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Dear Prof. Léon Buskens,

Thank you for your invitation. On behalf of 5.1.2e I would like to inform you that INRA will be represented at this meeting by two researchers: 5.1.2e
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Thank you,
Best regards,
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Pour participation, je serai 5.1.2e Merci



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With great pleasure, I would like to invite you for a workshop in the form of a roundtable conversation on the theme “The Food – Water – Energy Nexus. A Moroccan – African - Dutch Connection” at the Dutch Institute in Morocco (NIMAR) in Rabat on Tuesday 27 February 2024 from 9.15 – 10.45 h (3, Avenue Mohamed El Fassi, Hassan, Rabat, opposite the former American embassy).

The aim of the workshop is to explore possibilities for further cooperation between Moroccan, other African, and Dutch partners in the domain of sustainable food production.

This roundtable takes place at the occasion of the visit of the President of Leiden University Professor Annetje Ottow and 5.1.2e at NIMAR. We would be very honoured if you would be able to participate. Professor Ottow is both the President of Leiden University and the Chair of the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus alliance of universities (LDE). This framework brings together considerable expertise on the issues of sustainable food production, water management, frugal innovations, horticulture, and also on the human aspects of these vital questions.

Over the past years the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus alliance of universities, together with NIMAR, has deployed many activities related to the Food-Water-Energy Nexus, with a specific focus on protective cultivation and related sustainability challenges. A network incorporating Moroccan and Dutch knowledge institutes, companies and branch organizations has been created. Our cooperation aims at generating impact in real life practice, based on joint research and education, on the basis of equality and open and fair exchange.

From 12 until 16 February of this year a Moroccan mission visited the Greenhouse district in Greenport West-Holland. Visits to companies and to the Governor of the Province of South Holland were combined with informal discussions at Erasmus and Delft universities. The mission concluded with a workshop on the challenges, conditions and barriers of a triple helix (government, business, research and development) approach, comparing Moroccan and Dutch experiences.

This roundtable should continue these exchanges focusing on the question how to jointly address the challenges Morocco identifies in relation to the Food-Water-Energy Nexus. Another question is how Morocco can act as an intermediary in a North-South-South approach, cooperating with LDE.

In the present workshop some colleagues will briefly share their ideas, also on the basis of the recent mission to the Netherlands. These short introductions may serve as a point of departure for an open conversation to identify topics for future cooperation. Representatives of the Dutch Embassy in Morocco, especially of the Agricultural and the Economic Departments will honour us with their presence, and will hopefully pledge their support to put our plans into practice. We are particularly interested in the possibilities to further cooperation between Moroccan and other African partners.

Some more specific questions to structure our conversation might be:

- What do parties concerned want to achieve in education and research concerning transitions in Moroccan agriculture and horticulture?
- How can we work together to achieve this impact?
- What does this require for education, and how can we arrange this?
- What is needed for research, and how can we arrange this?
- How to extend this from Morocco to other African countries?

We would like to propose as a programme:

Tuesday 27 February 2024

9.15 - 10.45 h: NIMAR / Main lecture hall

“The Food – Water – Energy Nexus. A Moroccan – African - Dutch Connection”

Cooperation between Morocco, other African countries, and the Netherlands in sustainable food production

- 9.15 h: Welcome speech by President Professor Annetje Ottow.

Brief introductory presentations to start the conversation (maximum 5 minutes each):

5.1.2e Introduction;

5.1.2e on Dutch agricultural projects in Morocco;

5.1.2e 5.1.2e on Agrifood Hub LDE Centre for Sustainability and Morocco;

- 5.1.2e on Frugal Innovations, South-South cooperation and sustainability in Africa;

- Followed by an open conversation with members of the recent Moroccan delegation to Netherlands and other participants;

- Closing words by H.E. Mr Jeroen Roodenburg, Ambassador of the Netherlands in Morocco (tbc).

We would like to thank you for your engagement in the cooperation between Morocco and the Netherlands and look forward to welcoming you at NIMAR.

With best wishes, also on behalf of 5.1.2e and the Agricultural Department of the Dutch Embassy in Morocco,

Prof. Léon Buskens

Director of NIMAR

Leiden University in Rabat