



## Biographies of the speakers



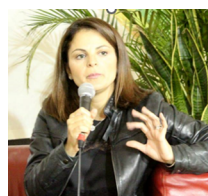
### **Mahmoud ABU-ZEID, President of the Arab Water Council**

Former Minister of Water Resources & Irrigation of Egypt, Prof. Abu-Zeid is the President of the Arab Water Council since 2004. Previously, he had been President of the National Water Research Center, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Cairo, Egypt (1979 - 1997), and President of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA). He is Honorary Doctorate from IHE Delft University, the Netherlands.



### **Khaled M. ABUZEID, Senior Regional Water Resources Director at CEDARE**

Prof. AbuZeid carries a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Cairo University and M.Sc. & Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University. He's a registered Professional Engineer, and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). He has over 30 years of experience being CEDARE Regional Water Director, North African Ministers Council on Water Technical Secretariat Officer in Charge, Arab Water Council Director of Technical Programs, and much more.



### **Roula KHADRA, International Officer at CIHEAM Bari**

International officer and Senior researcher at CIHEAM Bari and elected governor at the Arab Water Council board of delegates, Roula Khadra is a rural engineer with M.Sc. in Land and Water Resources Management, a Ph.D. in Mediterranean Agriculture, and a Fulbright Post-Doc Fellow at UC Davis (2008). Her main research integrates the rehabilitation and modernization of large-scale irrigation systems, with the main focus on the water-energy nexus.



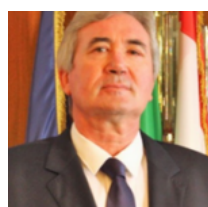
### **Nisreen LAHHAM, Agri-food systems transformation Expert at AOAD**

Dr. Nisreen Lahham is an Agri-food systems transformation Expert at the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD). Dr. Lahham holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Economics and has a significant work experience in foresight. She authored several peer-reviewed publications and journals on food and water security, foresight, and urban development. Before joining AOAD she was a Regional Project Manager and Senior Researcher at IWMI.



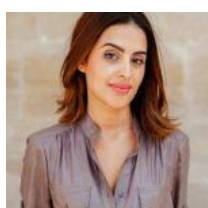
### **Blanca MORENO-DODSON, Director of CMI-UNOPS**

Blanca Moreno-Dodson is the Director of the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), the only regional partnership gathering international development institutions, national, regional, and local authorities, and civil society from around the Mediterranean, currently hosted by UNOPS. She has over thirty years of experience as a World Bank development economist, including several positions as Lead Economist.



### **Plácido PLAZA, CIHEAM Secretary General**

Plácido Plaza López is, since February 2018, the Secretary General of the CIHEAM. An Agricultural Engineer with an extensive experience in applied agronomy both in Latin America and in the Mediterranean, he has a long experience in coordinating research and education networks with universities and R&D institutions on Mediterranean agriculture and natural resources management-related issues.



### **Yasmine SEGHIRATE EL GUERRAB, CIHEAM Administrator**

Yasmine Seghirate El Guerrab is Administrator and Gender Policy and Women Empowerment focal point at CIHEAM's Headquarters. She was previously Project Officer in the office of the UN Under-Secretary-General for Innovative Financing for Development (UNITAID) and a consultant for the French Development Agency (AFD). Her associative involvement led her to be a founding member of ATLAS and head of the CSR and Territories Commission of CACIF.