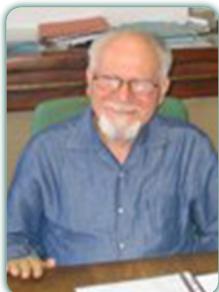


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As an incentive to reach an ecological, demographic and economic balance in the Mediterranean region

The International Institute for Humankind Studies (IIHS) has promoted a project for the reforestation of the Atlas Mountains in northwestern Africa with the collaboration of different supporting organizations. The Atlas Project is based on three fundamental assumptions:

- a. There is a need to build CO₂ sinks, which would become important sources of energy and income for the region. European Community member states are currently unable to absorb the quantity of CO₂ produced by industrial combustion, heating systems and cars
- b. A regular stream of air from Northern Europe discharges its humidity over the Atlas Mountains, before it re-ascends over Europe. This stream of air is a natural conveyer of CO₂ produced by the industrial regions of Europe, which could then be immobilized by fixing it to the additional trees planted on the Atlas Mountains, before this stream re-ascends once more over the European continent
- c. These areas, Morocco and North Africa, are the source of a large numbers of immigrants who move to Europe in search of work as a result of high population pressures and the lack of employment

Biography

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