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Silent expressions of hope - Supporting the transition to an agro-ecological present and future in Morocco

The geographies of food are shaped not only by political and economic forces, but also by individuals who challenge the dominant paradigms of subjectification. This round table, entitled 'Silent expressions of hope - Supporting the transition to an agro-ecological present and future in Morocco', will bring together Moroccan farmers, researchers and a member of the voluntary sector to explore the subtle but powerful ways in which they are contributing to an agro-ecological transition.

The round table will begin with an introduction to the participatory action research project 'Farmer agroecology - science-society dialogue and cross-perspectives between Swiss and Moroccan players'. The floor will then be given to the Moroccan participants in this project to share their experiences and practices embodying alternative agroecological approaches.

The stories of the farmers and researchers involved will provide an insight into the social, cultural, political and economic forces shaping the Moroccan agri-food system, highlighting areas where alternative farming practices could emerge. In addition, the round table will look at the discreet expressions of hope, which are not manifested in noisy opposition, but in everyday farming practices. The discussion will aim to understand the motivations that drive these farmers to engage in alternative farming, highlighting their resilience and sense of innovation, even in the face of sometimes bleak prospects. By focusing on these discrete but transformative practices, the panel aims to provide a platform for Moroccan men and women farmers to share their stories and inspire a wider audience. This discussion will highlight the importance of local and grassroots efforts to shape an agroecological present and future.

The panel will close with a question-and-answer session and interactive discussion that will engage both the audience and the panellists.