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Inauguration of the Mediterranean Observatory of Climate Change: A Space for Cooperation, Innovation, and Regional Resilience

Conference and Official Inauguration in Tunisia Date: December 2 and 3, 2024 Place: Ecole Polytechnique de Tunisie

Title: Inauguration of the Mediterranean Observatory of Climate Change: A Space for Cooperation, Innovation, and Regional Resilience

Event description: The inaugural conference in Tunisia, which coincides with the official inauguration of the Observatory, marks the second major event of the platform. This event will provide a space to deepen strategies for climate change adaptation, with a strong focus on international collaboration, the use of technology, and sustainable natural resource management.

Conference Program in Tunisia (2 days):

Day 1 (02/12/2024): Official Inauguration and Presentations

09:00-09:30 | Registration and Accreditations

09:30-10:00 | Welcome and Official Inauguration

Speakers:

Prof. Nadia Mzoughi, President of the University of Carthage (UCAR)

Prof. Maria Teresa Sauras Yera, Vice-Rector for Sustainability and Climate Change (UB)

Mr. Ra'fat Khndqji, President of the Palestinian Farmers Union (PFU)

Mr. David Llistar, Director of the Cooperation Department of the Barcelona City Council *Tentatively:*

Representatives from the Ministry of Environment of Tunis

Spanish Ambassador in Tunis

Palestinian Ambassador in Tunis

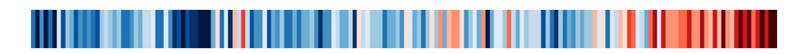
Content: Official inauguration of the Mediterranean Observatory of Climate Change and the Conference.

10:00 - 11:00 | Panel 1: The Mediterranean as an Epicentre of Climate Change Speakers: Abbas Mihelm (PFU), Elyes Hamza (SPA/RAC), Shifa Mathbout (European University Cyprus) Panel Coordinator: Franco Gómez (Catalan Association for Peace (ACP)) Content: Discussion on the effects of climate change in the Mediterranean, focusing on biodiversity and water resources.

11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 | Panel 2: Climate Adaptation and Sustainable Agriculture Speakers: Basel Natsheh (Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie (PTUK)), Giuseppe Cirelli (Université of Catania), Lamia Bouziri (REACT), Zohra Lili Chabaane (UCAR-INAT) Panel Coordinator: Wafa Masoud (PTUK) Content: Agricultural innovation and water management in response to climate change.

13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch



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14:00 - 15:30 | Workshop/Think Tank 1: Defining the Objective of the Observatory Objective: Establish a consensus on the goals of the observatory by identifying members' priorities. Identify common needs and define strategic lines (SWOT?).

15:30 - 17:00 | Workshop/Think Tank 2: Identifying Priorities and Concrete Action Plans Objectives: Identify common priorities and establish strategic lines of action.

Day 2 (03/12/2024): Networks, Innovation, and Action Plans

09:00 - 10:30 | Panel 3: Biodiversity Conservation, Sustainable Hydric Resource Management, and Nature-Based Solutions

Speakers: Antoni Alarcon (Barcelona Zoo), Saed Khayat (An-Najah National University), Mehdi Ben Mimoun (UCAR-INAT), Rosina Gironès (Global Sustainability Hub UB)

Panel Coordinator: Antonina Torrens (UB)

Content: Biodiversity conservation and resource management as climate solutions.

10:30 - 11:00 | Break

11:00 - 12:30 | Panel 4: The Role of NGOs, Civil Society, and Administrations in Climate Change Adaptation

Speakers: Sagar Malé (ACP), David Llistar (Barcelona City Council), Sihem Benabdallah (REACT), Abbas Milhelm (PFU)

Panel Coordinator: Consuelo Tome Virseda, representative from Technical Cooperation Office of Spain in Tunis (AECID)

Content: The importance of different actors in climate change adaptation.

12:30 - 13:00 | Remarks and Closing

Speakers: Representatives from the UCAR, PFU, ACP and FSUB Session Coordinator: General coordinator of the Observatory (M. Abbas Mihelm (PFU))

13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch

14:00 - 16:00 | Workshop/Think Tank 3: Defining Working Groups and Roles + Next Steps Objective: Establish an operational working network with defined roles for participating members. Create a coordination and follow-up body.

<u>#ShowYourStripes</u> The Warming Band graphics were created by Professor Ed Hawkins to start conversations about global warming and the risks of climate change.

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