

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE MOROCCAN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (AMAECO)

Organizes a seminar on the theme:

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION

December, 13, 14th 2007.

The Moroccan rural area, as rich with its human and natural resources is also a tremendously a vulnerable area because of the continuing poverty phenomenon.

As a matter of fact, poverty is essentially a rural phenomena in Morocco: more than two third of the poor live in the rural areas.

This fact, as notified in the millennium development challenges, justifies the central position and the priority of poverty reduction considerations through numerous government and other organisations programs.

In Morocco, as in many developing countries, the agricultural sector continues to play an important function in the economic and social development particularly in the rural areas. In fact this sector participates by about 15% in GDP formation and supply jobs to 35% of total active population and to 80% of active rural population. These indicators show how much the agricultural sector is contributing substantially in generating revenues in the rural areas.

Different analysis and studies lead in the last ten years confirm the fundamental place of this sector in alleviating poverty. Therefore, it has to be the midpoint of fighting this phenomenon. With in mind that winning this fight would happen only by improving agricultural and non agricultural revenues in these areas this seminar aims at bringing illuminating some interrogations such as:

- What is the human and geographical characteristics of poverty in Morocco?
- What are the leading factors that generate continuously poverty?
- What are the agricultural and rural policies that are able to improve vulnerable revenues among rural?

- To what extent programs and instruments that have taken place so far have significantly contributed to alleviate poverty?

In order to bring about some thoughts to these questions, the seminar gives an opportunity to gather involved players both at the national and the international level to confer the following subjects.

Different aspects and different characteristics evaluation approaches of poverty.

Agricultural and rural development strategies and poverty fighting.

Fights against poverty experiences assessment.

International and national organisations strategies against poverty.

Thus, referring to these themes, we welcome you to submitting the title and the summary of your paper to 'AMAECO' at the address mentioned underneath.

Summaries should include objectives, methodologies and results within a half of a page. Theses should be submitted to the selection committee before July the 30th of 2007 and should mention the authors, co-authors, there address profession, affiliation, telephone, fax and E-mail.

Papers' text might be written in English, French or Arabic without exceeding 20 pages and should reach the selection committee before November 13th, 2007. The selection committee preserves the right to reject summaries or papers not in harmony with the criteria or with the timing recommended.

Note: the submission of papers confers automatically to AMAECO the right to publish its content before, during or after the seminar dates.

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