



## Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Science Diplomacy

3 October 2023, Barcelona

Invitees: UfM Research & Innovation National Focal Points; diplomatic representatives, selected scientists and science stakeholders

09.00-10.00

### Opening

Nasser Kamel, Secretary-General, UfM

Maria Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation and Global Approach, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Abdullah Al Musa, Secretary-General, Jordan's Higher Council for Science and Technology

### High-level segment

**Setting the Scene and Moderator:** *Álvaro Albacete, Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research, UfM*

Gonzalo Arévalo, Director-General for Research Planning, Ministry for Science and innovation, Spain. Rotating presidency of the Council of the EU

Vincent Martin, Director, Office of Innovation, UN FAO

Mohamed Belhocine, African Union Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation - TBC

Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, League of Arab States - TBC

Basri Saleh, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Palestine – TBC

Chedly Abdelly, General Director of National Agency of Scientific Research Promotion (ANPR), Tunisia TBC

Neophytos Papadopoulos, Permanent Secretary at Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation & Digital Policy, Cyprus - TBC

10.00-10.30 **Keynote**



10.30-11.00 *Coffee break (Throne room)*

11.00-12.30 **Plenary session**

Topic: *What is the state of the art of science diplomacy in the Mediterranean?*

Moderator: *Nienke Buisman, Head of International Cooperation II Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

- 1- *Teodoro Miano, Secretary-General, CIHEAM*
- 2- *Fatima Driouech, Coordinator MedECC, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Morocco*
- 3- *Maria Maia, 5+5 Dialogue Research, Innovation and Higher Education, Portugal, FCT*
- 4- *Angelo Riccaboni, Co-Chair PRIMA*
- 5- *Bernd Manfred Gawlik, JRC Ispra - TBC*

**30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)**

12.30-13.00 **Presentation of the breakout rooms sessions/Draft outcome document being discussed**

*Giuseppe Provenzano, Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean*

*Alessandro Calabrò, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

13.00-14.30 *Lunch (Throne room)*

14.30 - 16.00 **Breakout sessions:**

**Research infrastructures (White room)**

Moderator: *Heba Gaber, R&I Counsellor, EU Delegation to Egypt*

- 1- *Ahmed Abdullah Zayed, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina - TBC*
- 2- *Atef Elkadime, SESAME Administrative Director*
- 3- *Maysoun Ibrahim, Higher Council for Innovation & Excellence, Palestine*



- 4- *Atish Dabholkar, Director-General, Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics ICTP - TBC*
- 5- *Pietro Barabaschi, Director-General, International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor ITER – TBC*
- 6- *Hussam Hussein, Royal Scientific Society of Jordan TBC*
- 7- *Barcelona Supercomputing Center TBC*
- 8- *Mustafa Bousmina, President UEMF TBC*

### **30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)**

*Rapporteur: Mounir Ghribi, OGS*

#### **Mobility and training (Billiard room)**

*Moderator: Olfa Zeribi, AUF Europe Ouest*

- 1- *Mesut Özcan, Director, Diplomacy Academy of Türkiye*
- 2- *Marga Gual Soler, GESDA - Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator, World Economic Forum Global Youth Leader*
- 3- *Alexis Roig, CEO, Barcelona SciTechDiploHub*
- 4- *Maroun El-Moujabber – Head of Scientific Committee of PRIMA, CIHEAM*
- 5- *Foundation La Pedrera*
- 6- *Sciences Po Paris TBC*

### **30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)**

*Rapporteur: Aravella Zachariou, Chair, Mediterranean ESD Committee*

#### **Science advice for foreign policy (Banqueting room)**

*Moderator: Ana Elorza, Science Diplomacy Coordinator, FECYT*

- 1- *Senén Florensa, Executive President, European Institute for the Mediterranean IEMED*
- 2- *Sara Hasnaa Mokaddem, Head of Strategic Monitoring and Analysis, Policy Center for the New South – TBC*
- 3- *Rafael Barak, Ben Gurion University, Israel - TBC*



- 4- Prof. Alberto Melloni, member of the Commission's Group of Chief Scientific Advisors, holder of the UNESCO Chair on Religious Pluralism and Peace at the University of Bologna TBC

### **30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)**

*Rapporteur: Domenico De Martinis, Scientific Attaché, Italian Embassy in Cairo TBC*

*16.00-16.30 Coffee break (Throne room)*

**16.30 – 17.00 Outcomes presented by Rapporteurs**

**17.00 - 18.30 Closing plenary session (5 speakers + 15 min. discussion)**

*Topic: What are the future perspectives for Science Diplomacy in the Med? Which concrete actions?*

*Moderator: Itaf Ben Abdallah, Senior Advisor on Higher Education and Research, UfM*

- 1- *Patrick Nédellec, Délégué aux Affaires Européennes et Internationales, DGRI/ DGESIP, MESR*
- 2- *Alessandra Tognonato, Head of Science Diplomacy, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – TBC*
- 3- *South Med Representative TBC*
- 4- *Santiago Sierra González del Castillo, Head of Department for Cultural and Scientific Relations, AECID*
- 5- *Kherieh Rassas, President of UNIMED TBC*

### **30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)**

**18.30 - 18.45 Closing remarks: The contribution of the Mediterranean to Science Diplomacy**

- 1- *Jan Marco Müller, Coordinator for Science Diplomacy and Multilateral Relations, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*
- 2- *Giuseppe Provenzano, UfM*