

AgTalk

The Role of Arab African Cooperation in Addressing the Challenges Facing Agriculture and Food Security



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Venue: International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, Dubai, the United Arab Emirates

Agenda

09:30-10:00 Arrival of invitees

10:00-10:10 Welcome address by **Dr. Ismahane Elouafi**, Director General, ICBA

10:10-11:00 Presentation by **H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould TAH**, Director General, BADEA

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11:00-11:30 Q&A

11:30 Reception

About the AgTalk

The AgTalk will address the following issues:

1. The importance of the agriculture sector and its vital role in the economies of most of the African countries as well as the challenges and issues facing the sector including inappropriate policies, weak governance, lack of technologies, low productivity and limited access to markets in addition to climate change impact.
2. The role played by the Arab Coordination Group in supporting sustainable food production systems and implementing resilient agricultural practices aimed at increasing productivity. That also includes the efforts made by BADEA in supporting agriculture and rural development in Sub-Saharan Africa through both lending and non-lending operations.
3. The structural adjustments and drastic measures needed to put the agriculture sector on the right track. To that end the talk will highlight the road map that BADEA will follow to support Sub-Saharan African countries in their endeavors to revive this important sector.

About BADEA

The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) is a financial institution owned by eighteen Arab countries, members of the League of Arab States (LAS), which signed its establishing agreement in 1974. The bank is an independent international institution with full international legal status and complete autonomy in administrative and financial matters. It is governed by the provisions of its establishing agreement and the principles of international law. The bank's headquarters are located in Khartoum, Sudan.

The bank was created for the purpose of strengthening economic, financial and technical cooperation between the Arab and African regions and for the embodiment of Arab-African solidarity on foundations of equality and friendship.

Brief biography of H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould TAH

H.E. Dr Sidi Ould TAH is a Mauritanian national. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. During his career, he worked from 1996 to 1999 as Financial Analyst at the Khartoum-based Arab Authority for Agriculture Investment and Development (AAID). During the period of 1999-2006, he served as Investment Promotion Officer and then as Technical Assistant to the President of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). He also held the position of Advisor to both the President and the Prime Minister of Mauritania from 2006 to 2008. In 2008, he was appointed Minister of Economic Affairs and Development. In 2014, he was appointed Director General of BADEA.

In his ministerial capacity, he headed the National Statistics Council. He represented Mauritania in the IBRD Board of Governors as well as in other regional and international development finance institutions (IFC, MIGA IFAD, IsDB, DHMAN, ICIEC, ICD, ITFC, AfDB, AFESD, AAID and ACBF). He also chaired the Council of Ministers of the G5Sahel during 2014-2015.