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Médenine - Tunisia

# Call for Papers (1<sup>st</sup> call) International Conference **LESOR'2016**

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The international Conference:

**Socio-economic development  
and dynamic of rural societies:  
Plurality of actors, resource management  
and territorial development**

Djerba island-Tunisia

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## **Socio-economic development and dynamic of rural societies: Plurality of actors, resource management and Territorial Development**

***Djerba -Tunisia, 03-05 may 2016***

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### ***Call for papers***

At present, rural societies, mainly in developing countries, face significant environmental and socio-economic challenges. Climate change, socio-economic mutations combined with increased demand for food and therefore changes in the mode of production in agriculture have exerted high pressure on natural resources. Agriculture and elementary food industries directly related still represent a high share of the economy in remote and predominantly rural areas. However, rural areas are increasingly diversified and rely more and more on secondary and tertiary economic sectors. Running in parallel with such changes in the rural areas are broad changes in rural governance and policymaking. Several public policies have been implemented to promote rural development. Since the mid 1970s, interest in the impacts assessment of rural development policies has sharply increased. After forty years of socio-economic research what will be the take-home messages?

The aim of this conference is to reopen the debate on the rural development issues. The different assessment approaches, theories, practices and impacts not only in Tunisia but in other parts of the world will be addressed. The role of actors from different levels may play in the design and implementation of rural development policies will also be discussed. The conference is open to all those who are interested in agricultural economics: researchers, university professors, students, development agents, experts, policy makers, NGOs and civil society, regional and international organizations, etc.

This conference will support also research path of the institute of arid region that has become after some time the focal point, in Tunisia and elsewhere, at which all issues relating not only to desertification but also to different development aspects of arid and desert regions.

### ***Objectives***

- The conference will be a platform for the academicians, decision makers and practitioners to present their research findings disseminate ideas and information on impacts assessment of rural development policies.
- Discussing topics and sharing experiences pertaining the current socio-economic issues in arid areas.

### Themes

The topics include but are not limited to:

- Local territorial development, governance and socio-economic mutations
- Family farming, between marginalization and unsuitable policies
- Value chain and market access for rural producers
- Livestock and pastoral lands : from the pastoral classic approach to the modernized sector approach
- Green Economy as a support for sustainable development
- Economic and bio-economic modelling.
- Climate change and adaptation strategies impacts assessment
- Technologies of Information and communication for rural development
- Traditional heritage, tourism and territory
- Migration and mobility (migration flows and issues of territorial policies)

### Important Dates

**15 October 2015:** Call for contributions

**30 November 2015:** Deadline for submitting extended abstracts (300 characters max spaces included) **has been extended to 31th December 2015**

**25 January 2016:** Acceptance notification

**29 February 2016:** Submission of final papers (30000 words, spaces included)

**15 March 2016:** Scientific committee comments will be sent back to authors.

**31 march 2016:** Pre-Final colloquium program

### Organising Committee

President: **Khatteli Houcine**, General Director of Arid Regions Institute -Medenine  
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### ***Terms of submission***

Extended abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee. They should include an abstract of 300 words, in French or in English, describing the research problem, objectives, study site and methodology, with a title, five keywords and 3-5 references. The names of the author (s), institutional affiliation and full contact details (email, phone, fax and mailing address) should figure on the first page.

Authors are invited to submit their papers in accordance with the downloadable template on the seminar website. Extended Abstract must be sent through the conference website in Word format.

Languages: French and English.

### ***Sponsors***

The conference is organized with the support of several national and international organisations that will be mentioned in the second call for paper. The conference will provide an international forum for the dissemination and exchange of scientific information. This will be accomplished through several modes of communication: keynote presentation, parallel sessions, side's events, poster sessions, tutorials, and meetings of special interest groups.

### ***Website and contacts***

All other conference details (registration form, venue, etc.) will be posted shortly in the conference web site which is under construction. Further inquiries could be addressed to: [colloquelesor2016@gmail.com](mailto:colloquelesor2016@gmail.com)