



# PROJECT TITLE German-Moroccan

Technical Dialogue on Agriculture and Forestry (DIAF) – Promotion of Organic Farming

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Organic Farming

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# The Agriculture in the Kingdom of Morocco

The Moroccan government aims at expanding the organic food sector in Morocco. The ministry sees effective leverage in the expansion of conversion support for farmers, in the adjustment of regulations for the import of organic seeds and seedlings, in the subsidisation of organic inputs, in the recognition of Moroccan organic regulations by the EU and in the creation of a centre of excellence for organic agriculture.

## The Project

The bilateral technical dialogue on agriculture and forestry launched in 2019 follows on from Morocco's "Génération Green 2020-2030" strategy and provides support in three areas in particular.

Firstly, the ministry will be advised on the implementation of its strategies to promote organic farming. Secondly, the legal framework for the cultivation, trade and marketing of organic production is analysed and adaptation proposals are developed. Furthermore, national and international markets for organic products are examined and recommendations for action for Morocco are derived.

### **Project Goals**

- Development of a sustainably organised organic farming sector
- · Promotion of legal and institutional frameworks
- Strengthening organic agricultural education and extension
- Development strategy for (inter-)national organic markets



"The technical aspects, especially on soil improvement and legal requirements, were the most relevant for me"

Participant in the Training of Trainers for Organic Agriculture. Dec. 2021, Marrakesh



PORTRAIT MOROCCO Morocco is stably governed by an islamically legitimised constitutional monarchy and has a population of about 37 million. The agricultural sector consists largely of subsistence farms and employs about 40 per cent of the total population - around three quarters of the rural population.

#### **Results and Successes**

The project accompanies the implementation of the Organic Farming Act, strengthens the capacities of state vocational training organisations, agricultural extension services and inspection authorities. The Ministry of Agriculture is advised on the development of an organic action plan.

### **Project Partners and Cooperations**

- Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture (MAPMDREF)
- Department of Agriculture, Directorate of Strategy and Statistics (DSS)
- National Agricultural Research Institute (INRA)
- Federation of Organic Agriculture (FIMABIO)
- Federation of Private Consultants in Agriculture (FICAP)

## **Project Partner on Operational Level**

• Directorate of Strategy and Statistics (DSS)

### Implementing Organisation

AFC Agriculture and Finance Consultants GmbH in cooperation with IFOAM Organics International (IFOAM) and the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)

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