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## UfM-Cyprus side event - COP25

### A science-policy interface on risks of climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean region and Middle East

#### AGENDA

12 December 2019 (14:30-16:00)  
EU Pavilion

**Side event organizers:** Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat - Cyprus Government  
(Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment)

#### Partners:

- Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus
- UN Environment Mediterranean Action Plan (through its Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre)
- Network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC)

The Mediterranean Basin is undergoing strong change in environmental as well as social and economic conditions. Having warmed more than the global average already, the region is at risk of significant water shortages, productivity loss in marine and land ecosystems, ocean acidification, impacts of sea-level rise on coastal infrastructures, etc.

During this side-event the current state and risks related to climate and environmental change the Mediterranean will be discussed by scientists and decision-makers.

An open and independent international network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change (MedECC) has been launched to gather, 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.

Complementary to this approach, the Cyprus Climate Change Initiative aims at the development of a Regional Action Plan to address the specific needs and challenges countries are facing in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME) region, to address and ameliorate the impact of climate change and advance mitigation actions in accordance with the Paris Agreement. The Initiative was presented by the President Nicos Anastasiades to several of his counterparts. To achieve the objective of developing a Regional Action Plan on Climate Action Coordination, a detailed work programme has been developed, consisting of two distinct components: a scientific and an intergovernmental component.

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### 14:30 - 14: 40 | Introductory Notes

- **Yvon Slingenberg**, Directorate for Climate Action, European Union (UfM Co-presidency)

### 14:40 - 15:00 | Keynote Speeches

- **Abdalah Mokssit**, Secretary, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - TBC
- **Constantinos Kadis**, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Cyprus

### 15:00 - 15:25 minutes | The Draft 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Assessment Report and the Draft Key Messages of the network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC)

- **Stéphane Simonet**, Directeur, Acterra (for Plan Bleu), France
- **Pr Alberto Sanz Cobeña**, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain
- **Dr. Alejandra Morán Ordóñez**, InForest JRU (CTFC-CREAF), Spain.
- Q&A

### 15:25 - 15:50 minutes | Cyprus' Initiative for Climate Change

- **Pr Costas Papanikolas**, President of Cyprus Institute
- Q&A

### 15:50 - 15:55 minutes | Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI): territorial resilience to CC

- **Frederic de Dinechin**, Sr Knowledge Management Officer, (CMI, World Bank office in Marseilles)
- Q&A

### 15:55 - 16:00 minutes | Closing Remarks

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

