

AGENDA OF CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

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The 2nd MEDCOP Climate was held in Tangier under the patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI who highlighted in his letter to the participants: « the Mediterranean will be undoubtedly one of the most affected regions in the world by the global warming [...]. Affected by the majority of the listed climate impacts, the Mediterranean will transform the necessary mitigation and adaptation measures into levers for an inclusive and prosperous sustainable development.

Cradle of civilization, science and culture, it has always managed to innovate and challenge itself[...]. Today the Mediterranean must take the lead in building a new way of consumption and production, in innovating in the fight against climate change and more generally sustainable development».



The opening ceremony was held with the presence of H.R.H Prince Moulay Rachid.

The Mediterranean basin, «hot spot» of climate change, continues its efforts to «speak with one voice». Tangier meeting of local and national elected officials, with enterprises, NGOs and scientists, has gathered more than 3,000 climate players from 25 countries. The forum was held one year after the initiative taken in Marseille by Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur region. Over 200 organizations and networks, 250 speakers contributed directly to the collective achievement of the Mediterranean agenda of climate solutions.

An enhanced role for the regions

The initiative is today designed for the long term, under the leadership of the regional authorities. Sicily will host the MedCOP Climate 2017 and the Governorate of Sousse in Tunisia in 2018.

«The regions and big cities should form the right level of intervention, through their capabilities of direct action, but also by their major role for the outreach of the territories and the economy stakeholders,» said Ilyas El Omari, President of Tangier Tetouan Al Hoceima Region. The MedCOP Climate Tanger 2016 has adopted a charter which «constitutes a new framework for regional cooperation, involving all stakeholders in an open and ambitious idea,» climate governance of territories» that can join the Presidents of regions and metropolises. It aims to link more closely the fight against climate change, sustainable development goals (SDGs) and development financing".

The originality and specificity of MedCOP Climate lie in the implementation of a global partnership of non-state actors involving citizens, alongside the States. These actions should build an action plan for the implementation of initiatives and projects in synergy with the coastal States, the United Nations agencies and Inter-governmental institutions such as the OECD, the European Union, the Union for the Mediterranean and their financial structures such as public development banks.

The objective of the MedCOP Climate was precisely to develop a Mediterranean roadmap that should be a reference, innovates, helps to excel, to implement

the necessary mitigation and adaptation measures for an inclusive and prosperous sustainable development.

6 great debates, 10 co-production workshops, 7 major events, 10 side events, and also the many direct contributions of networks, coalitions and involved organizations, helped to develop the Agenda of solutions.

The synthesis of these rich contributions to discover on the website: www.medcop-programme.org

Objectives of MedCOP ClimateTangier 18 and 19 July 2016

Set by Mrs Assia Bouzekri, President of the Steering Committee and Gilles Berhault, President of the Program Committee:



- Bring a «Mediterranean voice» in climate negotiations which give their place to non-state actors.
- Analyze how each initiative, each stakeholder, each of the actors' networks, can
 contribute to the implementation of an Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC), set out
 in COP21 agreement.
- Subscribe the Regions as are the cities (Covenant of Mayors) in «bottom-up» initiatives related to the execution of the national and Mediterranean climate agenda and the implementation of the sustainable development objectives.
- Question as a group on developing a framework of actions and priorities around a common agenda, with a monitoring process of the implementation.
- Making the multiple players' agendas compatible with the climate and development agenda, in the context of the advanced scientific knowledge to promote synergies and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Benefit from the proliferation of initiatives, real wealth to be considered, but by encouraging coalition groups so that the findings, currently ad hoc and fragmented around a set of actions, to lead aggregates of projects.
- Encourage a stakeholders' collaboration, sharing means, through shared indicators.

Please note, a very strong interest has been shown in Tangier for a constructive dialogue between stakeholders. How to imagine genuinely shared economic models?

How to work for a better strength of operational skills as everyone's capacity?

How to change all behaviors? How to accelerate the transition to a «green economy»?

A wide variety of stakeholders

A «mapping of non-state Mediterranean actors» was developed. Rich and complex, it can be completed by all those involved players. It reflects the proliferation of actors, involved in a variety of initiatives, both in South and North, East and West. A number of segmented programs with a transversal approach are covered. However, what should be considered as wealth sometimes creates competition between actors and induces the proliferation of shares to areas of thematic and geographic interventions which are sometimes similar. It is therefore urgent to work on a common agenda to pool expertise and results for the service of a shared Mediterranean. Alliances were already formed. An operational networking, coordinated by a permanent secretariat hosted in Tangier in the Mediterranean house of climate, will help to open up initiatives and accelerate the execution.

Financing

Achieving climate commitments and sustainable development objectives in the Mediterranean for non-state actors as for state actors requires considerable financial resources. The MedCOP Climate Tangier 2016 was a first step towards cooperation between financial actors present in the Mediterranean and action forces to set together a «common MedCOP Finance action plan «. Support for projects should contribute directly to the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations as one of the global objectives of sustainable development.

Societal priorities

The 2016 Climate MedCOP has dedicated extensive debates to the theme of «Human Mobility, climate justice and solidarities.» Human mobility is a right, a claim. It is not only for refugees chased from their homes by war, economic, climate migrants, but also for the tourists, the retirees, the active and of course all young people keen to «discover the world» and to exchange. Mobility dynamics are South / North, South / South, between countryside and cities, between the young from Universities. Mobility contributes to the knowledge exchange.

Moreover, the current crisis asylum and the emergence of the issue of climate displaced population are taking place in a global context characterized on the one hand, by the amplification of South / North migration and South / South

movements and by the vivacity of controversial debates on the destiny of immigrant communities settled permanently in the North.



The MedCOP 2016 of Tangier was also the time of «the young's power» awareness.

More than a hundred young actors from all the Mediterranean countries, affected by climate, met in Tangier at the eve of the MedCOP Climate. They decided to create a network of exchange, The Mediterranean Youth Climate Forum (MYCF). They drafted a charter of values to share.

Over 60 networks of women gathered in Tangier have initiated the creation of the « Women Network Facing Climate Change Challenges in the Mediterranean (RFFDCC),» the creation of the Preparatory Commission has gathered all women, men and organizations present at the MedCOP Climate Tanger 2016 and who wish to join it.

Africa and climate

Africa has also been at the heart of discussions at the MedCOP Climate. And Tangier was an opportunity for organizers of the future COP 22 in Marrakech to confirm that it will be «a COP of action, and specially action for Africa». About thirty African media were present in Tangier.



- Organize platforms for resilience-building projects of the 22 Mediterranean countries thanks to the support of the World Environment Fund and the World Bank.
- The signing of a cooperation agreement, supported by the Minister of New Caledonia Anthony Lecreen, for
- «an ocean alliance» with the objective of a support to Morocco by the 19 island states of Oceania 22 during the COP22.
- Creating a home of Tangier Climate where will be based a permanent secretariat, a network of experts from the Mediterranean and other initiatives.
- Improve the scientific cooperation

KEYS TO CLIMATE MEDCOP

- 1. COMMITMENTS: Continue to make commitments and record them on platforms like NAZCA
- 2. AMBITIONS: Zero carbon and zero waste objectives, regenerated biodiversity, improved health, wellbeing for all.
- 3. ACCOUNTABILITY: Measure, Check, Notify, to progress together and create a virtuous circle.
- 4. FUNDING: develop a Climate and Mediterranean financial strategy
- 5. IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS: Support the commitments of the different territory levels by supporting the Mediterranean Covenant of Mayors and by encouraging the signing of the regions Charter.
- 6. GIVE MORE POWER TO THE YOUNG: encourage the young who have the power to shake up the market.
- 7. GIVING PRIORITY TO AFRICA: a MEDCOP process widely open to all those in Africa who wish to be associated to it.
- 8. SKILLS AND TALENTS: to ensure capacity building, mobilizing talents in a technological, economic and social innovation approach.
- 9. ELIGIBILITY: accelerate behavior changes, find a common post carbon imagination.
- 10. STAY CONNECTED: ensure a link between 300 networks and organizations and the 3,000 participants.





