

## Biographies of the speakers



### **Aurélie AHMIM-RICHARD, Project Manager, FFEM**

Aurélie Ahmim-Richard is an agricultural engineer specialised in environmental economics. After a research mission on an agroecology project in Madagascar with CIRAD, she joined the French Development Agency (AFD) in 2010 in its research department. Since 2017, within the Secretariat of the French Global Environment Facility (FGEF), she is in charge of the Sustainable Forest and Agricultural Land theme and projects in this field.



### **Hatem BELHOUCLETTE, Scientific Administrator, CIHEAM Montpellier**

Doctor on the sustainability of cropping systems, Hatem Belhouchette is Scientific Administrator at the CIHEAM Montpellier. His main area of expertise and research is the development of operational methods for the evaluation, exploration, and design of agricultural production systems. He is currently coordinating a research network to develop an agro-economic and environmental modeling system.



### **Salem DARWICH, Project Focal Point for Lebanon**

Advisor of the Ministry of Agriculture, Salem Darwich holds a doctoral degree in Assessment and the Design of Innovative Agricultural Systems under Climate, and Socio-Economic Uncertainty. Dr. Darwich is presently coordinating an applied research network that aims at the development of methods and training promoting sustainable and resilient interventions in order to improve the livelihood of the rural population and preserve natural resources.



### **Thierry DUPEUBLE, Director of CIHEAM Montpellier**

Thierry Dupeuble is a doctor in economics. He is a specialist in public policies in favor of sustainable agriculture and rural development. He has supported development projects in the fields of organic farming and sustainable agriculture, on-farm transformation and selling, and rural tourism. Most of his experiences have been run in various positions within the ministry for agriculture in France. As such, he recently worked on the declination of the French national food policy at the regional level. Since 2021, he is the director of CIHEAM Montpellier.



### **Othman ELSHAIKH, Project Focal Point for Egypt**

Project manager with pluriannual experience in both the public and the private sectors, Mr. Elshaikh works on rural development, women empowerment, rural waste management, climate adaptation and mitigation solutions, and capacity building for NGOs. In addition to that, he has a strong administrative experience in the field of UN financial regulations, governmental procurement systems, and recruitment mechanisms.