



UfM Regional Dialogue

SHARED VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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A contribution to the 

Agenda

Palau de Pedralbes – 22-23 May 2019

Wednesday 22 May 2019

14:00 – 14:30 Registration

14:30 – 15:00 Welcoming address, Gala Room

- Pierre DUQUESNE, Ambassador, Interministerial Delegate to the Mediterranean (DIMED)
- Laurence PAÏS, DSG for Social and Civil Affairs (UfM)

15:00-18:00 Parallel Workshops

WORKSHOP 1: Roundtable on Environment, Water, Energy and Sustainable development

The Mediterranean region has unique geographical, ecological, geopolitical and cultural features. It is a region particularly sensitive and vulnerable to the deterioration of the environment, due to natural as well as to man-made conditions ranging from water scarcity, demographic growth, rapid coastal urbanization, rising water and food demand, growing energy needs and demand, environmental degradation, increasing climate change impacts. There is growing awareness that meeting these challenges presents opportunities as well to influence future models of development and steer the region towards healthier and more sustainable forms of development.

During this workshop, insights of youth representatives, civil society and non-state actors on ways to address these challenges will be gathered during 3 consecutive Rounds.



Contributions:

- Presentation from S2R Palermo Forum on Environment and Sustainable Development
- Presentation from S2R Algiers Forum on Energy

Round 1. Possibilities for the development of a circular economy applied to the green and blue dimensions

- Francisco PEDRERO SALCEDO, Dr. Agricultural Engineer, MedYWat Coordinator - Water reuse as a green growth job opportunity in the MED Region
- Ghada AHMADEIN, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
- Michel FREM, Arab Youth Sustainable Development network

Round 2. Sustainable management of water and sanitation

- Fatine EZBAKHE, Civil Engineer specialized in Water, MedYWat Member - New processes and tools to inform investment decisions in the WASH sector
- Maha AL-SALEHI, Project & Communication Manager, SEMIDE/EMWIS (Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System) - Communication on the water sector from a youth perspective
- Kelly FOUCHY, Water Youth Network
- Noama SHAREEF, Albalqa applied university of Jordan

Round 3. Renewable energy and climate action in the frame of the energy transition.

- Nouhad AWWAD, Mediterranean Youth Climate Network
- Joana MUNDO, Ecoserveis
- Adel KHALIL, Renewable Energy Cluster, University of Cairo
- Yaara PERETZ, Green Course

Facilitator:

- Miguel GARCÍA-HERRAIZ, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

WORKSHOP 2: Roundtable on Regional Economic and Social Challenges for Women and Youth

The Euro-Mediterranean region retains one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world. This is an issue common to both the Southern and the Northern shores. The failure to properly integrate women into the job market is a loss to the whole economy, as more and more women end up in the informal sector, mostly in emerging and developing countries. In parallel, the Fourth Industrial Revolution, whose currency is coessentially digital, has been transforming



the labour market into a rapidly-shifting, technology-infused economic landscape where 40% of the conventional jobs might be wiped out or completely automate in the future. While these challenges pose serious threats to economies and communities that fail to adapt, they also present an un-tapped potential that could translate into considerable opportunities if harnessed properly.

This workshop aims at gathering the insights of youth representatives, civil society and non-state actors in two rounds.

Contributions:

- Presentation from S2R Morocco Forum on Economy and Competitiveness

Round 1. Partnering with Youth for Job Creation

- Gillian BARRY, Member of the Executive Committee, European Confederation for Young Entrepreneurs (Yes for Europe)
- Madiha NASR, Executive Director, Egyptian Junior Business Association (EJB),
- A'laa CHBARO, MENA Director, ImpACT
- Intissar RAJABANY, Country Project Manager, Mennonite Economic Development Associates (Meda)

Facilitator:

- Pilar SANCHEZ-BELLA, Policy Analyst, Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD

Round 2. Social Economy and inclusion of youth and women

The Roundtable is expected to include as well presentations from the following institutions in order to foster discussion and debate:

- Carlos LOZANO, Spanish Confederation of Social Economy Enterprises (CEPES)
- Anna KOUKKIDES-PROCOPIOU, AIPFE Cyprus-Women of Europe
- Arlinda DEMETI, Businesswomen and Crafts' Association (SHGPAZ)
- Nagham ISMAIL, Madarat (Center for Community Development)

Facilitator:

- Mohammed ELRAZZAZ, Project Analyst, Business Development and Employment, Union for the Mediterranean



WORKSHOP 3: Rethinking education: An opportunity for strengthening youth and women's empowerment

Quality education is and will remain an indispensable means of both guaranteeing the inclusive sustainable development of nations and addressing societal challenges. As the world is experiencing increasing globalisation and substantial technological advances, it has never been so important to invest in people, and in particular in youth and women. How can we reinvent teaching and learning systems to meet evolving skills demand and rightly prepare Mediterranean youth and women to the regions' needs of today and tomorrow, empowering them to be fully integrated in society?

Contribution:

- Manal Benani, Young Mediterranean Voices Ambassador, rapporteur from the Youth, Education and Mobility Forum "The Mediterranean Generation" organized by Malta for the Summit of the Two Shores

Round 1. New learning paradigms in a comprehensive approach to education

- Kamel BRAHAM, Programme Leader, Human Development, Middle East Department, World Bank
- Gili ROMAN, School Principal, Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS)
- Françeska MUCO, National Youth Congress, Albania
- José CAROÇO, Ambassador, Executive Director, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Round 2. The specific challenges faced by vocational training

- Borhene CHAKROUN, Chief of Section, Section Youth, Literacy and Skills Development, UNESCO – TBC
- Astrid DESJOBERT, Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement (IECD)
- Francesca ROSSO, Labour Market Specialist, European Training Foundation
- Samir ANOUTI, Regional Advisor, Arab States Regional Office, Youth & HIV/AIDS, United Nations Fund for the Population (UNFPA)

Round 3. Women and Youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education

- Marwa AZELMAT, Youth Gender Innovation Agora, UN Women
- Yasmine OUIRHANE, AU-EU Youth Hub
- Lina ABOJARADEH, Founder, Archismile



Facilitators:

- Giulia MARCHESINI, Senior Partnership Officer, Center for Mediterranean Integration
- Emmanuelle GARDAN, Head of Sector, Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean
- Octavio MARTINEZ, Deputy Head of External and Internal Cooperation, Spanish Youth Institute (Injuve)

21:15-22:30 Iftar dinner

Thursday 23 May 2019

10:00 – 11:30 Plenary Session, Gala Room

- Presentation of Recommendations from **Roundtable on Environment, Water, Energy and Sustainable development**, Workshop 1
- Presentation of Recommendations from **Roundtable on Regional Economic and Social Challenges for Women and Youth**, Workshop 2
- Presentation of Recommendations on **Rethinking education: An opportunity for strengthening youth and women's empowerment**, Workshop 3
- Comments and observations by the **representatives of the "Cent" qualified personalities**

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break in the room

12:00-12:30 Closing Ceremony, Gala Room

- Nasser KAMEL, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- Blanca MORENO-DODSON, Manager, Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)
- Carlos CONDE, Head of Middle East and Africa Division, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Paul WALTON, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF)
- Luay SHABANEH, Regional Director for Arab States, United Nations Fund for the population (UNFPA)
- Ruth CARRASCO, General Director, Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE)

12:30-13:30 Lunch



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