Leadership Showcase: Subnational Leadership for Mediterranean Bioregions

Logistics
Date & Time: November 11th from 15:00 - 16:00 *(Requested arrival: 14:30)*
Location: Mediterranean Pavillion**,** COP31 Blue Zone
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Background & Framing

Session Overview
Since its launch at COP28 in Dubai, The Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP), has worked with 17 regional governments throughout 5 continents to build resilience for Mediterranean bioregions with shared climates and risks – drought, wildfire, and heat. This session will highlight the importance of subnational regions in resilience building and distinguish the unique and urgent moment for Mediterranean bioregions. Speakers will represent a subset of the leaders who made the Partnership so successful in its first 3-year cycle, with their discussion focused on MCAP's ambitious goals for the next phase.

Session Agenda

Opening Remarks - **Karen Ross**, Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture, State of California (5 min)

Panel Discussion (50 min) by **Sam Carter**, Founding Principal, Resilient Cities Catalyst, Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP) Secretariat (*Moderator*)

Panelists

- **Karen Ross**, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture
- **Sonsoles Letang**, Director General for Climate Change and Environmental Quality, Department of Territory, Housing and Ecological Transition, Government of Catalonia
- **Nadia Pellefigue**, Vice-President in Charge of Climate, the Green Deal and Sustainable Housing, Région Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée
- **Gerhard Gerber**, Head of Department, Western Cape Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape Government

Closing (5 mins) - **Youth Representative**, Joves per a la Transició Ecosocial