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## UfM side event - COP24

### A science-policy interface on risks of climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean region (MedECC)

Thursday 13 December 10:00 – 12:00  
Moroccan Pavilion

**Side event organizer:** Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat

#### Partners:

- Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- UN Environment Mediterranean Action Plan through its Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre
- Network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC)

The Mediterranean Basin is undergoing strong change in environmental as well as social and economic conditions. Having warmed more than the global average already, the region is at risk of significant water shortages, productivity loss in marine and land ecosystems, ocean acidification, impacts of sea-level rise on coastal infrastructures, etc. Climate change interacts with other changes to aggravate vulnerabilities. Given the changing social and economic conditions, inducing urban growth, change in land use, and pollution from multiple sources, countries in the South and East of the basin are at particular risk for severe economic losses and social impacts.

During this side-event the current state and risks related to climate and environmental change the Mediterranean will be discussed by scientists and decision-makers.

An open and independent international network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate

and environmental Change (MedECC) has been launched to gather, update and consolidate the best scientific knowledge on these issues and render it accessible to policy-makers and key stakeholders. The dialogue between scientists and decision-makers is facilitated by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme through its Plan Bleu Regional Activity Center, which support the MedECC in the framework of their agreement.

This side-event will give the opportunity for scientists and stakeholders to discuss the main vulnerabilities of the Mediterranean region and its resilience to change.

During this side-event a booklet will be distributed on climate and environmental change issues for the Mediterranean region and the way in which the scientists in association with the decision-makers address them.

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## AGENDA

**10.00 – 10.05 | Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean and the World Meteorological Organization**

**10.05 – 10.10 | Introductory Notes**

- **Jorge Borrego**, Senior Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean
- **Petteri Taalas**, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization
- **TBC XXX**, representative of the Moroccan Ministry of Environment

**10.10 – 10.30 | Keynote Speeches**

- **Jorge Antunes**, Directorate for Climate Action, European Union (UfM Co-presidency)
- **TBC Abdalah Mokssit**, Secretary, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

**10.30 – 11.00 | The of network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC)**

- **Maria Snoussi**, Professor at University Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco
- **Joël Guiot**, Researcher at CNRS, Association AIR Climat, MedECC Coordinator, France

**11.00 – 11.45 | International Perspectives on the impacts of climate change in the Mediterranean region**

- **TBC Abdalah Mokssit**, Secretary, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- **Mauricette Steinfeldt**, Secretary General, Plan Bleu
- **Manfred Lange**, Professor, Cyprus Institute
- **TBC Rajae Chafil**, Director of 4C Morocco Center (Center of Competencies in Climate Changes) Q&A

**11.45 – 12.00 | Closing Remarks**

- **UfM**
- **Moroccan Ministry of Environment**

