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**Event on the occasion of the  
4<sup>th</sup> UfM Regional Forum  
“Climate and Environment in  
the Mediterranean region,  
our common challenge”**

Thursday 10 October 2019  
Hotel Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I - Barcelona

## **Presentation of the Preliminary assessment report on the risks associated to climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean region**

*The Mediterranean Basin is undergoing strong environmental and socioeconomic changes. Having experienced a rise in temperature levels above the global average, the region is at imminent risk of experiencing significant water shortages, productivity decline, loss of significant marine and land ecosystems, ocean acidification, and compromising coastal infrastructure among others.*

*While the impacts of climate change will be strongly felt on both shores of the Mediterranean in economic and social terms, not to mention geopolitical repercussions, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries will be more vulnerable to such impacts.*

*During this event, the current state of play and risks associated with climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean will be discussed by scientists and policy makers, aiming to establish an effective science-policy interface with regards to climate change in the region.*

*To this end, an open and independent international network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC) had been launched in July 2015 to compile, update and consolidate the best scientific knowledge on these issues, and render it accessible to policy-makers and key stakeholders.*

*The dialogue between scientists and decision-makers is facilitated by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme, through its Plan Bleu Regional Activity Center, which support the MedECC network in the framework of their agreement.*

*This event will provide an opportunity for scientists and stakeholders to discuss the main vulnerabilities in the Mediterranean region, as well as its resilience to climate change.*

*The preliminary assessment report on climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean region will be available during the event, including science-based recommendations for decision-makers on how to address them.*

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**08.00 – 09.00**     **Registration**

**09.00 – 09.15**     **Introductory Notes**

- *Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean*
- *Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director General, European Commission, European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations*

**09.15 – 09.30**     **Keynote Speech**

- *Abdalah Mokssit, Secretary, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (video-recorded message)*

**09.30 – 11.00**     **Presentation of the Mediterranean Assessment Report on the risks associated to climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean region \***

- *Elen Lemaitre-Curri, Director, UNEP MAP Plan Bleu - Brief presentation MedECC Network*
- *Prof. Dr Wolfgang Cramer, MedECC Coordinator, France - Germany*
- *Prof. Dr Semia Cherif, Coordinating Lead Author for the MedECC, Tunisia*
- *Q&A*

*Coffee-Break: 11.00 - 11.30*

**11.30 – 12.15**     **Development of related programs and projects**

Enhancement of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans

- *Jérôme Boutang, Executive Director, CITEPA*

EIB: Financing sustainable development and climate action

- *Nancy Saich, Senior Adviser in Climate and Environment European Investment Bank*

OSCE and UfMS: Climate and environment security project

- *Grammenos Mastrojeni, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean*
- *Esra Buttanri, Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development, Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe*

UNDP: "SDG-Climate Facility: Climate Action for Human Security" and related priorities

- *Sujala Pant, Chief Technical Advisor, Regional Hub for Arab States*

Q&A

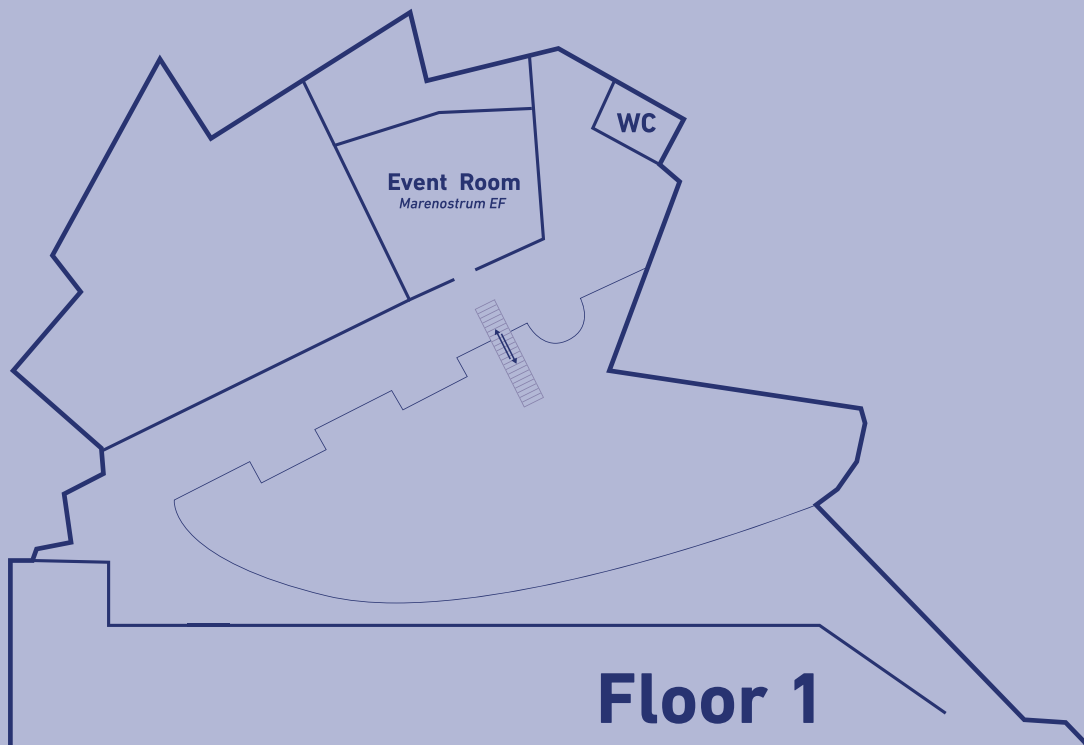
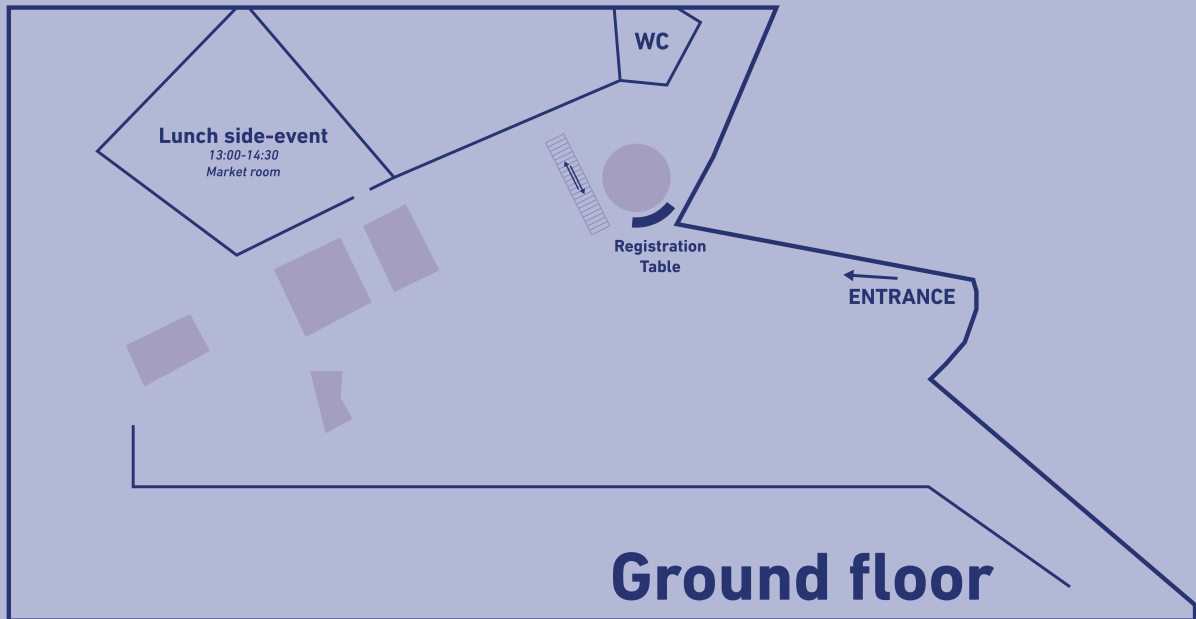
**12.15 – 12.45**     **Key-messages by MedECC and Closing Remarks**

- *Video-Presentation on the Mediterranean Climate Assessment Report on the risks associated to climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean region*
- *Prof. Dr Wolfgang Cramer, MedECC Coordinator, France - Germany*
- *Prof. Dr Semia Cherif, Coordinating Lead Author for the MedECC, Tunisia*
- *UfM Co-Presidency*

*Lunch: 13.00 - 14.30*

\* The main conclusions of the Scientific Assessment Report on the impact of climate change in the Mediterranean region will be live web streamed through this link in the UfM website: <https://ufmsecretariat.org/event/regional-forum-2019/>

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