



UfM – UNDP side event - COP25 “Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the South and Eastern Mediterranean”

Friday 13 December 15:00-16:00

NDC Partnership’s Pavilion

Side event organizers: Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean – United Nations Development Program

Partners:

- NDC Partnership
- CITEPA

UfM being a member of the NDC Partnership, this side-event will give an opportunity to present and share experience about possible synergies amongst UfM member countries.

The side-event will focus on the update of the revised NDC landscape to identify mitigation and adaptation actions that could lead to greater ambition and priority sectors, in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries.

UfM, with the technical assistance of CITEPA will develop several points:

- Diagnosis of the capacities of the countries of the region in terms of MRV (inventory quality, clarity on how the NDCs will be followed, etc.),
- How to get prepared for the new transparency framework and update of NDCs for 2020?
- On what does the level of ambition of these countries depend on?

As the UN's largest implementer of climate actions, **UNDP** has an important role to play in supporting countries to implement their NDCs and enhance them in future updates, while ensuring that efforts to meet these pledges align and contribute to SDG achievement. UNDP has been leading a number of climate initiatives with a focus on country-level work to accelerate NDCs implementation, thus UNDP is well positioned to

share good practices and experiences on how to scale up NDCs implementation in the Arab region countries, while bringing benefits across SDGs and contributing to crisis prevention and recovery goals.

During the session UNDP will (with focus on Mediterranean countries in the Arab region):

- Discuss how to achieve NDCs' implementation through supporting community-based mitigation, adaptation and cross-cutting actions;
- Consider how to raise NDCs ambitions through upstream policy support and technical and financial assistance to the governments;
- Share emerging good practice and experiences on how countries are aligning NDCs and SDGs processes;
- Analyze linkages between NDC, SDG priorities and crisis prevention/recovery goals (regional and country initiatives);
- Share challenges and opportunities of NDCs implementation;
- Discuss how to mobilize private finance, particularly in fragile and crisis context countries, for implementation of national NDC climate plans (case studies).



AGENDA

15.00 – 15.05 | Introductory Notes

- **Dr. Jihad Alsawair**, Technical Advisor to the Minister and Director of Green Economy Unit, Ministry of Environment of Jordan, High level representative of UfM Copresidency

15.05 – 15.25 | Presentation of the UfM Regional analysis on NDCs in SEMed countries

- **Jérôme Boutang**, Executive Director, CITEPA
- Q&A

15.25 – 15.35 | UNDPs Climate Promise: Accelerating Country Actions for NDC Achievement

- **Cassie Flynn**, Strategic Advisor on Climate Change at the Executive Office, UNDP
- Q&A

15.40 – 15.55 | Exchanges of views and sharing experiences

- **Dr Romeo Bertolini**, Deputy Director Country Engagement, NDC Partnership Support Unit NDC Partnership
- **Blanca Moreno-Dodson**, Center for Mediterranean Integration (World Bank Office in Marseilles): The Clean Energy For All Europeans Package for the Use of Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries »
- **Naguib Amin**, Team Leader: EU “CLIMA MED” Project,
- **Houda Alla**, Director, Observatoire Méditerranéen de l’Energie

Q&A

15.55 – 16.00 | Closing Remarks

- **Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean