studies on Moroccan youth and migration processes in the western Mediterranean.

In addition to his research and publication work, Javier Rosón Lorente has been closely involved in the dissemination of knowledge about the region. His important role in the journal *Awraq* stands out, where he has served as editor or member of its editorial/scientific board, and as coordinator at Casa Árabe. He has contributed to building bridges between rigorous academic

research and a broader audience interested in understanding the realities of the contemporary Arab world. His profile establishes him as a key expert in anthropological studies on Morocco and Spanish-Moroccan relations.