



1st Mediterranean Conservation Agriculture Conference

Thursday, 23. November 2023 | Online

Recent extreme droughts destroying crops in several Mediterranean countries highlighted the urgency of developing adaptation and mitigation strategies to climate change. Conservation Agriculture (CA), although known to be among the best strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change, lacks large scale adoption in the Mediterranean region. There are several concerted efforts across the region to tackle constraints to greater adoption of CA. The first CA conference in the Mediterranean aims to present preliminary results of three PRIMA projects and discuss possible strategies to promote CA with scientists, farmers and policy makers. Sharing and discussing research results, practical experiences and recommendations could contribute to strengthening initiatives and cooperation in the region and help to develop measures to improve the resilience of Mediterranean farming systems.

The organization of the conference is lead by three PRIMA EU (prima-med.org/) funded projects; ConServeTerra, CAMA and 4CEMED. International organizations ICARDA and ECAF, as well as national organizations INRAT Tunisia are also part of the organizing committee.

Keywords: Conservation Agriculture, soil quality and crop productivity, practical recommendations, knowledge gaps, policy, climate change mitigation and adaptation

Program

08.30 Welcome address and opening remarks
Hichem Ben Salem (President of IRESA), Munzar Ben Salem (DG of INRA)

Block 1: Recommendations to scientists

08.45 Presentations by ConServeTerra, CAMA, 4CEMED: Knowledge gaps, research design issues

09.15 Knowledge gaps in CA: Opening statements by panel members
Emilio Gonzales (UCO), Carlos Cantero (UDL), Rachid Mrabet (INRA)

10.15 Coffee break

Block 2: Recommendations to farmers

10.45 Presentations by ConServeTerra, CAMA, 4CEMED: Direct experiences, practical recommendations

11.15 CA in practice: Opening statements followed by a panel discussion with farmers
Aziz El Abidine (CA farmer), Daniel Brémond (Arvalis), Berry Mudge, Gabriela Cruz (APOLOSO), Shieb Wali (CA farmer), Adnan Abdrabbah (CA farmer)

13.00 Lunch

Block 3: Recommendations to policy makers

- 14.15 Presentations by ConServeTerra, CAMA, 4CEMED
- 14.45 Integrating CA into agricultural policies: Opening statements followed by a panel discussion with policy makers
Gottlieb Basch (ECAAF), Michele Pisante (UNITE), Aymen Frija (ICARDA), Fabrice Dentressangle (Prima)
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 Summary of recommendations by reporters

Free Registration

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