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MEDCOP driving climate action in the
Mediterranean at local and regional levels



CONCEPT NOTE

Meeting of the Mediterranean territories for climate action

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FORWARD

The Mediterranean has long been recognized as the cradle of civilizations, where societies flourished and made significant contributions to art, literature, philosophy, and science. However, the region now faces a significant threat from climate change, which is leading to rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and droughts. The basin of the Mediterranean has been identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as one of the world's 25 climate change hotspots. The rise in temperatures and the associated disruptions in terms of precipitation, hydrological cycles or intensity of cycles, and frequency of extreme weather events will affect coastal areas in particular and watersheds, which are home to 33% and 50% of the world's total population, respectively, and 50% of the total population of the area.

The impacts on Mediterranean societies and their natural environment are potentially disastrous and even irreversible. Not only its environment, historic cities, landmarks, and monuments are increasingly at risk of being lost, but also its cultural, social and economic way of life and its people are at risk. The Mediterranean Sea is facing a crisis that requires urgent action to preserve its heritage and protect the historical memory of its people and civilizations.

At a moment where the global trends are focusing on Climate through the perspective of Biodiversity as the key to unlock the emergency actions, the Mediterranean Sea and its surroundings territories are seeking for solutions and ways to walk together the path of reversibility and reparation of the losses and damages caused up until now, while generating a Mediterranean dynamic for adaptation and resilience that can capture the axis developed in the COP28 : a unified Mediterranean agenda for the Mediterranean Territories and its populations.

2022-2023 CONTEXT



In this frame, the positive efforts done up until now are being surpassed by the continuous impact of the Climate change, and especially because of the diverse situations that the Mediterranean Sea and surroundings Nations are living: conflicts and disasters in the East, conflicts and war in the North, migration dynamics from South to North, rising of the sea levels, etc. Consequently, countries and territories are not facing the Climate issue and its impacts in the same conditions.

On the northern shore, the priority is to participate in international efforts to limit greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions: all the countries bordering the Mediterranean account for nearly 8% of global GHG emissions at 2,354 MtCO₂e. More than 90% of these emissions come from European countries.



These impacts are and will be particularly marked on the southern and eastern shores, with more intense climatic change and exacerbate the pressures associated with strong demographic and urban growth, as well as the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources. The need to develop adaptation and low-carbon development policies is confronted on both sides of the Mediterranean Atlantic by the lack of and the need to address short-term social and economic imperatives.



2022-2023 CONTEXT

To support the process of combating climate change, integrated strategies have been put in place at the basin level. The Mediterranean area has a wealth of actors active in the fight against climate change and likely to support the implementation of the NDCs but also to increase the ambition of climate action.

Efforts must be made to build a common shared and complicit agenda, North, South, East and West, based on a shared understanding of the damaging effects that climate change has on Mediterranean people and their way of life. This agenda must be based on a less fragmented funding that empowers decentralized and concerted action, and serving a concerted action. Networking and gathering dynamics have been developed, notably with the MedCOP, and must be sustained over time.

Therefore, as part of its strategic action plan, Tangier Tetouan Al Hoceima Regional Council in partnership with the Mediterranean Climate House Foundation has made the relaunch of the MedCOP process a major lever for structuring the cooperation framework between the countries of the two shores.

Initiated in Marseille in 2015 by the Region Sud PACA and consolidated in Tangier in 2016 by the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region, the design of this process was structured around three major and converging reasons:

A climatic urgency: Successive IPCC reports designate the Mediterranean as a climate change hotspot where the increase in average annual temperature predicted by experts will have a considerable impact on both natural resources and human activities. Climate change accentuates both the ecological (erosion, desertification, water shortage, salinization, etc.) and the socio-economic (poverty and poor development) fragility of this space.

The efficiency of Territorial dynamics in climate action: Beyond the mitigation and adaptation strategies that each country has already designed and begun to implement, the height of the challenges of climate change, the interdependence that these changes pose for the populations of the two shores, the possible duplication of solutions to similar problems requires the synergy of wills and actions, as well as the exchange of best practices of all the actors of the two shores.

The opportunity for a stronger Mediterranean local and multilevel cooperation : In this context, climate change is considered in particular as an additional element pushing to amplify the collective efforts of dialogue, cooperation and solidarity undertaken by the riparian countries for Mediterranean multilevel cooperation (UfM, 5+5 dialogue, decentralized cooperation, etc). It reinforces the urgency to make more operational "cooperation" called to be closer and integrated.

Within the international Climate Agenda, we aspire to position the MedCOP Climate 2023 as a link between the COP 27 which took place in Sharm el-Sheikh in November 2022 and the COP 28 scheduled for November 2023 in Dubai.

This will naturally endeavor to extend the African dimension of the Sharm el-Sheikh conference underlined by the Egyptian Presidency, the progress made in loss and damage with the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan, and the particular significance of COP28 as it marks the conclusion of the first Global Stocktake, a comprehensive assessment of the progress made in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

This renewed ambition, as was already stated at the COP22 in Marrakech, is intrinsically at the heart of the MedCOP vision . Being an Interface between Europe that is at the forefront in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and Africa which legitimately aspires to develop itself , the Mediterranean region is ideally positioned to be the catalyst for concrete and shared projects involving industrialized countries and developing ones.

The 2023 MedCOP Climate will also participate in the mobilization carried out by the Egyptian and Emirati climate champions through the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action by setting itself the particular objective of highlighting, alongside those of the States, the major contribution of local authorities and the mobilization of the scientific community, and the civil society as a whole (civil society, private sector, and established networks, etc.) to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

CHALLENGES & STAKES

STAKES

In the core of the MedCOP preparation and implementation process:

The regionalization of the Marrakech Partnership Agenda

(Local SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals

The local dimension of the NDCs and NAPs

Territorial implementation (of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan (GAP

Deployment of the new urban agenda & the Sendai framework for DRR

CHALLENGES

Securing water resources



Cities and territories are more than ever called upon to manage rationally and efficiently the water resource given its scarcity. Indeed, the action of considerably reducing the consumption of drinking water, the reuse of water, and the momentum towards the development of new resources and unconventional water, are challenges which cities and territories are currently facing. The Mediterranean Sea is also at risk due to rising temperatures, rising sea level and shore degradation. The sea -as connector of trade dynamics, culture exchange flows and migratory enabler- must be protected as the first and most important resource.

Building resilience of cities & territories to climate change

Climate change has put a particular strain in the degradation of cities and communities of the Mediterranean. Where shocks and stresses have degraded the environment, as a transversal pillar of resilience, resilience must also be built in the human, cultural, social and economic pillars.



Climate induced migration

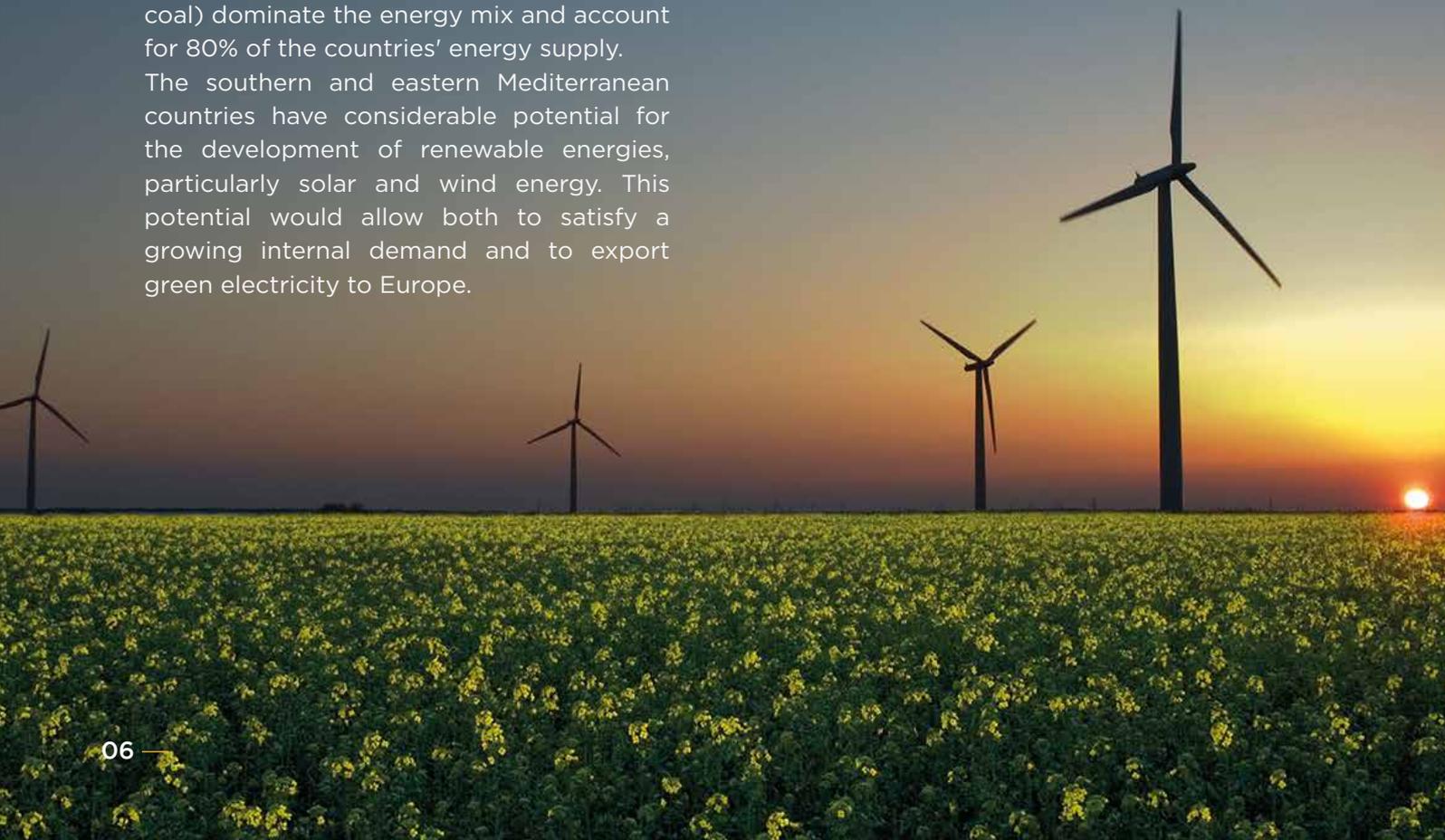


The effects of climate change in the Mediterranean region tend to reinforce regional inequalities. Climate induced displacements can be linked today to other forms of migration, whether forced or economic, leading to greater international migratory flows. Arrival cities have started to sponge displacement due to climate as their land hosts increasingly informal spaces of living.

Energy security & clean energy transition

In the Mediterranean, fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal) dominate the energy mix and account for 80% of the countries' energy supply.

The southern and eastern Mediterranean countries have considerable potential for the development of renewable energies, particularly solar and wind energy. This potential would allow both to satisfy a growing internal demand and to export green electricity to Europe.



An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef. The coral is mostly white and yellow, indicating bleaching. Several small, colorful fish are swimming around the coral.

Protection & restoration of biodiversity

With the large diversity of its landscapes and ecosystem, the Mediterranean area is a world biodiversity hotspot. While the Mediterranean represents less than 1% of the world ocean surface, it is one of the main reservoirs of maritime and coastal biodiversity. Unfortunately, the pressures induced by pollution and climate change, have a considerably negative effect on the region, that is even compounded with anthropogenic overexploitation.

Implement the Gender equality

A network diagram overlaid on a blurred background of a person's hand. The diagram consists of white lines connecting various human icons (men and women) arranged in a grid-like pattern, representing interconnectedness and social networks.

The climate crisis has a greater impact on women than men and, in fact, amplifies existing gender inequalities. Acting as a "threat multiplier", the crisis is leaving women increasingly vulnerable to gender-based violence, the effects of future disasters, health threats and other gender inequalities

Supporting the sustainable coastal management & Blue economy

The Mediterranean region is home to a wide range of marine ecosystems, including coral reefs, seagrass beds, and various species of marine life. Sustainable coastal management and the Blue economy can help to preserve these ecosystems and promote economic growth in the region.

Sustainable coastal management involves the use of natural resources in a way that balances environmental, economic, and social needs. It seeks to maintain the health and resilience of marine ecosystems while supporting local economies and communities.



Mediterranean Territories preparedness to COP 28



COP28
UAE

The success of COP 28 will depend on the collective efforts of participating territories to develop and implement ambitious climate policies and programs.

Therefore, MedCOP 2023 as a bridge between COP 27 and COP 28 will be a great appointment gathering Mediterranean territories, and an opportunity to assess preparedness to COP 28.

MEDCOP 2023 CONCEPT

1. OBJECTIVES

i. General objective

MedCop as an annual process consolidating a Mediterranean dynamic for local climate action and generating operational tools to accelerate COPs goals achievement.

ii. Specific goals

INTERNATIONAL GOALS

Accelerate real cooperation at all levels around concrete projects and through the implementation of resolutely operational tools aligned with the international agenda
Respond to the international climate agenda & COP28 priorities for adaptation, mitigation, Loss & Damage Facility and the just transition
Enable greater involvement of local authorities and non-state actors also from Southern Med countries in international initiatives contributing to the implementation of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action
Institutionalise the process to be a bridge conference between COPs ensuring the follow-up of the decisions and projects initiated.

MEDITERRANEAN GOALS

Contribute to building and consolidating a Mediterranean dynamic to face the challenges of climate change
To be a key Mediterranean player in the concrete implementation of the Marrakech Partnership agenda for Global Climate Action
Promote a Mediterranean NSA stocktake input for Cop 28
Networking and agreements signature with key players of climate actions

LOCAL GOALS

Promote the role of the regions and territories to address climate change
Align the local policies with the national and international agendas
Foster and promote the role of Moroccan regions and cities in climate action
Fundraising for projects
Make the MedCop a landmark for the region

2. MEDCOP STRUCTURE

With the participation of more than 500 key players of climate change subject:

The structure of the MEDCOP will be articulated around thematic hubs, B2B spaces, trainings, and exhibition spaces with additional events related to a competition to select best climate pilot projects that could be supported.

Moreover, the Union for the Mediterranean “Business Forum” will be hosted this year at the MEDCOP in Tangier. It will focus on Energy business, and woman & youth led green businesses.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY



**8
THEMATIC HUBS
-16 SESSIONS-**

B to B Meetings

**Exhibition Space,
solutions' village**

- UFM and MedCop Climate : Energy Business Forum.
- Trainings

STOCK TAKE

CLOSING CEREMONY

i. Thematic Hubs & sessions

In accordance with aforementioned challenges and targets, eight thematic hubs are scheduled during the MEDCOP days, hereafter the thematic hubs with related proposed sessions:

HUB 1: RESILIENT CITIES & TERRITORIES

- Session :** Discussing solutions for a territorial balance for resilience
- Session :** Effective Urban Crisis Prevention and Response (DRR)
- Session :** Transport and mobility
- Session :** Circular economy and Waste management, Concrete solutions for consumption practices & waste management

HUB 2: SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

- Session :** Resilient supply chains
- Session :** Financing the transition towards sustainable food systems

HUB 3: SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCE

- Session :** Blue economy and coastal management, Mediterranean Sea as a resource
- Session :** WEF NExus/ Water resource management

HUB 4 : ENERGY TRANSITION

- Session :** Energy security and low carbon transition , Clean energy solutions and models: Clean hydrogen production and competitiveness
- Session :** Sustainable Urban Transition, Financing the energy transition

HUB 5: WOMEN & CLIMATE

- Session :** Empowering women to surpass climate-aggravated threats and vulnerabilities.
- Session :** How to advance gender equality in climate change response

HUB 6: NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NBS)

- Session :** Revisiting Nature Based Solutions
- Session :** Solutions to protect the continuum of biodiversity from sea to land of the surrounding territories of the Mediterranean sea.

HUB 7: CLIMATE MIGRATION, PEACE AND SECURITY

- Session :** Migration impact & opportunities

HUB 8 : DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION AND CLIMATE FINANCE

- Session :** Subnational climate facilities and decentralized cooperation

ii. Exhibitions

The MEDCOP will include the organization of an exhibition space –around 2000 m2- for new technologies, research and development in relation to cities and climate resilience. A selection of pilot projects and successful experiences in cities and territories around the Mediterranean will take place at the end of each thematic Hub.



iii. Selection of pilot Projects

Successful pilot projects and experiences will be selected as a result of a call for projects launched by cities and territories, in order to be supported for international funding and implementation. This initiative aims to encourage and to capitalize on local pilot projects with a view to replicate or adapt them to cities and territories who share similar conditions and vulnerability to the effects of climate change. The selection criteria are drawn up by the Organizing Committee and are based on R&D, sustainability, innovation, cost and impact.

iv. UfM and MEDCOP Energy business forum

The Union for Mediterranean Business Forum will be hosted at the MEDCOP 2023, and will gather the private sector from the energy business, alongside woman-led and youth-led green business.



TRAININGS

1. AGENDA

The second edition of the MEDCOP will be deployed over two days, the 22 & 23 of June 2023, in the city of Tangier.

The First day marks the beginning of the flagship activities of the MEDCOP, namely the hubs. In parallel with the Hub Sessions, the MEDCOP will host the UfM Business Forum focusing on energy business, which is envisioned to have a woman and youth-oriented footprint. Following this, the opening ceremony of the event will take place.

Regarding the second day, its course will follow the same organizational framework and schedule as the day before, to address the remaining themes of the hubs and sessions. A panel dedicated for stocktaking and the way forward will take place to summarize the main recommendations and way forward of the event. The closing ceremony will take place right after. Training sessions will be provided by partner international organizations as side events on the day of June 23rd.

DAY 1 | : 22/06/2023

	HUB1 : RESILIENT CITIES AND TERRITORIES DRR /LOSS & DAMAGE/ CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WASTE MANAGEMENT	HUB2: SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
09h30 à 10h45	SESSION 1 : Discussing solutions for a territorial balance for resilience	SESSION 2 : Resilient supply chains
10h45 à 11h00	COFFEE BREAK	
11h00 à 12h15	SESSION 3 : Effective Urban Crisis Prevention and Response (DRR)	SESSION 4 : Financing the transition toward sustainable food systems
12h30 à 14h00	LUNCH BREAK	
	HUB1 : Resilient Cities and Territories: DRR /Loss & Damage/ circular economy & Waste management	HUB3: Sustainable management of water resource
14h00 à 15h15	SESSION 5 : Transport and mobility	SESSION 6 : The blue economy & coastal management, Mediterranean Sea as a resource
15h15 à 15h30	COFFEE BREAK	
15h30 à 16h45	SESSION 7 : Circular economy and Waste management, Concrete solutions for consumption practices & waste management	SESSION 8 : WEF Nexus/ Water resources management
16h45 à 17h00	COFFEE BREAK	
17h00 à 19h30	OFFICIAL CEREMONY	

DAY 2 | : 23/06/2023

	HUB 4: ENERGY TRANSITION	HUB 5: WOMEN & CLIMATE
09h30 à 10h45	SESSION 1 : Energy security and low carbon transition, Clean energy solutions & models: Clean hydrogen production & competitiveness	SESSION 2 : Empowering women to surpass climate-aggravated threats & vulnerabilities.
10h45 à 11h00	COFFEE BREAK	
11h00 à 12h15	SESSION 3 : Sustainable Urban Transition, Financing the energy transition	SESSION 4 : How to advance gender equality in climate change response
12h30 à 14h00	LUNCH BREAK	
	HUB6 : Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)	HUB7 : CLIMATE MIGRATION, PEACE & SECURITY
14h00 à 15h15	SESSION 5 : Revisiting Nature Based Solutions	SESSION 6 : Migration impact & opportunities
15h15 à 15h30	COFFEE BREAK	
15h30 à 16h45	HUB 8: DECENTRALISED COOPERATION & CLIMATE FINANCE	
17h00 à 18h00	SESSION 7 : Solutions to protect the continuum of biodiversity from sea to land of the surrounding territories of the Mediterranean sea	SESSION 8 : Subnational climate facilities & decentralized cooperation
18h00 à 19h30	(STOCK TAKE PANEL AND WAY FORWARD (RECOMMANDATIONS	
	CLOSING CEREMONY	

2. SPEAKERS/PARTICIPANTS

Local, regional and global speakers and participants will be invited to the event:

- Policy: Mayors and presidents of Mediterranean regions (to be defined later in detail)
- Institutions: Ministries in charge of the relevant sectors in the participating countries.
- Economy and business: private sector, donors, investors.
- Civil society: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including scientific community, (presented later on the basis of the relevance of the NGO activities in the aforementioned themes).

OUTCOMES

THE BIG FIVE OUTCOMES OF MEDCOP 2023 ARE AXES AROUND:

**NETWORKING & AGREEMENTS
SIGNATURES WITH KEY
PLAYERS OF CLIMATE ACTIONS**

**SIGN A DECLARATION OR
MANIFEST OF REGIONS, CITIES &
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR
CLIMATE TARGETS COMMITMENTS**

**DRIVE THE CREATION OF
A NEW MEDITERRANEAN
FINANCING FUND FOR
LOCAL ACTORS IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

**PREPARE THE MEDITERRANEAN NSA
STOCKTAKE INPUT FOR COP 28**

FUNDRAISE FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

GOVERNANCE

With Tangier as the host city of the Medcop, the Regional Council of Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima as lead and the Mediterranean Climate House as co-lead and acting as permanent secretariat of the MedCOP, supported by the Moroccan Government and under the high patronage of his Majesty the King Mohamed 6 of Morocco.

An organizing committee composed from eminent and relevant international partners, mainly :

- Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat
- UN HABITAT
- UCLG World Secretariat
- Global Covenant of Mayors
- ICLEI and LGMA
- Generalitat de Catalunya
- Region Sud PACA

And other partners contributing to the event :

- UN Migration
- UNCCD
- IUCN Med
- High Level Champions office UNFCCC
- Marrakech Partnership
- Tour de Valat
- UNCDF
- Climate Chance
- ORU FOGAR

The list of the partners is evolving as it tends to be inclusive of different territorial representation and institutions.

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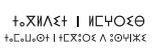
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