



## The MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK

UNFCCC COP22 SIDE-EVENT

Climate change and variability is becoming increasingly evident; according to observations and studies referenced in recent IPCC reports, in recent decades, summer heat waves' intensity, number, and length have increased alongside extreme precipitation events and soil dryness.

The Mediterranean region will be heavily impacted by climate change during the 21st century: climate change could exacerbate existing stresses and inequalities within and among countries.

The objective of this side event is to present the instruments developed by the MAP-Barcelona Convention, the analyses and results obtained through the work in the Mediterranean region in terms of climate change adaptation and mitigation. The meeting will also highlight concrete solutions to support Parties in their practical implementation of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework, adopted by the 19th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, and of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol, which entered into force in 2011 and has been ratified to date by 9 Mediterranean countries and the EU.

The French initiative on a Mediterranean Plan for Blue Growth as well as the strategies of the southern countries for adaptation to climate change from the perspective of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) will also be presented. Finally, the upcoming IPCC Special Report on "Climate change and Oceans and the Cryosphere" will be introduced, along with recent research results on the impacts of climate change on the Mediterranean Sea.

You are cordially invited to join the side event. Detailed programme is attached.

**Date:** Friday 11 November 2016

**Time:** 11:00 – 12:30

**Venue:** Draa Room – Green Area

## Program

### **11:00-11:40 The Instruments and Work of the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention**

#### **Welcoming remarks and facilitator**

Ms. Anne-France Didier, Director, Plan Bleu

#### **The UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system and its “Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas” (RCCAF)**

Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat

#### **The Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), and its relevance for Climate Change in the Mediterranean region; the specific Case of Coastal Plan for the Šibenik-Knin County (Croatia)**

Ms. Daria Povh Skugor, Senior Programme Officer, Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC)

#### **The “Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025” (MSSD) and the work of the MAP Components**

Ms. Anne-France Didier, Director, Plan Bleu

### **11:40-12:00 Action and implementation at the national level**

#### **Mediterranean Plan for Blue Growth - *Plan Méditerranée pour la croissance bleue***

France – Ms. Catherine Chabaud, Déléguée à la mer et au littoral- Ministère de l’environnement de l’énergie et de la mer

As part of the coalition on Oceans and Climate of UNFCCC COP21, the French Ministry of the Environment will present this national initiative of regional cooperation, building on existing programmes and projects developed at national and regional level, and taking particularly into account UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention activities and actions

#### **The strategies of the southern countries for adaptation to climate change, from the perspective of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)**

Morocco – Mr. Rachid Firadi, Head of the Division for International Cooperation Administration of Partnership for Communication and Cooperation, Secretariat for water and Environment, Department of Environment

### **12:00-12:20 Climate Change in the Mediterranean Sea: the Contribution of Science**

#### **The upcoming IPCC Special Report on "Climate change and Oceans and the Cryosphere"**

IPCC Secretariat TBC

#### **Recent research results on the impacts of climate change on the Mediterranean Sea**

Mr. Richard Sempéré, Director of the Mediterranean Institute of Oceanography

### **12:20-12:30 Questions and Answers**