



## Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Science Diplomacy

3 October 2023, Barcelona

Invitees: UfM Research & Innovation National Focal Points; diplomatic representatives, selected scientists and science stakeholders

09.00-10.00

### Opening

Nasser Kamel, Secretary-General, UfM

Maria Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation and Global Approach, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

### High-level segment

Gonzalo Arévalo, Director-General for Research Planning, Ministry for Science and innovation, Spain

Mohamed Belhocine, African Union Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation - *TBC*

Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, League of Arab States - *TBC*

Deputy Minister, Cyprus - *TBC*

Basri Saleh, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Palestine - *TBC*

10.00-10.30 **Keynote**

HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President of the Royal Scientific Society of Jordan - *TBC*

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break (Throne room)*

11.00-12.30 **Plenary session**

Topic: *What is the state of the art of science diplomacy in the Mediterranean?*



*Moderator: Nienke Buisman, Head of International Cooperation II Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

- 1- *Teodoro Miano, Secretary-General, CIHEAM*
- 2- *Fatima Driouech, Coordinator MedECC, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Morocco - TBC*
- 3- *Maria Maia, 5+5 Dialogue on RIHE, FCT - TBC*
- 4- *Angelo Riccaboni, Co-Chair PRIMA -TBC*
- 5- *Bernd Manfred Gawlik, JRC Ispra - TBC*

30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)

**12.30-13.00 Presentation of the breakout rooms sessions/Draft outcome document being discussed**

Giuseppe Provenzano, Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

Alessandro Calabrò, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

13.00-14.30 Lunch (Throne room)

14.30 - 16.00 **Breakout sessions:**

**Research infrastructures (White room)**

*Moderator: Heba Gaber, R&I Counsellor, EU Delegation to Egypt*

- 1- *Ahmed Abdullah Zayed, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina - TBC*
- 2- *Khaled Toukan, Director, SESAME Synchrotron - TBC*
- 3- *Atish Dabholkar, Director-General, Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics ICTP - TBC*
- 4- *Francesca Spagnuolo, EU Programmes Coordinator, European Gravitational Observatory*
- 5- *Pietro Barabaschi, Director-General, International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor ITER - TBC*



30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)

*Rapporteur: Maysoun Ibrahim, Higher Council for Innovation & Excellence, Palestine - TBC*

### **Mobility and training (Billiard room)**

*Moderator: Olfa Zeribi, AUF Europe Ouest - TBC*

- 1- *Stephen Calleya, Director, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC), Malta - TBC*
- 2- *Mesut Özcan, Director, Diplomacy Academy of Türkiye - TBC*
- 3- *Marga Gual Soler, GESDA - Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator, World Economic Forum Global Youth Leader - TBC*
- 4- *Peter McGrath, Coordinator Science and Diplomacy initiative, TWAS – TBC*
- 5- *Alexis Roig, CEO, Barcelona SciTechDiploHub – TBC*

30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)

*Rapporteur: Aravella Zachariou, Chair, Mediterranean ESD Committee*

### **Science advice for foreign policy (Banqueting room)**

*Moderator: Ana Elorza, Science Diplomacy Coordinator, FECYT*

- 1- *Senén Florensa, Director-General, European Institute for the Mediterranean IEMED - TBC*
- 2- *Sara Hasnaa Mokaddem, Head of Strategic Monitoring and Analysis, Policy Center for the New South - TBC*
- 3- *Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Vice Chair EC Scientific Advice Mechanism - TBC*
- 4- *André Xuereb, Digital Ambassador Malta – TBC*
- 5- *Rafael Barak, Ben Gurion University, Israel - TBC*

30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)

*Rapporteur: Domenico De Martinis, Scientific Attaché, Italian Embassy in Cairo TBC*



16.00-16.30 *Coffee break (Throne room)*

16.30 – 17.00 **Outcomes presented by Rapporteurs**

17.00 - 18.30 **Closing plenary session (5 speakers + 15 min. discussion)**

Topic: *What are the future perspectives for Science Diplomacy in the Med? Which concrete actions?*

Moderator: *Itaf Ben Abdallah, Senior Advisor on Higher Education and Research, UfM*

- 1- *Patrick Nédellec, Délégué aux Affaires Européennes et Internationales, DGRI/ DGESIP, MESR - TBC*
- 2- *Alessandra Tognonato, Head of Science Diplomacy, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - TBC*
- 3- *Alexandros Yannis, Deputy Head Policy Planning and Strategic Foresight, European External Action Service - TBC*
- 4- *Santiago Sierra González del Castillo, Head of Department for Cultural and Scientific Relations, AECID – TBC*
- 5- *Najay Aoun Saliba, American University of Beirut – TBC*

30' Open discussion (national representatives, scientists, and initiatives)

18.30 - 18.45 **Closing remarks: The contribution of the Mediterranean to Science Diplomacy**

- 1- *Jan Marco Müller, Coordinator for Science Diplomacy and Multilateral Relations, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*
- 2- *Giuseppe Provenzano, UfM*