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“How the Union for the Mediterranean enhances regional cooperation on Climate Change”

Paris, 5th December 2011 11:00
followed by a cocktail buffet

EU Pavilion, Hall 2B "Conference Center"

Organised by European Commission (DG Climate Action) and the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, the side event '*Mediterranean Cooperation on Climate Change: Union for the Mediterranean*' will be held on the sidelines of the 20th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, at the European Union Pavilion, Lima.

Interventions will be made among others by:

Ms. Elina BARDRAM, Deputy head of EU delegation, European Commission – DG Climate Action; (tbc)
Ms. Teresa RIBEIRO, Deputy Secretary General for Energy, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean;
Mr. Nbou MOHAMED, Director of Studies, Planning and Foresight of the Ministry for Environment, Morocco;
Mr. Imed FADHEL, Director, UNFCCC focal point, Tunisia;
Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Turkey (speaker tbc).

The event will showcase how a complex system of various relevant initiatives, programs and structures may be brought together in order to create synergies, while including stakeholders, private sector and various levels of governance. The interventions will concretely focus on the established cooperation within the Union for the Mediterranean Climate Change Expert Group (UFMCCG), namely the agreed work plan and its relevance to the international climate change negotiations. It will present the outcomes of its first meeting, as well as some existing and planned initiatives in order to enhance regional cooperation on climate change in the region according to the priorities identified by the Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean.

In addition, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey will present their ongoing national climate change strategies and activities. Their presentations will offer the opportunity to stress the potential for further expansion of climate action to other countries of the region, under the principles of variable geometry, partnership and inclusiveness.

Following the event a cocktail will be offered to the participants.