

MEDITERRA 2009: rethinking rural development in the Mediterranean

- **Hunger for land and thirst for water: farming systems under pressure**
- Agricultural and rural development: a political priority
- For sustainable development of farming systems and rural worlds
- A report constructed collectively

> CHAPTER 1 Preserving natural resources

- Mediterranean know-how– the fruit of thousands of years
- Water resources: a rapidly changing balance
- Slow and progressive desertification
- Polluted environments, degraded life
- Managing wooded areas
- Haro for bio!
- Development models need adapting

> CHAPTER 2 Revising water strategies

- Trend in agricultural water demand incompatible with the trend in available resources
- Better management of agricultural water demand
- Virtual water: a concept for guiding agricultural policies?
- For a comprehensive global vision of water

> CHAPTER 3 Adapting agricultural systems to climate change

- Panorama of the agricultural sector and water resources
- Recent climate trends and future projections
- The many different impacts of climate change
- Strategies for adapting to climate change
- Measures for adapting to climate change
- Recommendations for agriculture faced with climate change
- Regional cooperation: an imperative

> CHAPTER 4 Fighting desertification

- Definition and physical processes of desertification
- Monitoring desertification and the environment
- Techniques for fighting desertification
- Institutional response: monitoring and evaluating UNCCD implementation
- Public strategies and measures taken since the 1970s
- Social solutions
- New strategy frameworks for fighting desertification

> CHAPTER 5 Developing local areas and their people

- The status quo: rural development policies and local approaches in the Mediterranean countries
- Local policies and approaches: an overview

- Some reflections on common problems
- The concept of local development
- Rural and regional development

> CHAPTER 6 Rural life

- The rural world: plural realities
- Insufficient geographical rebalancing
- Where does agriculture fit into the rural environment?
- No end to poverty
- Predominance of small farms and family work
- Progress in services, but shadow zones persist
- Stimulating development in the hinterland and opening up the landlocked areas of the North
- The new challenges for rural areas

> CHAPTER 7 Managing collective land and rangelands

- Collective rangelands in agrarian history
- The historical heritage
- Pastoral management in the dock
- Major changes in production systems
- Pastoral policies
- What is to become of collective lands?

> CHAPTER 8 Improving rural governance

- A flurry of reforms faced with the challenges of globalisation
- The emergence of new forms of rurality in the North of the Mediterranean
- Agriculture, smallholdings and the importance of the rural population in the South and East
- European policies tested by rural realities
- Rural development strategies in the countries of the South: the central place of agriculture and poverty reduction
- From "constructed" areas in the North to "lived areas" in the South
- The future of Mediterranean rurality

> CHAPTER 9 Diversifying rural activity

- Rural areas in the Northern Mediterranean: multifunctionality and diversification
- Rural areas in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean: boom and new adaptations
- Agriculture first and foremost

> CHAPTER 10 Measuring agricultural and rural development

- Definitions
- Some results
- Reservations regarding calculation and interpretation

> CHAPTER 11 Evaluating the effect of the MSSD

- Reminder of the MSSD
- Preliminary feedback of experience in agriculture and rural development
- The way to convergent development policies

CONCLUSION

- Natural resources and endogenous knowledge
- Rural activities and societies
- Regions, policies and governance