



Dr. Abdelaziz LAQBAQBI

Dr. Abdelaziz Laqbaqbi is a Moroccan orthopedic surgeon with a remarkable career that spans both medicine and sustainable agriculture.

After practicing medicine in France for two decades, he returned to Morocco with a unique vision: to cultivate black Périgord truffles sustainably on Moroccan soil. This endeavor has made him a pioneer in the field, as he is currently the only producer of these prized truffles in the country.

Dr. Laqbaqbi's innovative work in truffle cultivation began in the early 2000s when he introduced the culture of black Périgord truffles to Morocco, especially in the Middle Atlas region. His efforts were recognized when he received the SIAM Prize for Innovation in 2006.

Through his farms, Dr. Laqbaqbi has successfully adapted truffle cultivation to Morocco's alternating rainfall and drought conditions, enabling his production to compete with truffles from France and Italy.

Beyond farming, he envisions expanding this initiative by establishing additional farms and even launching a truffle museum to promote awareness and appreciation for this delicacy.