



24 September

International Workshop

THE ROLE OF OLIVE OIL FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CIHEAM Zaragoza
9.00-14.00 (CET)



Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza



17.00-19.30 (CET)



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PRESENTATION OF THE WORKSHOP

To mark the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace by the General Assembly of the United Nations, CIHEAM Zaragoza is organising a workshop to celebrate the International Day of Peace, held every year on 21 September, linking it to the OLIB project 'Strengthening Sustainable Local Development and Coexistence in Lebanon through the Improvement of Olive Tree Yield and Productivity'. This project is coordinated by CIHEAM Zaragoza, with the collaboration of the University of Zaragoza and funded by Zaragoza Provincial Council. It aims to improve olive oil production in a vulnerable area of Lebanon.

The General Assembly of the United Nations designated this Day to promote peace as a participatory process in which cooperation and dialogue contribute to a mutual understanding towards social, economic and environmental development. This year the theme of the International Day of Peace is Cultivating a Culture of Peace.

The workshop is divided into two parts. The first part will be held at the CIHEAM Institute located on the Aula Dei Campus (Zaragoza), and its main objective will be to analyse the role of cooperation to ensure that olive oil production contributes to sustainable development, including management and production techniques. The contents of this part will be used to prepare a report to support the activities of the OLIB project.

The second part of the workshop will focus on the celebration of the International Day of Peace, and will take place at the headquarters of the Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza. CIHEAM Zaragoza will organise a round table with social and institutional stakeholders to reflect on agrifood cooperation activities that promote a culture of peace. In addition, during the afternoon session attendees will be able to taste extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) and at the closing session they will receive an olive plant.

Registration for this event is open until **16 September**.



PROGRAMME

Hybrid format
with Spanish-English interpretation

Part I: CIHEAM Zaragoza | Av. Montañana 1005, Zaragoza

9:00 Welcome of participants

9:30 Opening session

Dr Raúl Compés. Director of CIHEAM Zaragoza

Mr Miguel Ángel Riesgo. Delegate of Spain to CIHEAM Governing Board and Vice President

Ms Wafaa Dikah Hamze. Delegate of Lebanon to CIHEAM Governing Board and Vice President

9:45 Public policies for cooperation

Ms Elena García Juango. Adviser to the president's cabinet, Provincial Government of Zaragoza

10:05 Sustainable agriculture and development cooperation in southern countries

Ms Ana Regina Segura Martínez. Head of Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition, Department of Sectoral Cooperation, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

10:25 Current situation of olive-growing and the environmental and social role of the olive grove

Mr Juan Antonio Polo Palomino. Head of the Department of Olive Oil Technology and Environment, International Olive Council (IOC)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Round table I: Technological and agronomic innovation to face climate change

Moderator: Mr Joaquín Balduque. CIHEAM Zaragoza

- Mr Juan Baseda Torruella. Technical Director of the Regulatory Council of the Designation of Origin *Aceite del Bajo Aragón*
- Dr Milad El Riachy. Researcher and Head of the Olive and Olive Oil Department at the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute
- Dr Enrique Quesada Moraga. Professor of Plant Production at the University of Cordoba and Director of the Master's Degree in Olive Growing and Oil Technology
- Dr Lamis Chalak. Professor at the Faculty of Agronomy of the Lebanese University

12:00 Round table II: Institutional needs in support of olive-growing

Moderator: Dr Ramzi Belkhodja. CIHEAM Zaragoza

- Dr Abderraouf Laajimi. Deputy Executive Director of the International Olive Council (IOC)
- Dr José Manuel Palacios. President of the Conference of University Centres for Agri-food and Forestry Engineering
- Dr José Casanova. Tenure Professor at the Polytechnic School of Huesca, University of Zaragoza
- Captain Jesús Mesa López. *Brigada Aragón I* (Civil-Military Cooperation)

12:45 Round table III: The role of olive oil cooperatives in the Mediterranean

Moderator: Dr Laura Quijano. CIHEAM Zaragoza

- Mr Juan Manuel Hidalgo Pérez. Head of Olive Oil and Table Olives at Agri-food Cooperatives of Spain
- Ms Alicia Hernández. President of the Olive Oil Sector, Agri-food Cooperatives of Aragón
- Ms Amal Jerjes. Head of the Organic Farming and Beekeeping Cooperative of Deir Mimas and surroundings (Lebanon)
- Ms Hiba Fawaz. Agriculture Programme Manager, Association for the Development of Rural Capacities (ADR) (Lebanon)

13:30 Conclusions and closing session. Dr Raúl Compés. Director of CIHEAM Zaragoza

14.00 Lunch



PROGRAMME

In-person format

Part II: Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza | Plaza de España (Zaragoza)

17:00 Presentation: Cooperation, development and peace

- Ms Elena García Juango. Adviser to the President's Cabinet, Provincial Government of Zaragoza
- Dr Raúl Compés. Director of CIHEAM Zaragoza

17:30 Round table: Agrifood cooperation initiatives and actions to promote the culture of peace and contribute to social and economic development

Moderator: Ms María Jesús Luna Serreta. *Fundación Seminario de Investigación para la Paz*

- Mr Francesco Serafini. President of The Garden of Peace.
- Ms Edurne Caballero Zaldibar. President of the Centre for Rural Studies and International Agriculture (CERAI)
- Mr Agustín Gavín Blasco. President of ARAPAZ
- Mr Alberto Alfonso Pordomingo. President and co-founder of Apadrinaunolivo.org
- Dr Laura Quijano. Project manager at CIHEAM Zaragoza

19:00 Closing session and distribution of olive plants donated by El Vivero de Abel (Caspe, Zaragoza)



19:15 Tasting of Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO). Dr Raquel Rey. Agri-environmental Laboratory. Government of Aragon

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