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Invitation

UfM Trade and Investment Forum Creating Opportunities for Jobs in Times of Covid-19 12 November 2020 – Online Event

Hosted by
Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
and
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

For decades, notoriously high youth unemployment has left millions of young people in the Southern Mediterranean without a chance to build a future. At the 25th anniversary of the Barcelona Process, this situation has been sharply aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the current crisis has exposed economic vulnerabilities, it also offers an opportunity to rebuild Mediterranean integration in a more inclusive and sustainable way. With the Southern Mediterranean linking Europe and the rest of Africa, a future shortening of supply chains might present an important prospect for more jobs and value creation in the region.

Under the auspices of German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dr. Gerd Müller, the Forum will bring together key regional stakeholders to discuss the contribution of trade and investment to employment creation in the Mediterranean region. By bringing together representatives from the public and private sector, the Forum will present an opportunity to discuss the framework conditions for trade and investment between the European Union and Africa.

The event will serve as a platform to discuss how development cooperation by the European Union and its Member States can contribute to promoting sustainable trade and investment relations for the creation of employment opportunities in the Southern Mediterranean neighborhood.

The UfM Trade and Investment Forum 2020 will be held as a follow-up edition to the UfM Business Forum 2019 in Cairo, Egypt.

Please find the draft agenda attached or on the webpage of the UfM Trade and Investment Forum:

<https://ufmsecretariat.org/ufm-trade-and-investment-forum>

We invite you to please register by 10 November 2020 under the following link:

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