Every year, World Water Day draws the world’s attention to key water challenges. World Water Day 2018 focuses on “Nature for Water” to raise awareness on Nature-based Solutions for Water (NbS) in the Mediterranean. Mediterranean youth has a key role in working towards regional water security and better water awareness. Indeed, young people are innovating with water in the entire region, and their actions and ideas should be recognized, shared and replicated to create a more secure regional water future and further mobilize other youth, especially in the Maghreb and the Mashreq. Water innovation also constitutes a valuable economic opportunity for youth, with the potential to create numerous green jobs that can further contribute to regional resilience. Building on the success of the World Water Day 2017 “Youth Innovating with Wastewater for a Sustainable Mediterranean” youth workshop (Marseille, March 21-22) and the resulting launch of the MedYWat network, this youth workshop will further connect and inspire young Mediterranean water experts to make a difference in the region’s water reality.

**Workshop Objectives**

- To build capacity among young Mediterranean water experts
- To connect young water practitioners and amplify the voice of youth in the Mediterranean water agenda

**Target Audience**

The workshop targets young Mediterranean water practitioners and activists selected through the second CMI Mediterranean Water Heroes contest.

**Workshop Design**

The workshop is designed to encourage active engagement, peer learning, collaborative thinking and co-creation on the part of all participants.
Location: Anafora is located adjacent to the desert road of Alexandria. It was established in 1999 by Bishop Thomas (Bishop of Qussa, Assiut Governorate in Egypt). The community center is located 50 Km north of Cairo at the Cairo-Alexandria desert road junction, with a total of 504,000 square meters for its activities. In 2000, Anafora started to receive small groups of people who came to take advantage of the center’s unique space and engage in periods of meditation, reflection, and re-balancing. Over the past 15 years, the center has burgeoned to become a makeable unique resource for who visit, and has hosted approximately 70,000 people for conferences, seminars, and spiritual retreats.

Address: Cairo-Alex road (1,654.36 mi) - Cairo, Egypt P O BOX 443 EL Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt

All transfers to and from Anafora will be organized and covered by the organizers.

Workshop Framing Questions

- What NbS are most adapted to increasing Mediterranean water security in the context of climate change?
- How can NbS help to manage, consume, dispose of and reuse water more sustainably?
- How do we implement NbS for water in practice and in policy?
- How can NbS strengthen the regional water-food-energy nexus?
- How can youth network and advocate for NbS for water in the Mediterranean?
**Agenda**

(Catering provided for all present before the event launch)

(NB: Ongoing refreshments will be provided in the mid-morning and afternoon sessions)

**Event moderator:** Nicolas Meyer, Knowledge and Learning Officer, CMI / **Event Reporters:** MedYWat Core Group

11th March (half day), Anafora Conference Center

**14h00, Plenary**

**Welcome Address**
- Janette Uhlmann, Senior Program Officer, Center for Mediterranean Integration
- Swedish Institute Alexandria representative

**14h30, Plenary**

**Opening Remarks: Water Security and Youth in the Mediterranean**
- Hammou Laamrani, Senior Expert, League of Arab States
- John D. Liu, Ambassador, Commonland Foundation - “The global need for nature-based solutions for water through ecosystem restoration” (video)
- Face-to-face Q & A with the speakers (30 minutes)

**16h00, Group Activity**

**Connecting Mediterranean Water Youth**
- Chloe Meyer, UNESCO International Hydrological Program -WINS - “Connecting Young Water Professionals” (40 minutes)
- Ice Breaker Activity (30 minutes)
- **MedYWat Part 1: Presentation of the Mediterranean Youth for Water Network** Janette Uhlmann (CMI); Asma Bachikh (President, World Youth Parliament for Water); MedYWat Core Group Members (50 minutes)

**18h00-18h30** Break

**18h30-19h00** Mediterranean Water Heroes Prize Ceremony

**19h00-20h30** Reception Dinner

**21h00** Evening Activity: John D. Liu Film Projection
12th March (full day), Anafora Conference Center

**9h00, Plenary**

**Session 1: Nature-Based Solutions for Regional Water Security and Resilience**

- Mediterranean Water Hero 1
- Vangelis Constantianos – Executive Director, Global Water Partnership-Med - “Water, Employment and Migration in the Mediterranean, including through NbS”
- Roula Khadra, International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) - "Building a Resilient Community - Women Empowerment for Emergency Response in Syria" (video)
- Q & A (15 minutes)

**10h00, Workshop**

**Workshop 1: GWP-Med Workshop on NbS for Water, Employment and Migration in the Mediterranean**
Facilitator: Mariela Antonakopoulou, Program Officer, Global Water Partnership-Med

**12h30**

**Lunch**

**13h30, Plenary**

**Session 2: Nature-based Solutions for Water and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation**

- Mediterranean Water Hero 2
- Karim Ergaieg, National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia - “NbS for Water and Climate Change Adaptation at GDA Sidi Amor, Tunisia”
- Q & A (15 minutes)

**14h30, Workshop**

**Workshop 2: Designing a Water Retention Landscape: Concepts and Approaches**
Facilitators: Elham Abbadi, Permaculture Designer at Albalqa Center for Creativity (Alardah Municipality, Jordan) and Michael Karner, Center for Mediterranean Integration

**17h30-18h30 Plenary**

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**18h30-19h00 Break**

**19h30 World Café Dinner**

**Evening Activity, 20h30**

MedYWat Core Group members present their experience in the MedYWat network, followed by Speed Networking
### Session 3: Nature-based Solutions and the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus
- Mediterranean Water Hero 3
- Roula Khadra, International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) - “Water and Agroforestry for Rural Resilience in Mediterranean Agriculture - MARSDEV project in Egypt”
- Shaduf Urban Green Solutions Middle East - “NbS and Water in Mediterranean Cities”
- Q & A (15 minutes)

Facilitator: Anna Ibañez de Arolas, Project Manager, Switch-Med

### Lunch

### Session 4: Youth Activism and Advocacy for Water and Nature-based Solutions
- Mediterranean Water Hero 4
- Kareem Hassan, BENAA Foundation - “Funding Tools for Youth Water Activism”
- Q & A (15 minutes)

### Workshop 4: Revolve Water Workshop - “Communicating on Nbs and Water to scale up the MedYWat Network”
Facilitator: Patricia Carbonell, Communications Officer, Revolve Water

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