

Draft Agenda
Fourth UfM Trade and Investment Forum
4 November 2022
Istanbul, Türkiye

Event moderators: *Natasha Walker / Jonathan Buhl*

Local Time	Agenda Item
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:15	Welcoming remarks Keynote Speeches
10:15 – 10:30	Setting the Scene Natasha Walker
10:30 – 12:00	Panel 1 – Making trade work for a green transition <i>Trade is undeniably a contributor to climate change. At the same time, however, trade can also be an important tool to support climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. As the world seeks to enhance its efforts towards a meaningful response to environmental degradation and climate change, how can trade in the region reduce its own carbon footprint, as well as effectively promote sustainability standards in the region?</i> Moderator: Jonathan Buhl
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee break
12:15 – 13:45	Panel 2 – Making regional supply chains work for emerging economies <i>Global economic shocks resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and severe political crises have put a new emphasis on the resilience of supply chains. Scenarios reach from the EU's strategic autonomy and reshoring to nearshoring or even friendshoring. How can any reconfiguration of supply chains have an economic multiplier effect for the Mediterranean region going forward?</i> Moderator: Natasha Walker
13:45 – 15:00	Networking Lunch



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15:00 – 16:30	<p>Panel 3 – Making regional trade act as a cushion against global disruptions</p> <p><i>The war in Ukraine has been the latest of many crises that have created multiple challenges and uncertainty for the Mediterranean region, including in the areas of food security, trade, foreign direct investment (FDI), commodity markets and financial conditions. How can targeted regional trade and investment policy interventions alleviate the impact of such disruptions?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jonathan Buhl</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Wrap-up and Conclusions Natasha Walker</p>

Simultaneous interpretation in: Arabic, English, French and Turkish.