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FAO discusses sustainable approaches to land and water management in mediterranean drylands in Morocco

In February 2025, Morocco hosted the 5th General Assembly of the SALAM-MED project, bringing together partners from six Mediterranean countries — Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Italy, Greece, and Spain — with FAO participating as a dissemination partner. Against the backdrop of growing climate change impacts and water scarcity in the region, SALAM-MED is dedicated to strengthening the resilience of endangered dryland socio-ecological systems and restoring degraded ecosystems through nature-based solutions, integrated tools, and community-driven approaches. During the assembly, the project team conducted field visits in the Essaouira region to observe two experimental sites in action: a pastoralism site, where sustainable grazing and land management practices are being tested to protect the argan ecosystem, and a reforestation site, where innovative techniques such as composting, Subsurface Water Retention Technology (SWRT), and microbial consortia are being applied to enhance the survival and growth of transplanted argan seedlings. These efforts are helping to shape scalable, impactful solutions for restoring fragile Mediterranean landscapes.



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