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Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

17th November 2022 – Solution Day

10:00 MedPavilion, COP27, Sharm El Sheikh

Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean - A rising tide which lifts all boats

Lead organization – Union for the Mediterranean

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Short description - max 500 characters

Advancing Sustainable Blue Economy (SBE) at Mediterranean level requires joint and concerted actions. The Side Event will bring together a small but exemplary representation of the large and dynamic Mediterranean SBE Community, highlighting key initiatives and projects relevant to capacity building, research, innovation, investments, and private sector among others, directly contributing to addressing climate change and accelerating the transition towards carbon-neutral and circular economies in line with the priorities of the 2021 UfM SBE Ministerial Declaration.

Background - max 1000 characters

Since 2015, the 42 Euro-Mediterranean UfM countries are pooling energies and resources in advancing towards a sustainable blue economy, which combines the overarching objective of protecting and restoring the Mediterranean Sea, thus maintaining and enhancing its long-term value, with sustainable maritime activities, offering a long-lasting source of growth, innovation, and jobs for the whole region.

The 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy renews the political and operational mandate of the 42 Euro-Mediterranean countries around joint principles and actions to maximize the needed convergence of efforts around the following priorities:

- Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Med region
- Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment
- Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries and aquaculture
- Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports
- Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy
- Coastal and maritime tourism
- MSP and ICZM
- MRE Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities
- Sustainable investment in the blue economy



Event objectives - max 500 characters

In the Mediterranean region, maritime activities are key components of the regional economy and generate at least US\$450 billion a year. Fostering the Sustainable Blue Economy provides concrete pathways to achieve relevant sustainability, environmental and climate-related goals in key economic sectors, in particular as regards to decarbonization and climate adaptation; sustainable consumption and production; and pollution reduction and prevention, reversing biodiversity loss, and ensuring sustainable food from the sea.

Preferred day: 17th of November, Solution Day

Thematic orientation - Please choose the topic(s) that better represent your event: Sustainable Blue Economy

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Type of event carried on - Panel interventions and debate, with videos.

Session format – Please specify it: hybrid



Speakers & Show Flow (e.g.):

Time	Activity	Speaker
Video on the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy		
10:00-10:02	Welcoming remarks	Moderator: Ms Alessandra Sensi - Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat
10:02-10:10	Introduction by the EU and Jordan UfM Co-Presidency: State of the art of Blue Economy at Med level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UfM EU Co-Presidency/DG MARE – Ms Delilah Khudhairy • UfM Jordan Co- Presidency – Mr Mohammad Al-Sakran • Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat – Mr Almotaz Abadi
10:10-10:35	Panel 1: Sustainable Blue Economy as a driver and enabler for sustainable national and regional economies	<p><i>2-3 min reply to one question (in presence or online)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Country delegates:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Algeria – Ms Assia Brahmi</i> ○ <i>Egypt – Ms Marwa Zidan</i> ○ <i>Greece – Mr Antonis Avranas</i> ○ <i>Malta/WestMED – Ms Lucienne Meilak</i> ○ <i>Morocco – Mr Nabil Anwari</i> • <i>Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030 / Mediterranean Lighthouse - Mr John Bell</i> • <i>World Ocean Council - Mr Paul Holthus</i> • <i>UNEP/MAP – MedWaves: M Enriquer de Villamore</i> • <i>FAO – M Jose Valls</i>
10:35-10:55	Panel 2: Sustainable Blue Economy in action – Key initiatives ongoing and in the making	<p><i>2-3 min reply to one question (in presence or online)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interreg Euro-MED – Ms Isabelle Nobio • Interreg NEXT MED – Mr Martin Heibel • UNIDO SwitchMed – Ms Dolun Müge • Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Inter-Mediterranean Commission – Ms Elodie Nunes • MIO-ECSDE – Mr Michael Scoullas • RAED – Mr Emad Adly • WWF – Mr Mauro Randone
10:55-10:58	Highlights on Blue Economy Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBRD – Ms Julia Manning
10:58-11:00	Final remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Alessandra Sensi - Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat