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MedECC
Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change

Event on the occasion of the

IV UfM Regional Forum

"Climate and Environment in the Mediterranean region, our common challenge"

Presentation of the Draft Mediterranean Assessment Report and Key-Messages

Thursday 10 October 09:00 – 13:00
Hotel Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I (Av. Diagonal 661-671, 08028 Barcelona, Spain)

The Mediterranean Basin is undergoing strong environmental and socioeconomic changes. Having experienced a rise in temperature levels above the global average, the region is at eminent risk of experiencing significant water shortages, productivity decline, losing significant marine and land ecosystems, ocean acidification, and compromised coastal infrastructure among others.

While the impacts of climate change will be strongly felt on both shores of the Mediterranean in economic and social terms, not to mention geopolitical repercussions, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries will be more vulnerable to such impacts.

During this event, the current state of play and risks associated with climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean will be discussed by scientists and policy makers, aiming to establish an effective science policy interface with regards to climate change in the region.

Towards this end, an open and independent international network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC) had been launched in July 2015 to gather, update and consolidate the best scientific knowledge on these issues, and render it accessible to policy-makers and key stakeholders.

The dialogue between scientists and decision-makers is facilitated by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme, through its Plan Bleu Regional Activity Center, which support the MedECC network in the framework of their agreement.

This event will provide an opportunity for scientists and stakeholders to discuss the main vulnerabilities in the Mediterranean region, as well as its resilience to climate change.

A booklet will be distributed on climate and environmental change issues in the Mediterranean region, including science-backed recommendations for decision-makers on how to address them.

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AGENDA

09.00 – 09.15 | Introductory Notes

- Introductory video on Mediterranean Climate Assessment – Key messages
- **Nasser Kamel,** Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

09.15 – 09.30 | Keynote Speeches

- **Abdalah Mokssit,** Secretary, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change *(TBC)*
- **Ion Cimpeanu, Secretary of State for Environment,** Romania

09.30 – 11.00 | Presentation of the Draft Mediterranean Assessment Report

- **Plan Bleu** representative - Brief presentation MedECC Network
- **Prof. Dr Wolfgang Cramer,** MedECC Coordinator, Germany
- **Prof. Dr Semia Cherif,** Coordinating Lead Author for the MedECC, Tunisia
- **Q&A**

Coffee-Break: 11h00 -11h30

11.30 – 12.15 | Development of some related programs and projects

- **Enhancement of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans**
- **EIB: Financing sustainable development and climate action**
- **OSCE and UfMS: Climate and environment security project**
- **Q&A**

12.15 – 12.45 | Key-Messages by MedECC and Closing Remarks

- **Prof. Dr Wolfgang Cramer**, MedECC Coordinator, Germany
- **Prof. Dr Semia Cherif,** Coordinating Lead Author for the MedECC, Tunisia
- **UfM Co-Presidency**

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