

*SupMed Steering committee meeting, 23<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023*



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### Project SupMed

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Luxor – 23<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023

**Day 1 (23<sup>th</sup> May, 2023) - Field Visit organized by the Egyptian Association of Sustainable Development (EASD, a key SupMed project Egyptian partner).**

**09:00 - Departure from Luxor City to EASD Head Office**

**09:30 - 10:30 - Visit the EASD head office in Luxor City.**

The main objective of the visit to the EASD head office in Luxor City is to attend a short presentation detailing EASD's activities in Upper Egypt, with a focus on their partnership with the SupMed project and their effort in supporting farmers and promoting agroecological principles in the region (for more details about EASD, see annex 1).

**10:30 - Departure to Elboghday Village (15-minutes' drive)**

**10:45 - 12:45 - Field visit with farmers, meeting with the head of Elboghday NGO, women participating in the project, and observing the solar panel irrigation system**

During the field visit, we will engage with farmers who have been classified into different types based on the farm typology (see annex 2). These farmers received support from the SupMed project through various means, such as training on sustainable farming techniques, access to solar panel irrigation systems, and assistance in adopting agroecological practices. The farmers encouraged to share their experiences with SupMed, highlighting the added value it brings to their commitment to agroecology and environmental stewardship.

We will also have a meeting with the head of Elboghday NGO, a non-profit organization that works closely with SupMed to promote sustainable agriculture and support local communities in adopting environmentally friendly practices. Women participating in the project will be present during the meeting, showcasing their involvement in implementing sustainable farming techniques and the solar panel irrigation system.

**12:45 - 13:45 – Open discussion with farmer on the added value of SupMed project**

The discussion will focus mainly on the added value of SupMed project and the set up of “farmer commitment” for the adoption of agroecological practices: difficulties and opportunities that offer SupMed for such a perspective.

**13:45 - 14:45 - Lunch at the field with farmers**

The lunch will take place in the field with the farmers. The main idea is to enjoy traditional during this outdoor lunch and engage in side discussions with the farmers to better understand their experiences and perspectives.

**14:45 - 15:45 - Back to Luxor City**

**Day 2 (24 May, 2023) - SupMed programme progress including description  
of main results and next steps**

**9:00-9:30-** Round table, welcome words by the two delegations and participants and the programme of the two days (*Hatem Belhouchette, Othman Elshaikh, SupMed focal point, Egypt*).

**9h30-10h30-** Strategy to feed regional and national future policies: objectives, steps and expected impacts (*Tahani Abdel Hakim, Permanent expert, SupMed-Project, Montpellier*).

**10:30 -11:00-** SupMed project: main results till now and future challenges (*Hatem Belhouchette, SupMed project leader*).

**11:00-11:30 -** The National Agricultural Strategy, Luxor Climate Adaptation Plan, and which synergy with SupMed project (*Tamer Mokhtar, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture*).

**11:30-12:15.** Coffee break and diffusion of the movie developed for the COP27 Egypt.

**12:15 –12:45-** Feedback on the capacity building SupMed- faculty of agriculture programme on modeling issues to assess the performance of agricultural systems under climate and market uncertainties. Assessment and perspectives (*Yaser Diab, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Aswan University*).

**12:45 – 13:30 –** Main investment and capacity building achievements:

- ➔ **Egypt:** manure unit production, channels of irrigation, solar energy: description of the investments, number of beneficiaries and the service provided. Main list of training, topics and list of participants (*Othman Elshaikh, SupMed focal point, Egypt*)
- ➔ **Lebanon:** Nursery, a machine for the production of heating breaks and hill lakes. Main list of training, topics and list of participants (*Salem Darwich, SupMed project focal point, Hassan Nasrallah, Director of HASAD programme*).

**13:30 – 14:00- Egypt:** from farm typology to the identification of main interventions and farmer agreement achievement, and key problems to be resolved (*Othman Elshaikh, SupMed focal point, Egypt*).

**14:00-14:30- Lebanon:** from farm typology to the identification of main interventions and farmer agreement achievement, and key problems to be resolved (*Salem Darwich, SupMed project focal point, Ahmad Fakih, SupMed engineer-Egypt*).

**14:30– 15:00-** Open discussion

**15:00 - 16:00-** Lunch at Sonesta restaurant.

**Day 3- SupMed project: Next steps and timetable**

**9:00-9:30-** Programme for the next year and behind: key steps and organizational issues (*Anne cobacho, SupMed project, Montpellier*).

**9:30-10:45-** Strategy to feed regional and national future policies: conclusions from day 1 and adjusted programme (*Tahani Abdel Hakim, Permanent expert, SupMed-Project, Montpellier*).

**10:45-11:30-** Registration book to assess the performance of agroecological practices on demonstration field:

- ➔ Lebanon case study (*Ahmad Fakih, SupMed engineer-Lebanon*)
- ➔ Egyptian case study (*Othman Elshaikh, SupMed focal point, Egypt*)

**11:30-12:30-** General discussion and concluding session (including a final coffee break).