



CENTER for MEDITERRANEAN
INTEGRATION | CENTRE pour
l'INTÉGRATION en MÉDITERRANÉE
مركز التكامل المتوسطي



PRESS RELEASE

Rabat (Morocco) and Marseille (France) – February 3rd, 2021

UK-FUNDED PROJECT DELIVERS NEW CLIMATE DATA TO SUPPORT WATER AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT IN MOROCCO

New data and maps on climate change in Morocco were launched today, 3 February during a virtual workshop with key Moroccan stakeholders. This new evidence expands the knowledge base available to Moroccan institutions and decision makers to plan for a more resilient future, notably when it comes to water and agriculture management.

The data sets have been developed in consultation with Morocco's key government agencies through a UK-funded project. They provide an ensemble of national climate projections for temperature, precipitation and several extreme weather indices. The indicators used in the data were identified by the said agencies as being key to their operations and the high resolution of the maps makes the data particularly precise and relevant. The workshop will introduce the data, and its potential use.

British Ambassador to Morocco Simon Martin said today: *“Water scarcity constitutes a real threat to Morocco’s stability and sustainable development in Morocco and today’s event brings the best minds together to approach this shared challenge and find solutions. The new national climate data CMI and IWMI have generated over the past few months will be invaluable for this mutual effort and I’m proud the UK has supported this work. As we look ahead to COP26, it shows how working together supports resilience”*.

“Climate change is adding a new complexity to Morocco’s economic growth. In recent years, Morocco has witnessed extreme climate shocks marked by droughts and floods. Such events have increased the stresses on water and land systems and resulted in increased water and food insecurity.” said **Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Manager of the Center for Mediterranean Integration**. *“With global models predicting that these stresses will increase, it is important for Morocco’s decision-makers to have access to national scale data that can inform their planning and investments. Evidence-based planning is the main ingredient for resilience”*, she added.

These new climate data sets were developed under the *Water Security Nexus* programme, funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and implemented by the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), in collaboration with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM-Bari), Cewas Middle-East, the French Development Agency (AFD), the World Bank, and the CMI's Mediterranean Youth for Water (MedYWat) network. The programme includes a set of activities aiming at understanding the interrelation between water security, climate change (drought) and migration in North Africa, building the capacity of decision-makers to better manage water security and drought monitoring in the region, and engaging a wide range of stakeholders, including youth, civil society, governments, private sector, and academia in regional collaboration.



**CENTER for MEDITERRANEAN
INTEGRATION** | **CENTRE pour
l'INTÉGRATION en MÉDITERRANÉE**
مركز التكامل المتوسطي



More information: [Link](#)

Contact

Zein NAHAS – Center for Mediterranean Integration

+33 (0) 6 04677242

znahas@worldbankgroup.org

Bouchra RABEH - British Embassy Rabat

+212 (0) 666 04 69 99

bouchra.rabeh@fcdo.gov.uk

The **Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)** is a multi-partner platform where development agencies, Governments, local authorities and civil society from around the Mediterranean convene in order to exchange knowledge, discuss public policies, and identify the solutions needed to address key challenges facing the Mediterranean region. Members of the CMI include Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Spain, Tunisia, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, City of Marseille, the European Investment Bank and the World Bank Group, and the European External Action Service (EEAS) as an observer.

Web: www.cmimarseille.org; Facebook: CMI Marseille; Twitter: @cmimarseille