



Union for the Mediterranean
Union pour la Méditerranée
الاتحاد من أجل المتوسط

MPA Engage capitalization event 18th of June 2021

UfM Ministerial declarations –2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy

NEWS: UfM Ministers commit to strengthen the blue economy sector and promote sustainable growth in the Mediterranean



The 42 UfM countries intensify efforts on:

- joint challenges in key blue economy sectors;
- sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis;
- environmental degradation and climate impacts;
- Seizing emerging opportunities to create sustainable jobs

UfM ministerial priorities

Governance and the future of sea basin strategies

Marine research, innovation, skills, careers and employment

Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries and aquaculture

Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports

Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy

Coastal and maritime tourism

Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management

Marine renewable energy

Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities

Sustainable investment in the blue economy

UfM Environment and Climate Action Agenda



Paving the way towards the 2nd UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Action (October 2021 tbc; Egypt)



GREENERMED AGENDA AND MAIN AXES

- The example of marine litter as transversal issue -

Thematic Area 1:

Support the transition towards a Green, Circular and Socially Inclusive Economy based on sustainable consumption and production practices and nature-based solutions

Thematic Area 2:

Prevent and reduce pollution on land, sea and air

Thematic Area 3:

Protect, preserve, manage and restore biodiversity and natural resources in the Mediterranean region within an integrated ecosystem approach, including terrestrial, marine and coastal dimension/s

Climate change as crosscutting issue



Union for the Mediterranean
Union pour la Méditerranée
الاتحاد من أجل المتوسط

- **Regional = Med as One**
- **Land – Sea**
- **Coordination at regional level**
- **Convergence around shared priorities through coordinated steps/processes**
- **Opportunities for partnership and funding**



UfM Environment Agenda

<https://ufmsecretariat.org/ufm-environment-agenda/>

Context and Objectives

Working Group and Policy Framework

2030 GreenerMed

Timeline

alessandra.sensi@ufmsecretariat.org

Head of Sector – Environment and Blue Economy
Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean



European Union

europa.eu



Union pour la Méditerranée
Union for the Mediterranean
الاتحاد من أجل المتوسط



The Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan