

Mediterranean Stakeholder Forum on Environment and Climate Action

“Making the behavioural shift happen”

NGOs/CSOs, parliamentarians, journalists, women’s and youth organisations,
and other actors meet in Cairo

21-23 October 2025

Venue: [Triumph Plaza Hotel](#), Cairo, Egypt

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(draft) **AGENDA**

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Zoom link for remote participation in the plenary sessions (RAMSES ROOM):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87245165589?pwd=H7ZtZHtg3ycA8B5wmrP0l2tUlh8pdg.1>

Plenary sessions in **RAMSES ROOM** will have simultaneous translation in EN/FR/AR

Sessions in **ANNI ROOM** will have simultaneous translation in EN/FR



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21 October

Time: Egypt local time

Timing	Sessions
9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-9:45	Welcome and Opening: Purpose and Expected Outcomes: Prof. Michael Scoullas, WES-BCA
9:45-10:30	High-Level Opening Remarks - Dr. Manal AWAD, H. E. Minister of Environment (tbc) - Dr. Ashraf SOBHAY, H. E. Minister of Youth and Sports (tbc) - Ms Angelina EICHHORST, EU Ambassador to Egypt - Ms Tatjana HEMA, UNEP/MAP Coordinator - Ambassador Nasser KAMEL, Secretary General UfM (remote or video) - Dr. Mahmoud FATHALLAH, Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers for Environment, Director of the Department of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs, LAS - Ms Dionysia-Theodora AVGERINOPOULOU, Greek Prime Minister's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Member of the Hellenic Parliament (Chair of the Environment Committee) & Ms Noha ZAKI, Senator, Egyptian Senate (Secretary of the Energy, Environment, and Manpower Committee) - COMPSUD - Ms Anissa WARDI, Co-coordinator, Med Youth Group
10:30-11:00	Session 1: Climate and Environment in the Mediterranean – Evidence and Emerging Trends
RAMSES ROOM	Dr Joël GUIOT, CNRS, CEREGE; Coordinator of MedECC (remote) Mr. Ilias MAVROEIDIS, UNEP/MAP
11:00-11:30	<i>Group photo and coffee break</i>

11:30-13:00 RAMSES ROOM	Session 2: Mediterranean Policy Frameworks - Responding to Today's Climate and Environmental Challenges Brief presentations by the panelists (1 h) Mr. Ilias MAVROEIDIS, UNEP/MAP Dr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers for Environment, Director of the Department of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs, LAS Ms Alessandra SENSI, UfM, Water Environment and Blue Economy Division (remote) EU DG MENA/ENV/CLIMA (remote) Mr. Ayman AYAD, Water & Social Infrastructure Programme Manager, EU Delegation to Egypt Mr. Toni VIDAN, President, European Environment Bureau (EEB) Dr. Emad ADLY, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED) <i>Discussion/Q&A (30 min)</i>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-15:30 RAMSES ROOM	Session 3: Optimising synergies and managing trade-offs (the WEFE nexus within the S2S continuum, integrated management approaches) Presentations (30 min) - Mr. Vangelis CONSTANTIANOS, GWP-Med (remote) - Dr. Mohamed ABDEL MONEM, MedECC - Mr. Josep CANALS MOLINA, Secretary general, MEDCITIES Panel (30 min) Mr. Mehdi AISSI, Marine Program Manager, WWF North Africa Mr. Olsi NIKA, EcoAlbania Ms Selma BICHBICH, Together for Blue & Green (YOUTH) Ms. Dina ABDELMEGID, European Investment Bank - Egypt (tbc) <i>Q&A (20 min)</i>
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-16:30	Session 4: Working better together: examples on integrated planning with civil society engagement [parallel sessions]
RAMSES ROOM	▪ Team Europe Initiatives in Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, and Lebanon <i>Moderator: Mr. Ayman AYAD, EU Delegation to Egypt</i>

ANNI ROOM	▪ MedProgramme's efforts across sectors and along the spatial continuum https://zoom.us/j/92202823974?pwd=aocz8Q28bcJZ69kMPeHjw5S3sLZWrc.1 <i>Moderator: Mr. Mohamad KAYYAL, UNEP/MAP</i> Dr. Lotfi CHRAIBI, Président, Association Marocaine pour un Environnement Durable (AMED) Ms Hanan HASSAN, Water Resource Manager, Al-Shouf Cedar Society (Lebanon) Ms Sara ALMABRUK, Executive Manager, Marine Biology Society of Libya Mr. Olsi NIKA, EcoAlbania Mr. Mahmoud RADWAN, UNESCO - Division of Water Sciences, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme <i>Q&A</i>
16:30-18:00	Session 5: Parallel Open and Closed sessions (Three Meeting Rooms) ▪ Youth Session (open) RAMSES ROOM ▪ Med ESD Committee Meeting (closed) TUT ROOM ▪ Journalists session (open) ANNI ROOM
19:15	<i>Departure from Hotel for Organized Dinner (All Participants)</i>

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8:30-9:00	Sign-in
9:00-10:30	Session 6: Advancing Education for Sustainable Development to Drive Transformative Change at the Individual, Institutional, and Collective Levels ESD is instrumental in achieving all SDGs, with key contributions from stakeholder groups such as youth, women, educators, media, policymakers and local authorities. <i>Moderator: Dr. Aravella ZACHARIOU, Chair of the Mediterranean Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (Cyprus)</i> Panel 1: Mr. Sadeq KHDOUR, Assistant Deputy for Student Affairs, Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education (Palestine) (remote - tbc) Ms Hasnaa CHEHABI, Cheffe de service des programmes de l'éducation environnementale, Ministère de la transition Énergétique et du Développement Durable (Morocco) Ms Ghada AHMADEIN, Program Director at the Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED) (Egypt) Ms Salama NAAMANI, Environment / Development Program Manager – Consultant to President, MAKHZOUMI FOUNDATION (Lebanon)



	Ms Sara ZEKAJ, Stakeholders Engagement Officer @ Young Professionals Network (Albania) Prof. Mohamed FTOUHI, Mohamed V University of Rabat & CMED President (Morocco) Panel 2: Ms Petra KEZMAN, Union for the Mediterranean, Higher Education and Research Division (remote) Prof. Adil SALHI, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University (Morocco) Mr. Krim LOUHAB, Directeur du Laboratoire de Recherche en Technologie Alimentaire, Faculté de Technologie de Boumerdès, University of Boumerdes (Algeria) Prof. Habib BEN BOUBAKER, ASMP Kelibia/University of Manouba (Tunisia) Dr. Hadjer BOULILA, Associate Professor, University of Tlemcen & Mediterranean Youth Group (Algeria) Prof Maria Fernanda ROLLO, UNESCO CHAIR in Biodiversity Safeguard for Sustainable Development (Portugal) <i>Q&A</i>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12:00	Session 7: From Headlines to Action: How Traditional and New Media Shape Climate Behaviour A panel of journalists, communicators, and NGO representatives explores how media can drive climate awareness, reach marginalized communities, and spur action. <i>Moderator: Ms Louise SARANT, WES-BCA (Egypt)</i> Mr. Vladimir KARAJ, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) – Albania (tbc) Ms Raghida HADDAD, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon Ms Rahma DIAA, Founder of Climate School Ms Waad SABER, Media Connect Mr. Shady KHALIL, Founder and CEO of Greenish (remote) <i>Q&A</i>
12:00-13:00	Session 8: Untangling the Plastics Crisis: Responsibility, Complexity, and Science-Based Solutions Presentation by Dr. Thomais VLACHOGIANNI, Marine Litter expert, followed by an interactive discussion. <i>Moderators: Dr. Emad ADLY, WES-BCA/RAED and Dr. Thomais VLACHOGIANNI</i> Ms Sylvie FONTAINE, EU Delegation to Egypt Ms Marie Therese MERHEJ SEIF, Chairman & Executive director, HEAD and LEF (Lebanon) Mr. Mohamed KAMAL, EU Jeel Connector Egypt, and Ex. Director of Greenish (Egypt) Mr. Ayoub ACHBARO, Junior Project Manager - Ocean Decade, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection (Morocco) (remote)



	Ms Narjess BOUASKER, CEO/Présidente de la Commission Tourisme Durable et Culture, La Fédération Tunisienne de l'Hôtellerie (Tunisia) Mr. Mohammed TAFRAOUTI, Editor-in-Chief, Environmental prospects (Morocco) Ms Rand ALGHZOUS, Member of Parliament, Jordan (tbc) <i>Q&A</i>
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch break - Closed meeting of COMPSUD (Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development in ANNI ROOM)</i>
14:30-15:30 RAMSES ROOM	Session 9: The Multifaceted Role of Parliamentarians and Local Authorities Facilitated panel discussion <i>Moderators: Ms Noha ZAKI, COMPSUD & Prof. Michael Scoullas, Team Leader of WES-BCA</i> Panel 1 (25 min) Ms Nada THABET, Member of the House of Representatives of Egypt/COMPSUD Dr. Bayan FAKHRY, Academic and Member of the Jordanian Parliament/COMPSUD Mr. Mostafa BRAHIMI, Member of the Moroccan Parliament/COMPSUD Dr. Fadhel BEN TOURKIA, Administrative Deputy Member and College Dean, Member of the Tunisian Parliament/COMPSUD Mr. Jamal ABU OBEID, Chairman of the Al Ramtha Municipality, Ministry of Local Administration (Jordan) Mr. Josep CANALS MOLINA, Secretary general, MEDCITIES Mr. Ghazi SHARQAWI, Seeq MENA and UfM Youth Delegate (Jordan) Panel 2 (25 min) Mr. Ali ALGHZAWI, Member of the Jordanian Parliament/COMPSUD Ms Rand AL-KHZOUZ, Member of the Jordanian Parliament/COMPSUD Dr. Najat AOUN SALIBA, Member of the Lebanese Parliament/COMPSUD Ms Touria AZZAoui, Member of the Moroccan Parliament/COMPSUD Mr. Anouar MARZOUKI, Member of the Tunisian Parliament/COMPSUD Mr. Ernest KOVACS, WES-BCA/ACR+ Ms Houyame HAKMI, Climate Activist (Morocco)
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-16:30 RAMSES ROOM	Session 10: Nature Under Threat: How Civil Society and Local Communities Can Drive Biodiversity Solutions Panel discussion <i>facilitated by Mr. Haris PALIOGIANNIS, MIO-ECSDE</i> Ms Carole MARTINEZ, Senior Policy Manager, MedPAN (remote) Prof. Maria Fernanda ROLLO, UNESCO Chair in Biodiversity Safeguard for Sustainable Development (Portugal)



	Mr. Adel AZOUNI, Environment and Climate Change Consultant (Tunisia) Mr. Mehdi AISSI, Marine Program Manager, WWF North Africa (Tunisia) Ms. Sara ALMABRUK, Executive Manager, Marine Biology Society of Libya Mr. Imad ALATRASH, CEO, Palestinian Wildlife Society (Palestine) <i>Q&A</i>
16:30-18:00	Session 11: Parallel Open and Closed sessions (Three Meeting Rooms) - NGOs session (open) ANNI ROOM - Drafting group for recommendations TUT ROOM - Other (tbd) RAMSES ROOM
	<i>No Official Programme -Evening Free</i>

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8:30-9:00	Sign-in
9:00-10:30	Session 12: Applying Gender-Transformative Approaches in Mediterranean Civil Society Environmental and Climate Action RAMSES ROOM Panelists and participants share experiences, insights and lessons learned, and co-create recommendations for the way forward. <i>Moderator: Ms Anna DORANGRICCHIA, Project Manager, Gender Equality, Social and Civil Affairs Division, UfM</i> <i>Presentation: Senem Elçin BERBER, Gender Specialist, UNEP/MAP</i> Panel 1 (25 min) Ms Najoua BOURAOUI, Association for the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Bizerte (APEDDUB)/Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) (Tunisia) Mr. Raúl COMPÉS, Director of CIHEAM Zaragoza (Spain) Ms Noura ABDELWAHAB, Lead Gender and Social Inclusion Expert, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), MENA Office (Egypt) Mr. Saed HANANI, EU Jeel Connect and Founder of Foras Khadra (Palestine) Ms Rahaf ABU MAYYALAH, EU Jeel Connect (Jordan) Panel 2 (20 min) Ms Fella BOUTI, CEO & Founder, Ecotashira (Algeria) Mr. Ernest KOVÁCS, WES-BCA and ACR+ (Belgium) Ms Reham SEES, Climate Activist (Lebanon) Ms Sara RABIE, Climate, Peace & Security Specialist, CGIAR Research Center (Alliance Biodiversity-CIAT) <i>Q&A</i>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

11:00-11:45	Session 13: Impact Amid Uncertainty - Civic Space, Finance and Digital Transformation Panelists exchange about sustaining impact despite growing challenges. Mr. Toni VIDAN, European Environment Bureau (EEB) Dr. Emad ADLY, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED) Prof. Michael SCULLOS, Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) Ms Noha ZAKI, COMPSUD Mr. Ahmed YASSIN, EU Jeel Connect Egypt <i>Q&A/Discussion</i>
11:45-13:00	Forum Outcomes: Key Recommendations and Target Audiences Closing
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Optional cultural experience for participants departing the next day (tbd)</i>