



International Research Network for Food Quality and Health

Seminar February 24th, from 9-10 am CET at ZOOM

Overview of the Organic farming and current nutrition status in Morocco

The workshop is free of charge, but you have to sign up at shb@nexs.ku.dk, just write FQH as subject and you will receive a zoom link for the meeting

Program:

9.00-9.05 Welcome by FQH president Carola Strassner

9.05 – 9.35 Overview of the Organic farming and current nutrition status in Morocco by Youssef Aboussaleh



Youssef Aboussaleh is a professor of Human nutrition at The Faculty of Sciences Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco. With a background in Engineering in Human Nutrition: Joint formation between Agronomic Institute Rabat and Iowa state University, Ames Iowa, USA (1980-1986), and a Master of Science and development in Nutrition and Public Health: Francophone international university for African Development “ Senghor University” Alexandria, Egypt (1997-1999). Then Doctorate in Nutrition and development:

Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco (2001-2004) and finally a Post doctorate diploma in Nutrition and development: Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco (2005-2009). He is teaching both Fundamental and Applied Human Nutrition to Master level and mentoring many Ph.D. students on Nutrition related diseases and the interface of Nutrition and Health. Member of Scientific Societies as a Founding member of the Moroccan Society of Nutrition in 1987 and council member, 2010-2013, then General Secretary of The Moroccan Nutrition Society 2017-Present and Actual Deputy General Secretary of the « Moroccan Society of Nutritional and Behavioral Epidemiology »

9.35-9.55 Discussions in plenum or break-out rooms dependent on number of attendants

9.55-10.00 Wrap-up, presentation of next workshop and goodbye

Abstract

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Morocco is undergoing nutrition, epidemiological and economic transition. Agriculture is a vital sector in Morocco through its contribution to the gross domestic product (13%) and workforce (30%). However, the sector faces important sustainability challenges due to Morocco's dependence on rain-fed crops for 90% of the production and its vulnerability to climate change. In fact the country is mostly semi dry with an hydric stress announced with less than 650 m³ per year per capita. In this communication we will dress the current status of organic farming in Morocco and some projections for the near future. Besides the nutritional status of the Moroccan population will be presented according to the latest survey.