"Young People, Climate Change and Solutions"

Animation of the Village of Solutions
MEDCOP21

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Programme

Governments, citizen, businesses, cities, civil society and also young people must all join forces to find solutions for a changing climate and to induce the necessary changes for the widespread transformation towards climate resilient societies and low carbon economies.

In the animation, we want to showcase the role of young people, give them a voice and show their ways of solutions and views in terms of how to best deal with climate.

Central Questions

The animation will give young people the possibility to express their views on climate change issues. In particular the following questions will be central in the animation:

- What is the role of young people in fighting climate change and preparing the society for climate change?
- What initiatives of young people exist on climate change mitigation and adaptation?
- Does climate change also give opportunities for the future?
According to the young people, what should policy focus on when fighting climate change?
- Are young people's messages heard and taken seriously by policy-makers and are they reflected in policy-responses?
- What messages would young people like to communicate to the COP21 in Paris at the end of the year?
- What is the role of regional integration and to what extend can a regional Mediterranean approach help to tackle climate change more efficiently?

Introduction

Dr. Marianela Fader, post-doctoral researcher at the Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie marine et continentale (IMBE) based in Aix-en-Provence, will give an introduction about the importance of young people's involvement in climate change in order to find sustainable and innovative solutions.

She will introduce all participants of a panel of six speakers.

Speakers

- Mr Malek Ben Ali, Mediterranean Network of Engineering and Management Schools (RMEI), Tunisia, will give a concrete example of an engineering project on weather monitoring in the Mediterranean managed by young people. He will also demonstrate the weather station and talk about the benefits of a regional network.

- Ms Fadoua Brour, Moroccan Youth Climate Movement (MYCM) and Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN), Morocco, will present the two organizations and showcase the role of young people and in particular of woman in terms of finding solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

- Ms Giulia Annibaletti, Youth organization APS la Fenice, Italy, will expand on the possibilities of citizens to be active and make a difference in the fight of climate change by presenting a guide book on green tools and sustainable behaviors. Furthermore she will show a theatre performance in the form of a flash mob.

- Mr Ehab Moustafa, Film maker, Egypt, will show a short movie he produced in order to raise awareness on climate change issues and talk about how movies can give inspirations to people to become active.

- Ms Rym Jebari, Tunisia, Global Water Partnership (GWP) and International Youth Offices of Québec, will talk about a global tour on water and climate change.

- Mr Pierre Portelli, Malta, referring to the adage “A picture is worth a thousand words”, he will show photos of his artworks and speak about how artist express societal issues in their work.

A question and answer session with the audience will enrich the animation and give space to feedbacks, remarks and comments from the audience.