



Agenda

- 1:00-1:10** Welcome addresses
UNCCD Secretariat representative
CEN-SAD representative
Nora Berrahmouni, FAO
Youssef Brahimi, NGO La Route du Sel et de l'Espoir - LA ROSE
- 1:10-1:30** The roads of the knowledge between the Maghreb - Sahel Region and Europe (Xth-XVth centuries), Professor **Djamil Aissani**, Société savante GEHIMAB (Béjaia- Algeria)
- 1:30- 1:45** The art and engineering of Anatolian in the fight against Desertification and Land Degradation, Dr **Ehram Akça**, Adiyaman Universitesi Teknik Bilimler MYO (Adiyaman, Turkey)
- 1:45-2:00** The oasis foggaras: a genius capture and sustainable community water management, **Nordine Boulahouat**, NGO BEDE (Montpellier, France)
- 2:00- 2:15** Chinguiti caravans and knowledge, Professor **Ahmed Ould Ragel**, Nouakchott University (Mauritania)
- 2:15-2:30** Harnessing ouaddis in the Desert, **Kadidja Dambao**, Coordinator, PADL-GRN project (N'Djamena, Chad)
- 2:30-2:50** Discussion, moderated by **Wafa Essahli**, NDI President
- 2:50-3:00** Conclusions and next steps

Side-event

The Road of Science From Africa to Europe

12 October 2015, 1-3 pm, Room MET-08



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RATIONALE

Combating desertification and adaptation to climate change have been part of the way of life of people from the Sahara and Sahel since times immemorial. Over the centuries, they have displayed great inventiveness and ingenuity to manage scarce natural resources and live in harmony with an inhospitable environment.

We often forget that the Maghreb-Sahel region has also made considerable contributions to the progress of humanity and to the richness of nations, particularly those in Europe. The African Road of Science, which originated in the Middle East and Asia, passed through the Maghreb-Sahel region before blossoming in Al Andalus and wider parts of Europe.

The side-event aims at highlighting the contributions of the African Road of Science to development in Europe, focusing in particular on the management of natural resources during the Al Andalus period.

Knowledge of the historical relations between peoples, acknowledging their mutual contributions, as well as the understanding that they have a shared destiny, are means to promote peace and fight poverty and racism.

In the light of the dramatic situation of migrants crossing the Mediterranean today, it is high time to be mindful of the need for solidarity on the basis of our common historical heritage and common values.

OBJECTIVE

The side-event aims to highlight Africa's historical role in mastering and spreading, through Al Andalus to Europe, natural resource management techniques and technologies adapted to arid and hyper arid zones.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The contributions of people from the Maghreb-Sahel to scientific innovation in the field of combating desertification and climate change adaptation is shared.
- The need for preservation and development of the material and immaterial heritage of the oasis space is understood and supported.
- Project ideas, initiatives and actions are proposed to promote this heritage.

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