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# Wheat Markets Security and Risks in the Mediterranean

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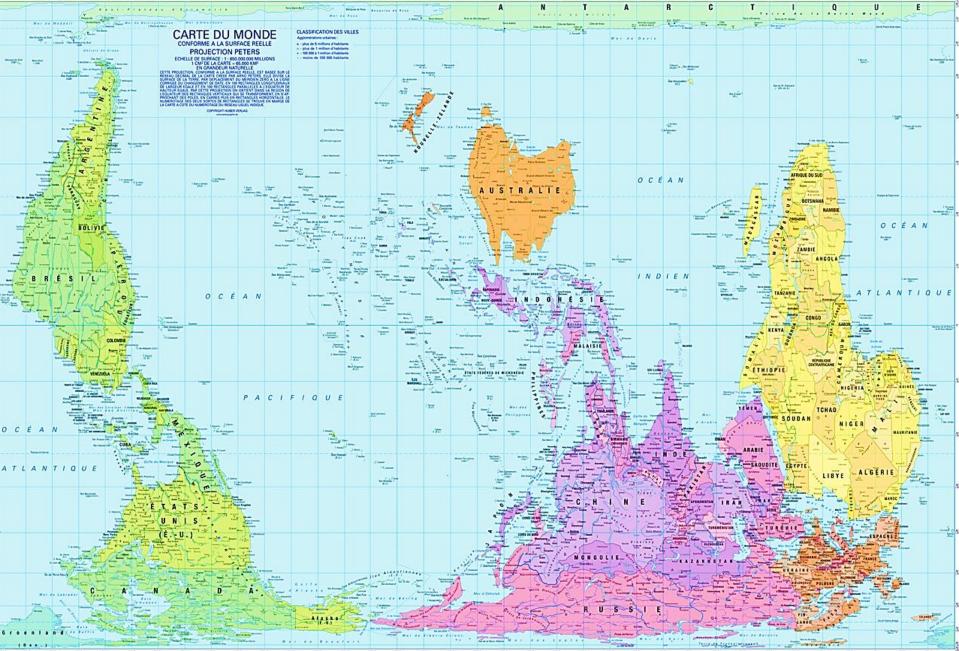
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### PART 1

# Geopolitics

# of Food and Agriculture

# Our changing world...



## ...But still some evidences

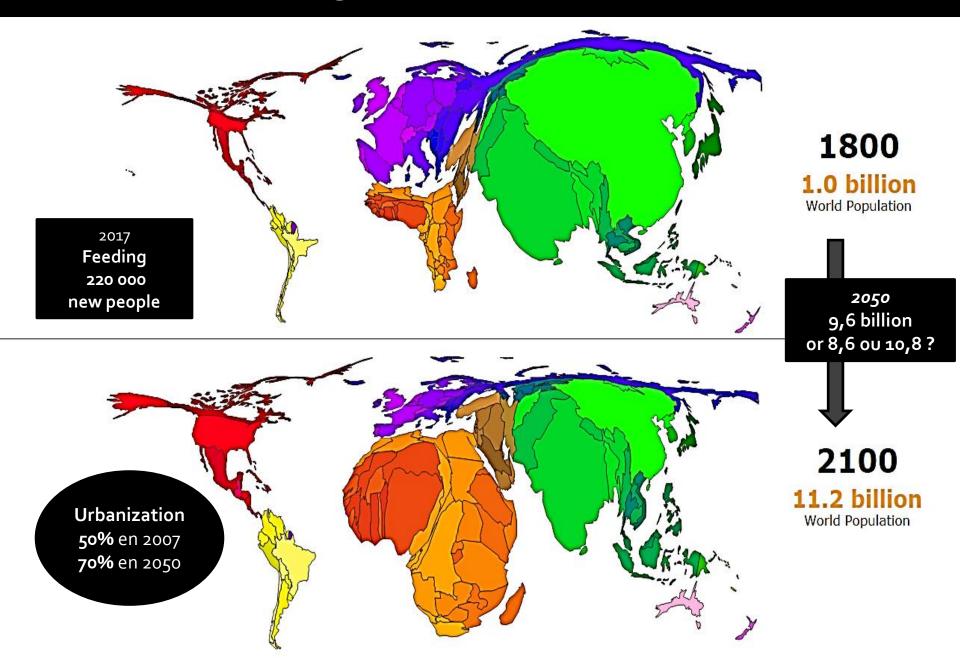
- Food is Life
- Agriculture for Food
- Ancestral need...for the future

- Food, Human Security and Peace
- Commodities and Geopolitics
- Climate & Agriculture





#### **Demography : The Global Shift**



# **Rural-Urban Disparities**





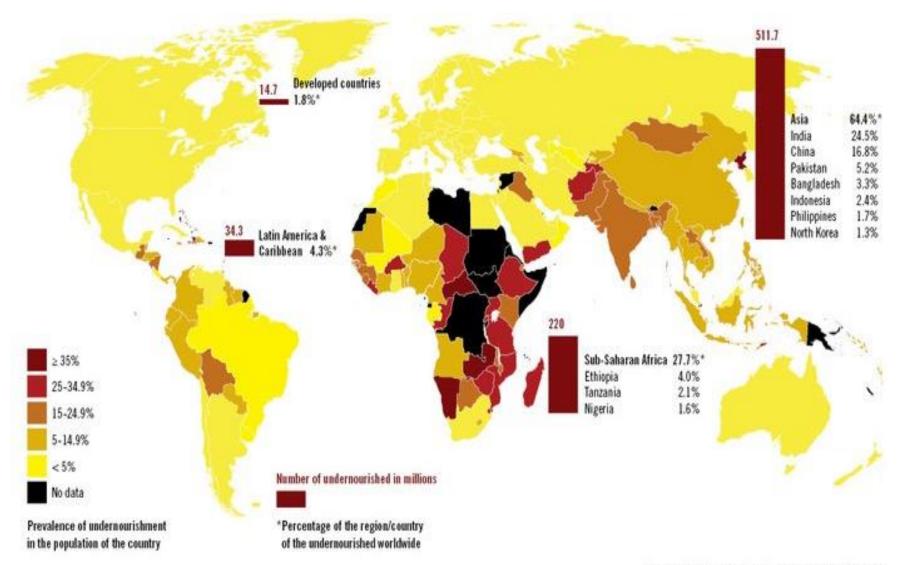
#### **Non-Inclusive Growth**

City / Countryside Urban and Coastal Dynamics Rural Instabilities

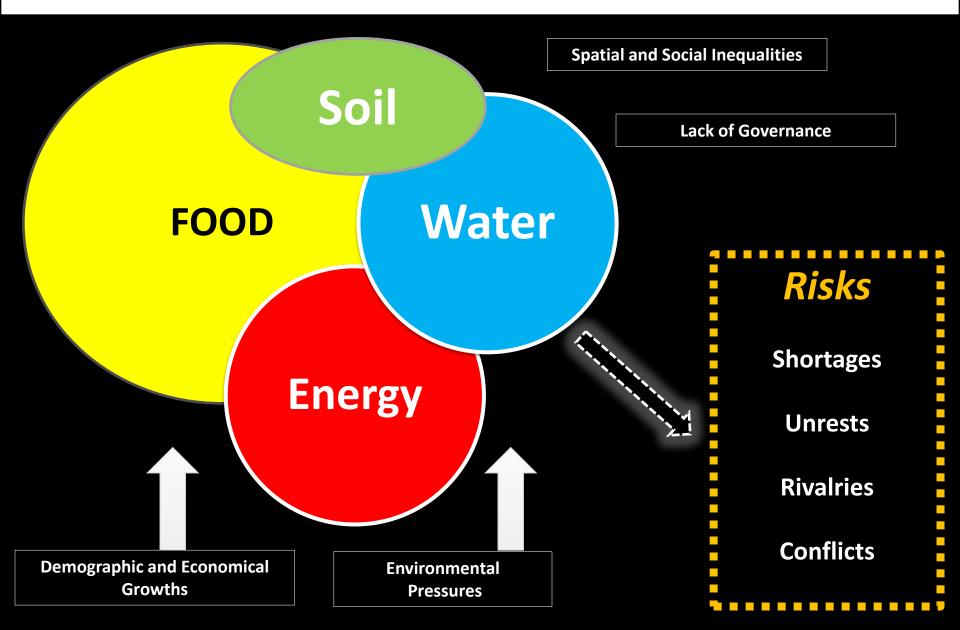




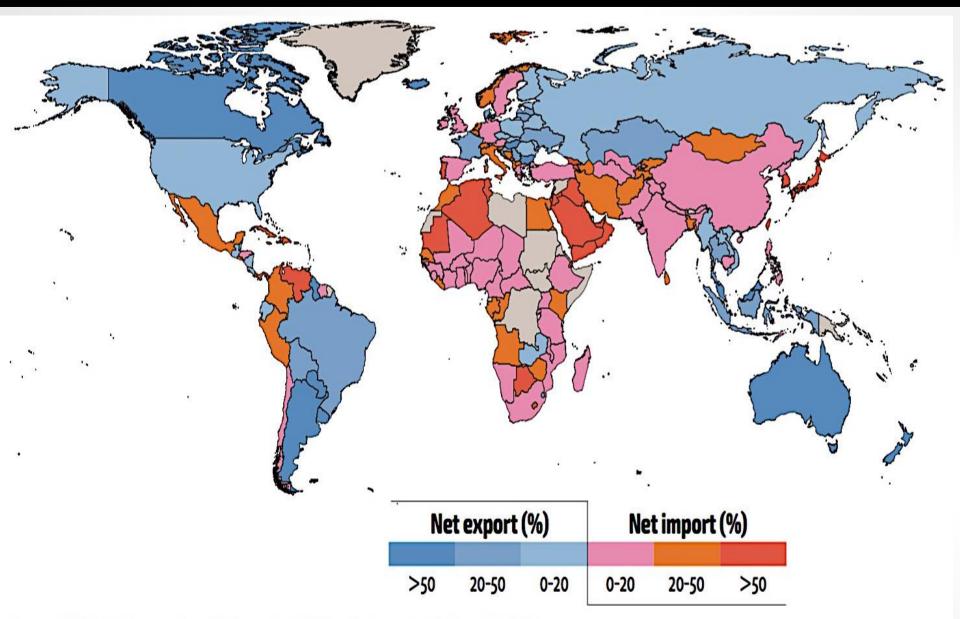
#### Hunger, Poverty and War: The Vicious Circle



# **Access to the Resources**

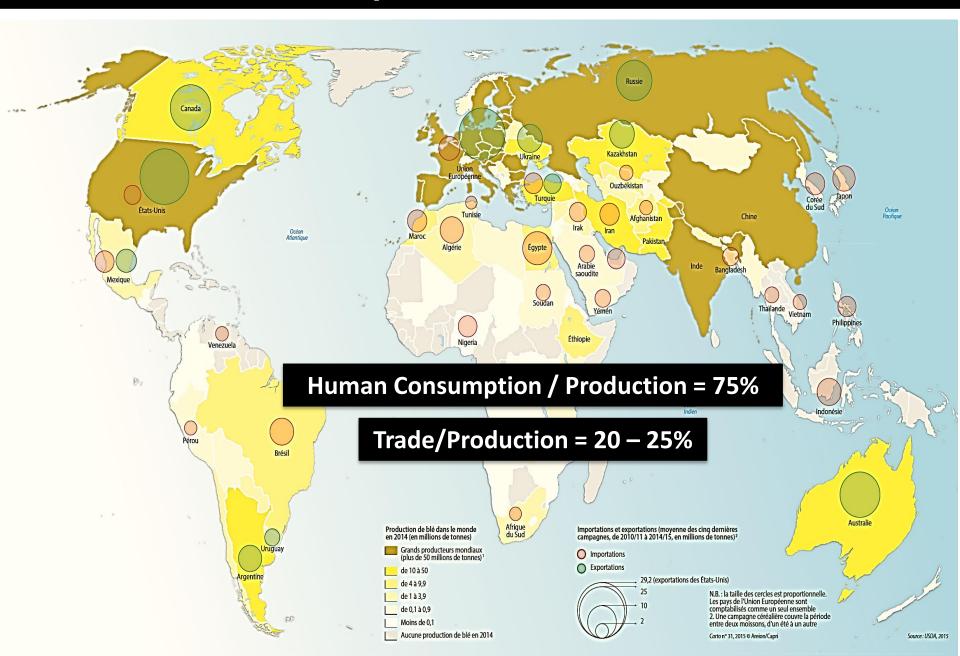


#### Food Imbalances between countries and regions

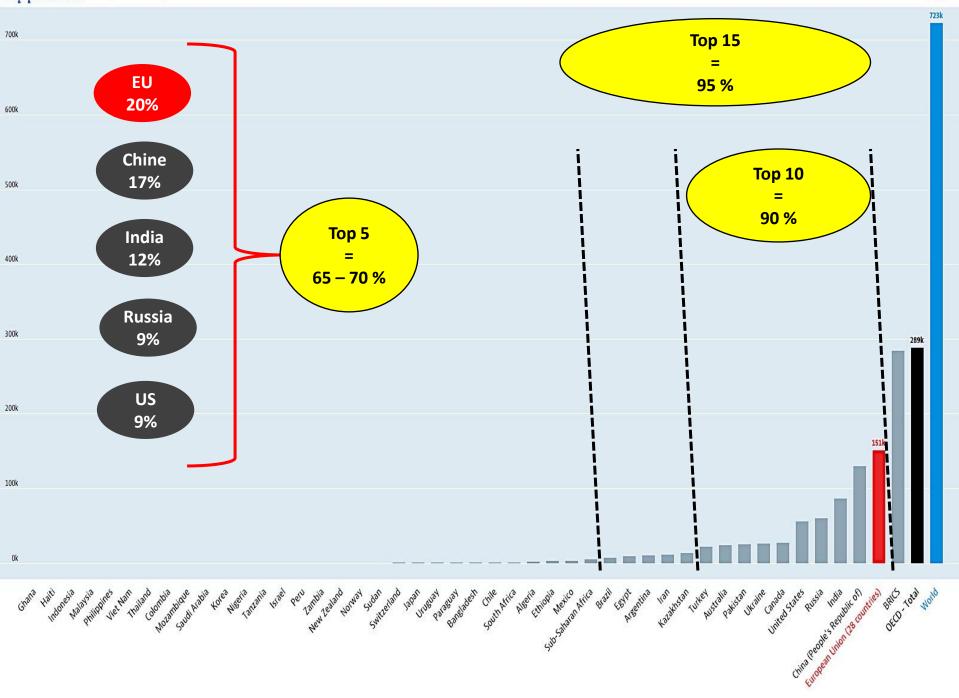


Source: FAO Global Perspectives Studies, using 2011 food balance sheets from FAO, 2016a.

### **Geopolitics of Wheat**



Crop production Wheat, Thousand tonnes, 2015



0 % <

### The World (Food) Crisis

# Was Malthus Right ? Produce more and better with less

# A new Geopolitics of Food ? Dangerous Trends and widening Imbalances

# **Food Security ?** Key driver for People and for Nations

### **Assessing Real Risks in the World**







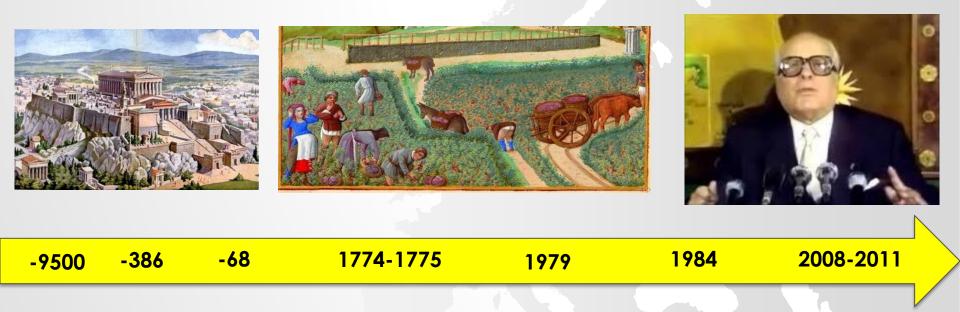
# Every 3.6 seconds a person dies of hunger of them are children

### PART 2

# **The MENA Barometer**

A Grain Hyper-Dependency

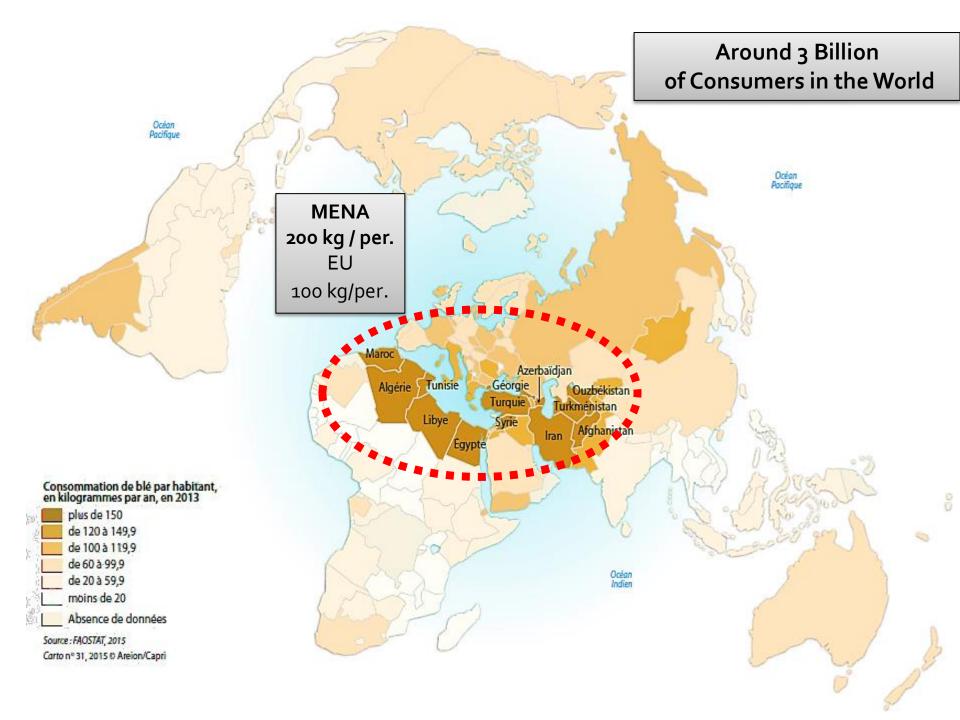
# Geohistory of a grain at the heart of power

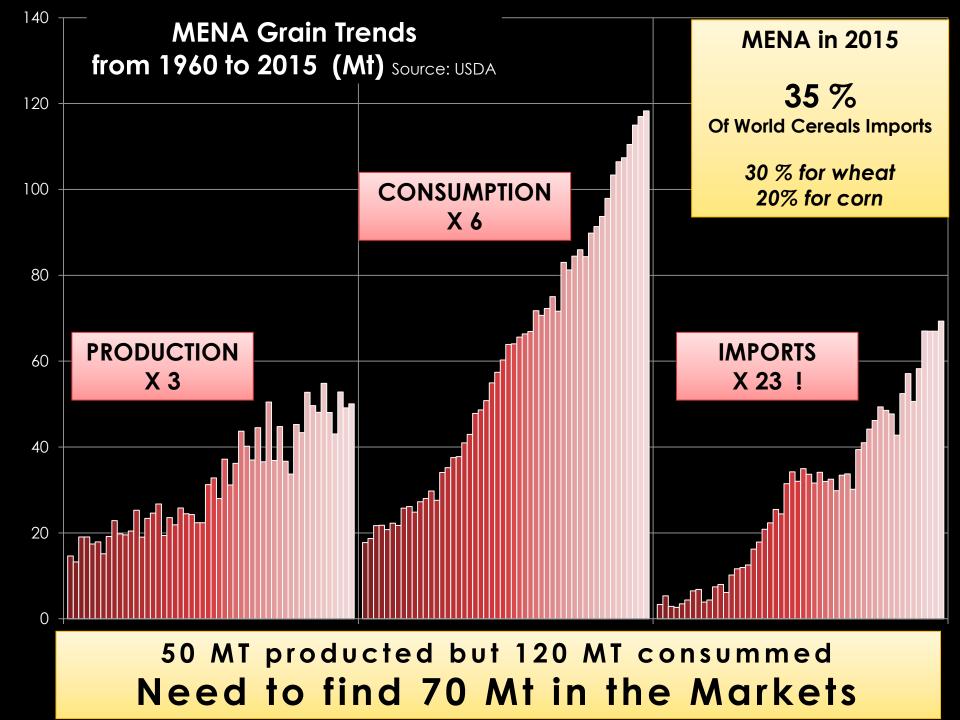






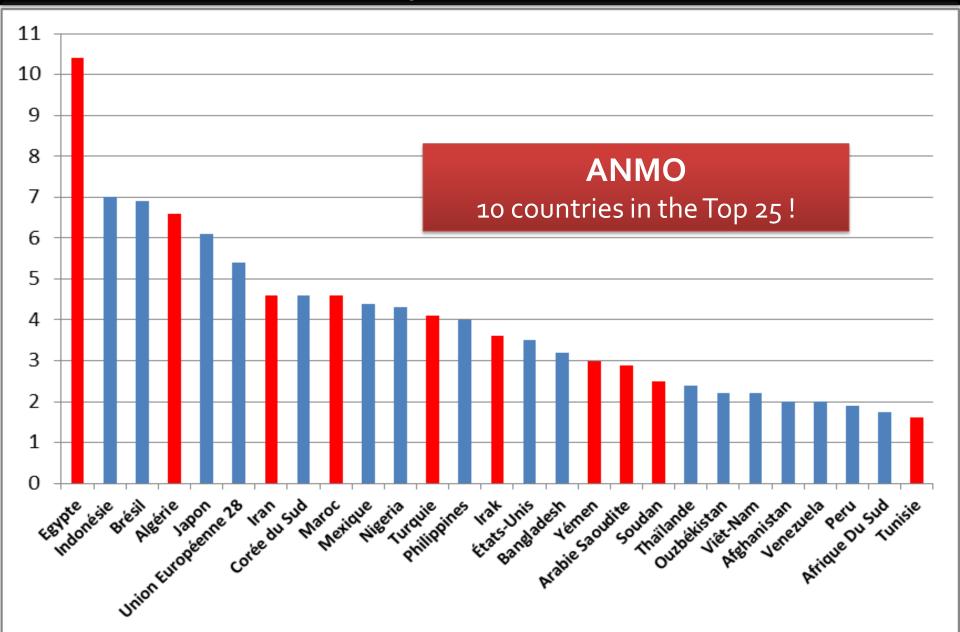






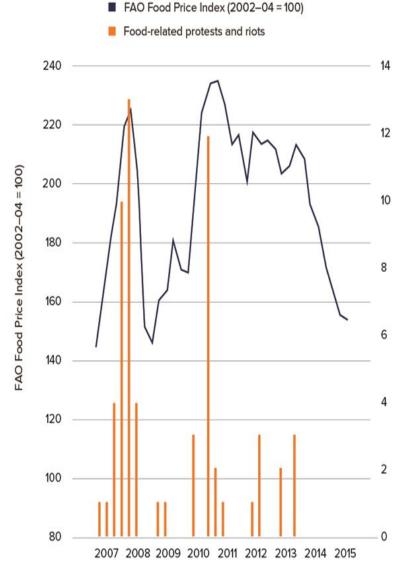
#### **Major Wheat Importers**

(In MT, annual average from 2010/11 to 2015/16, from USDA)



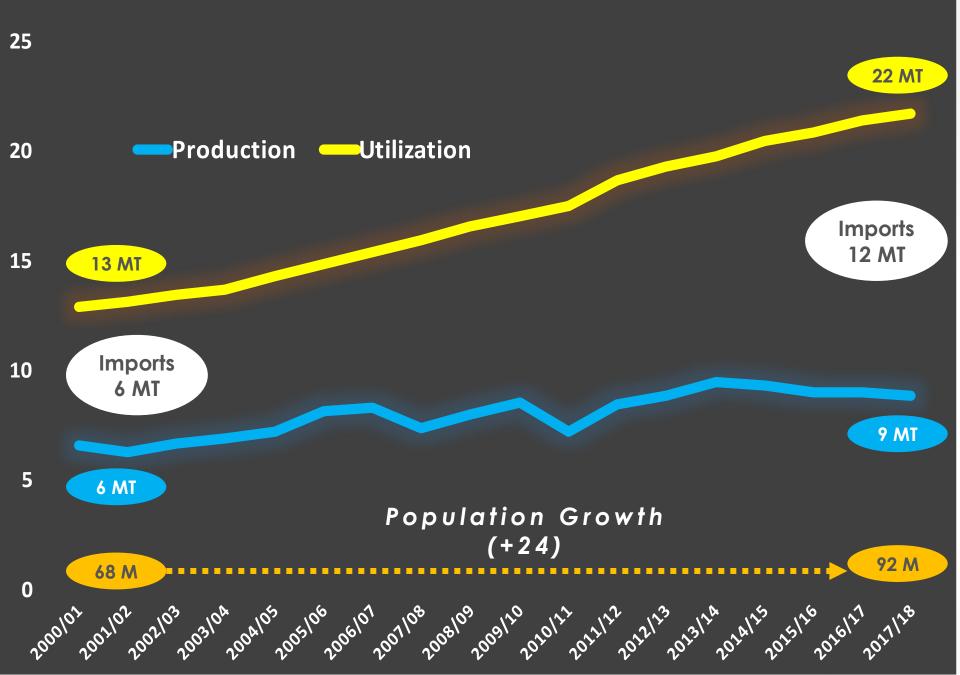
# The end of the social contract ?

- Wheat and the Mediterranean Diet
- Bread is « Life »
- 30-50% of monthly budget to food expenses
- Food Subsidies = Buying social stability
- Inflation, reforms, shortages...
- ...uprisings, revolutions
- « Bread, Freedom and Social Justice »
- MENA = 30-40 Billion in Food Subsidies
- But expensive and inefficient system
- Bread: still vital product for the security ?

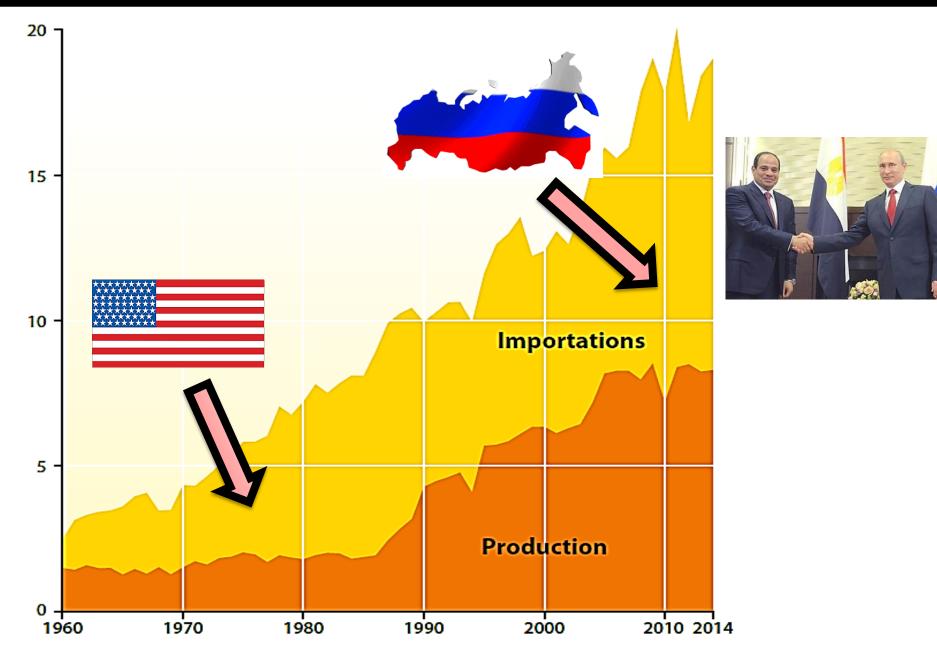


ood-related protests and riots

EGYPT : Domestic Utilization and Production in the 21st Century (Source: AMIS)



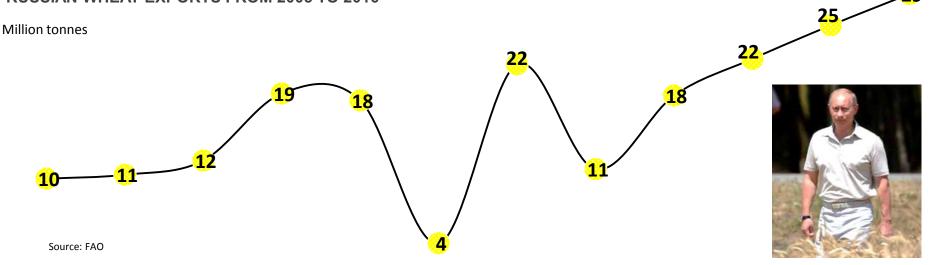
#### Wheat in Egypt: from Cold War to Grain Peace ?



### The Russian (Wheat) Power

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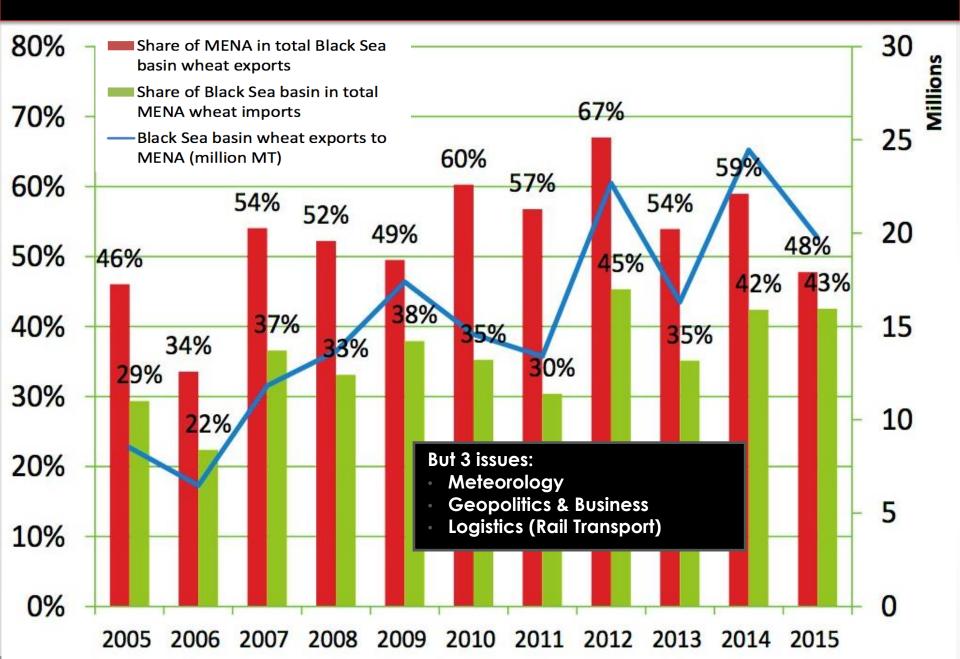
#### **RUSSIAN WHEAT EXPORTS FROM 2005 TO 2016**



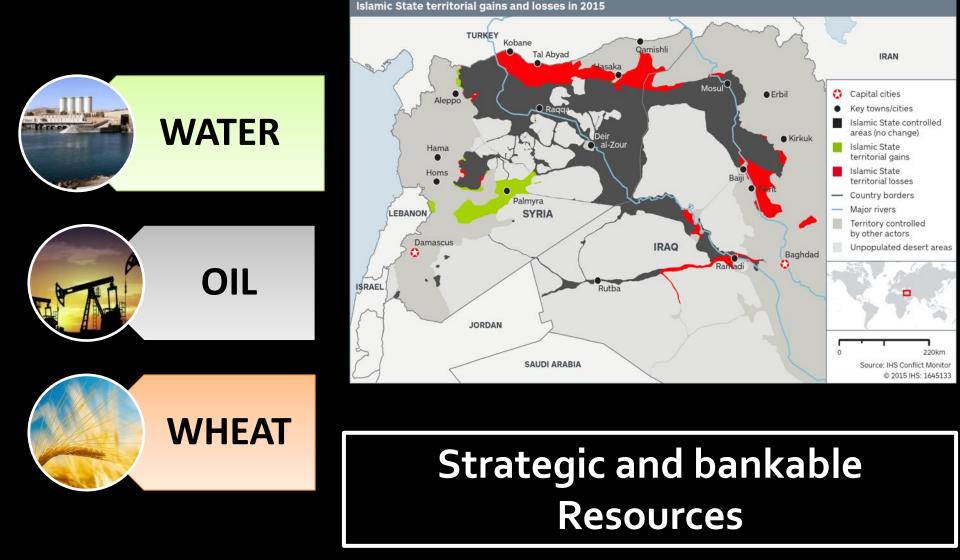
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016

1	United States	EU	EU	Russia								
2	Canada	Canada	Canada	EU	EU	EU	Australia	EU	EU	Canada	Russia	EU
3	Australia	EU	Russia	Russia	Canada	Australia	Russia	Australia	Canada	United States	Canada	United States
4	EU	Australia	EU	Canada	Russia	Canada	Canada	Canada	Russia	Russia	United States	Canada
5	Russia	Argentina	Argentina	Australia	Australia	Argentina	EU	Russia	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
6	Argentina	Russia	Kazakshtan	Argentina	Kazakshtan	Kazakshtan	Argentina	Argentina	Kazakshtan	Kazakshtan	Argentina	Argentina
7	Kazakshtan	Kazakshtan	Australia	Kazakshtan	Argentina	Russia	Kazakshtan	Kazakshtan	Argentina	Argentina	Kazakshtan	Kazakshtan

#### Black Sea and MENA Region: The « Wheat Momentum »



# « Syriaq » : Understanding ISIS Objectives



# 2016: Morocco facing drought







**Climate Change and Volatitily** 

Managing Drought and Water Scarcity

Decrease of 80% for Wheat Production

More Imports, especially from Black Sea

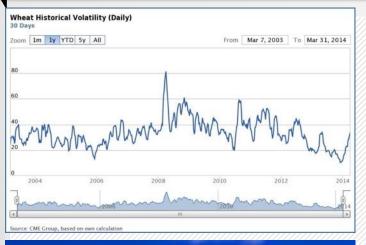
**Resilience thanks to The Moroccan Green Plan** 

**COP22 & Africa (Food and Agricultural Diplomacy)** 

## **GRAIN Markets**

#### **MED-AMIN**

#### Mediterranean Agricultural Markets Information Network





• Launched in 2014 following the request of the CIHEAM Member Countries.

M-M

- It aims at fostering cooperation and experience sharing among the national information systems on agricultural markets
- It is dedicated in a first stage to **cereal products** (wheat, corn, barley, and rice)
- This network will operate in relation with the secretariat of the multilateral initiative AMIS (Agricultural Markets Information System) based in Rome, with FAO, and with the European Commission.

### PART 3

# **Foresight considerations**

# in an uncertain future

# Avoiding Waste in the Mediterranean

- Production
- Food Chain
- Transport and Logistics
- Consumption
- Corruption !
- Knowledge
- Biodiversity

Integrated Approach



Let's not waste our bread, our effort and our future!



SAVE YOUR BREAD

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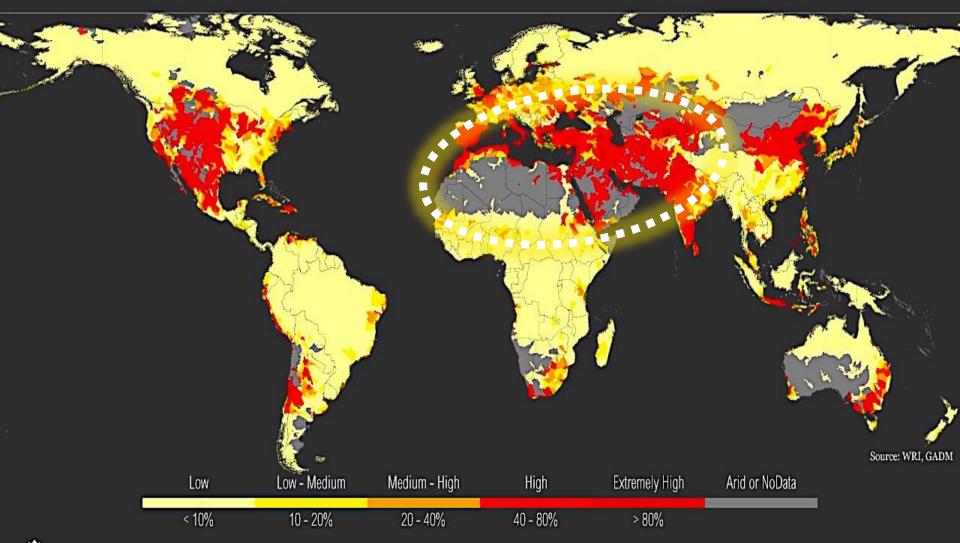
ZERO WASTE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN Natural Resources, Food and Knowledge





# Water Stress in 2050

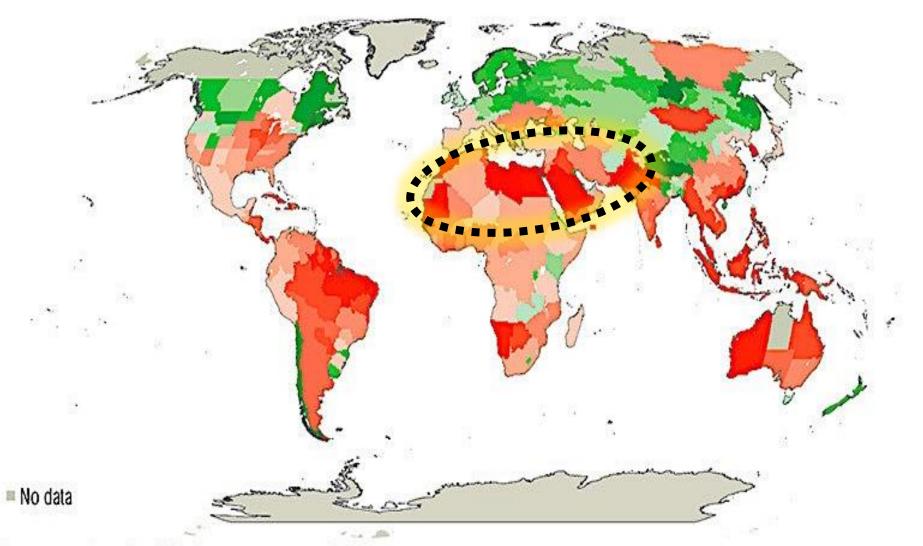
in a business as usual scenario



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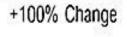


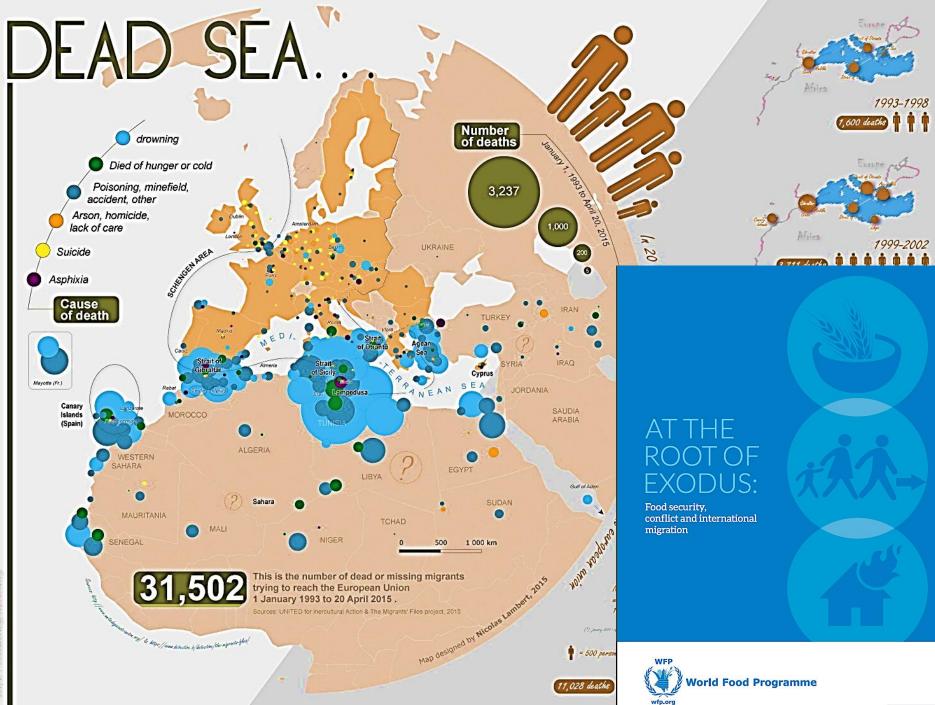
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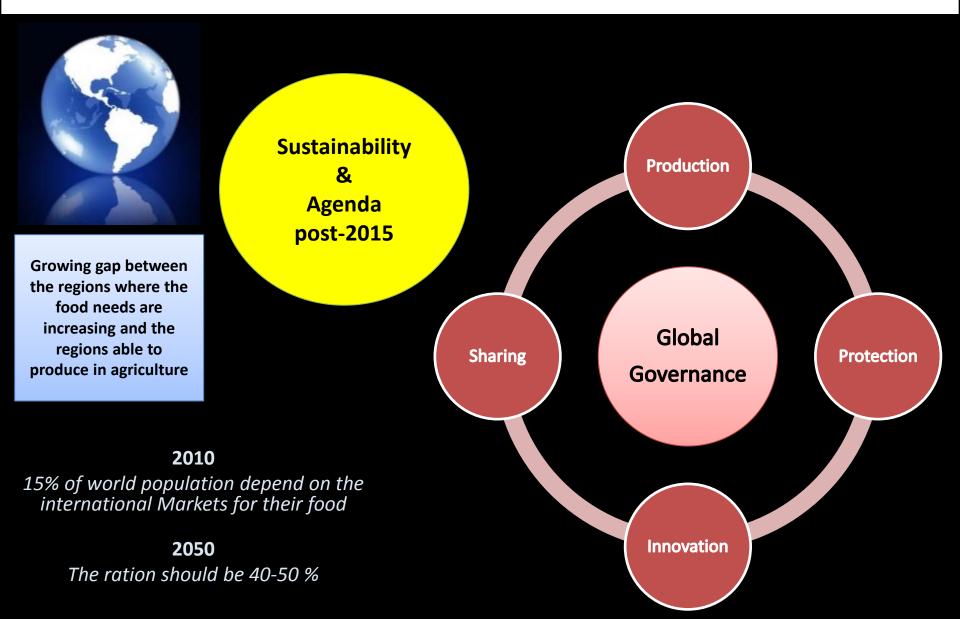
Percentage change in yields between present and 2050

-50% Change



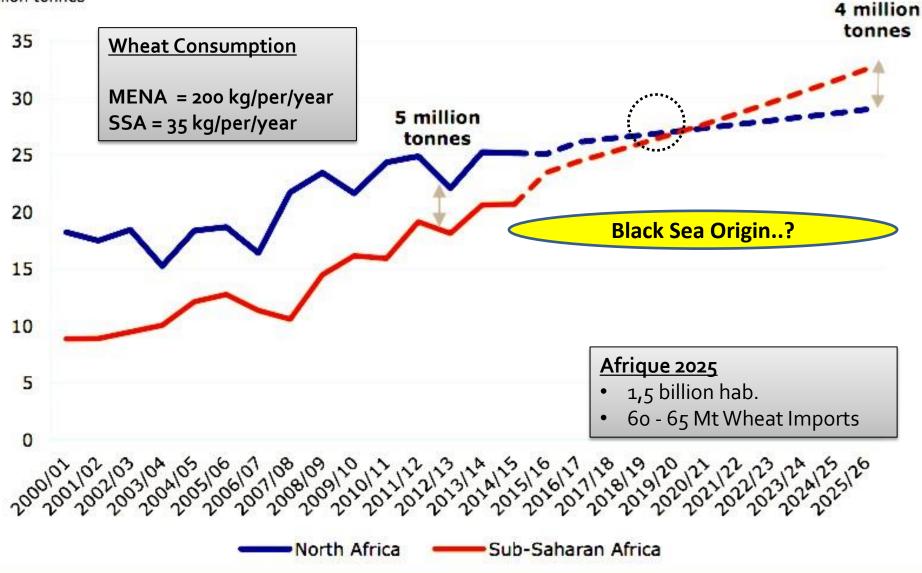


# Trading Food : more than ever strategic !



#### **Beyond MENA...The African Challenge !**

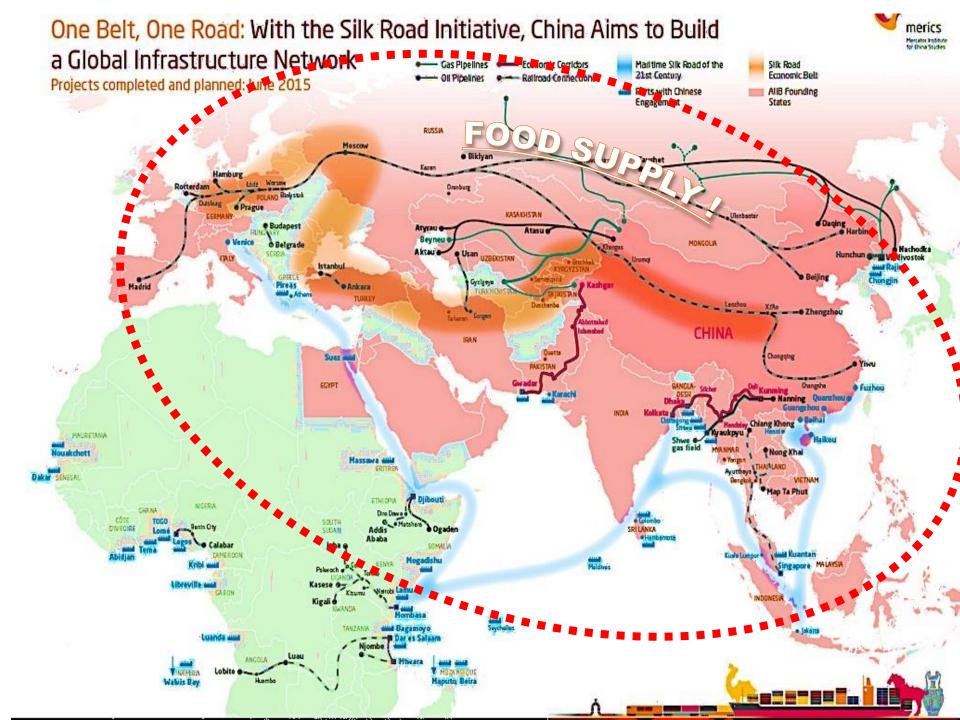
#### million tonnes



Source: OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook, IGC, World Bank, USDA, Rabobank, 2016

#### Africa : Food Monopoly & Risks associated to Scarcity





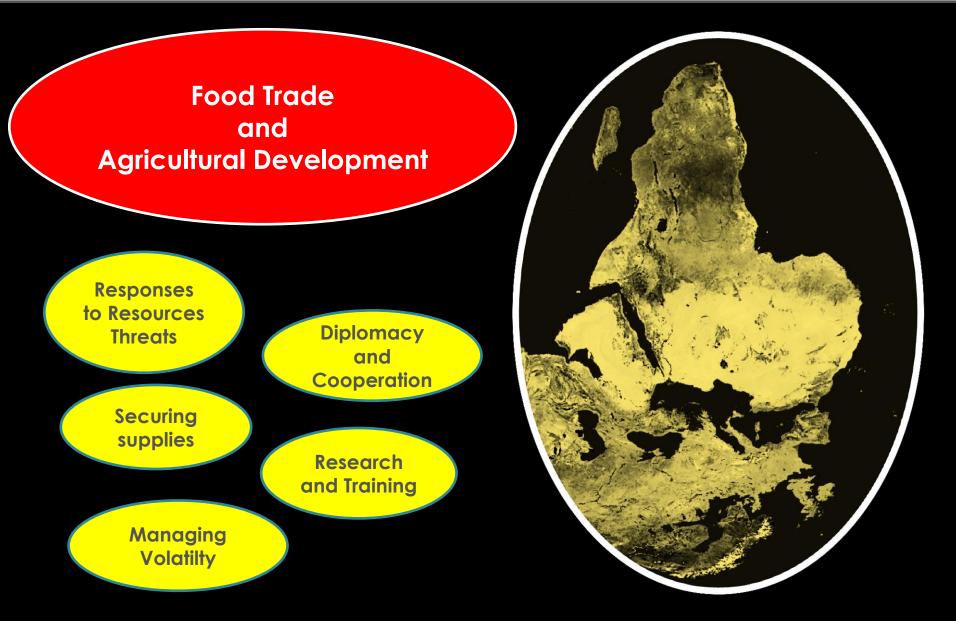
# **Towards the Future**

- Hierarchy of Grain Powers
- Trust between the stakeholders
- Quantity and Quality
- Profile of importers (public or private sector)
- Stocks location
- Transport Risks in the age of interdependance
- Climate Change pressures
- Research & Innovation
- Trade and Cooperation



**Smart Power** 

### Europe – Mediterranean – Africa



## Europe post-2020: no more CAP ?



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EGYPT

SYRIA

ALGERIA

LIBYA

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