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Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

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Session title – Climate: the Mediterranean Hotspot, from scenarios to solutions

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Short description

This event aims to **explain the need for a Mediterranean Pavilion at COP27**. It will contextualize and illustrate the Mediterranean challenge, not in terms of climatology but from the **socio-economic and security point of view**, then asking panelists for their ideas of solution. Concluding that UfM analysis points out that no nation or community can tackle it on its own but if we join forces we can succeed, in a way that leads us to build peace and justice in the region.

Background

The **Mediterranean Basin is the second most impacted area by climate change, warming 20% faster than the global average**. It faces challenges of its own that **can transform into regional instability**. Indeed, the extremely severe and accelerated impacts, whose tragic consequences we have seen again this summer in various Mediterranean countries, overlap with **a dangerous socio-economic asymmetry and lack of integration across the region**. However, the Mediterranean is also a **cradle of solutions** – public policies and private initiatives - and explored potentials that can be scaled up globally.

In this light, the CoP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, hosted by a Mediterranean country, is timelier than ever in building important regional momentum in the fight against climate change. In this framework, the UfM Secretariat is coordinating a coalition of twelve strategic partners to give voice to the region within the first-ever Mediterranean Pavilion in the long history of climate negotiations. At the **crossroads of three continents and covering 42 countries**, the **Mediterranean region needs common solutions as no nation or community can tackle this challenge on its own**. Only by joining forces can common solutions be built upon.



This event aims to highlight these severe challenges as well as to **illustrate, share, scale up and discuss the advanced solutions and initiatives** applied and planned in the region. Since an effective and rapid transition in the Region requires joint efforts by all actors, **the event gives voice to the different kinds of stakeholders – ranging from public and private, scientific and academic, civil society, finance and business** – engaged in catalyzing a sustainable transition through collective and scalable innovation.

Preferred day: November 8th at 5,30 pm

Type of event carried on - Panel debate

Session format – in person event

Speakers & Show Flow (e.g.):



Time	Activity	Speaker
10 minutes	Welcoming remarks	Moderator. Ambassador Grammenos Mastrojeni, Senior Deputy Secretary General, Head of Energy and Climate Action at Union for the Mediterranean (in person)
9 minutes	Introduction / Keynote speaker	Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus Costas Kadis (TBC)
9 minutes	Topic 1 - economy and business perspective	Speaker 1 - President of EMEA Rym Ayadi (in person)
9 minutes	Topic 2 - civil society perspective	Speaker 2 - MENA Climate Action Network (in person)
9 minutes	Topic 3 - Youth representative	Speaker 3 - Youth representative currently being selected together with Jeremie Fosse, Climate Action Network (the global network of Climate Action associations including WWF, Greenpeace, and others) (in person)
9 minutes	Topic 4 - Think Tank representative	Speaker 4 - Executive Director of ECCO Luca Bergamaschi (in person)
5 minutes	Closing remarks	Ambassador Grammenos Mastrojeni, Senior Deputy Secretary General, Head of Energy and Climate Action at Union for the Mediterranean

Please note all events/slots will have strictly 1h maximum duration and gender balance is highly recommended.