



OFFICIAL THEMATIC SESSION #17

THE ARGANERAIE

AS A MODEL OF SCIENCE IN ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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ABOUT THE EVENT

This thematic panel, organized on the occasion of the 2026 UNESCO Global Conference of the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD), will showcase the Arganariae as a living laboratory and a global model where science, biodiversity, traditional knowledge and innovation converge to advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

Rooted in Morocco's unique socio-ecological heritage, the Arganariae demonstrates how local communities, researchers, governments and international partners can work together to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources, in line with the Nagoya Protocol and the principles of equity and benefit-sharing.

KEY OBJECTIVES



Highlight the scientific value and potential of **Argan genetic resources** for sustainable development.



Promote the implementation of the **Nagoya Protocol** through fair access and equitable benefit-sharing.



Strengthen **international and South-South cooperation** for research, innovation and community empowerment.



Showcase **nature-based solutions** inspired by the Arganariae to address global challenges: biodiversity loss, climate change and social inclusion.



Raise awareness of the importance of **traditional knowledge and women's leadership** in the sustainable management of genetic resources.



Contribute to shaping **science-policy-society dialogue** for a more just and sustainable future.

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The Arganariae Biosphere Reserve, a unique heritage in Morocco, symbol of resilience, knowledge and sustainable development.



OUR SPEAKERS



Prof. Badr Eddie Kartah
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for the Promotion of Scientific Research,
Innovation and Sustainable Development
(Morocco)



Prof. Lalla Amina Ouzzaoutit
Mohammed V University in Rabat /
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HIGH-LEVEL PANELISTS



Prof. Hanae El Monfalouti
Mohammed V University in Rabat /
Averroes Foundation (Morocco)



Prof. Zoubida Charrouf
President, Ibn Al Baytar Association (AIB),
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Mohammed V University in Rabat



Ms. Celina Rocquet
Africa & Beauty International
Federation (FIAB), France



Ms. Saida El Jai
National Focal Point for the Nagoya
Protocol Ministry of Energy Transition
and Sustainable Development, Kingdom
of Morocco



Mr. Ali Benrayane
SDI Global Consult -
Former United Nations Development
Programme (UND) Expert



Dr. Marc Olivier
International Expert
Bukrina Faso
(REMOTE INTERVENTION)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

15:55 - 16:00

**WELCOME AND
OPENING REMARKS**

Prof. Badr Eddie Kartah

President, Averroes Foundation (Morocco)

16:00 - 16:05

**INTRODUCTION, CONTEXT
SETTING AND MODERATION**

Prof. Lalla Amina Ouzzaoutit (Moderator)

Mohammed V University in Rabat / Averroes Foundation (Morocco)

16:05 - 17:00

**HIGH-LEVEL
PANEL DISCUSSION**

- Prof. Hanae El Monfalouti,
- Prof. Zoubida Charrouf,
- Ms. Celina Rocquet,
- Ms. Saida El Jai,
- Mr. Ali Benrayane,
- Dr. Oliver Olivier

17:00 - 17:10

**INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION
WITH PARTICIPANTS**

Open dialogue between speakers and participants on key scientific, environmental and societal challenges related to arganaria and its contribution to sustainable development.

17:10 - 17:13

**READING OF THE
PARIS DECLARATION**

Official reading of the Paris Declaration on Sustainable Governance of Genetic Resources and Sustainable Development.

17:13 - 17:15

**KEY MESSAGES AND
CLOSING REMARKS**

Summary of key messages and recommendations by the Moderator, followed by thanks and official closing.

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valorization of medicinal and aromatic
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Website: www.association-ibnalbaytar.org



2. Africa & Beauty International Federation (FIAB)

An international federation promoting natural
resources and sustainable development in the
beauty and wellness sectors.

Website: www.fiab.news



3. Mohammed V University in Rabat Faculty of Sciences

A leading Moroccan university committed
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our genetic resources
for the well-being of present
and future generations.*

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