



# THE MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE HOUSE OF TANGIER

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«Today, the Mediterranean must set an example in the construction of a new mode of consumption and production, as well as in innovation concerning the fight against climate change and more generally in terms of sustainable development. There is only one destiny for our region: the one we will strive to achieve.»

*Excerpts from the Royal Letter of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, addressed to the participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the MedCOP Climate, held in Tangier on 18th, July 2016.*

## Climate, a Global Priority...

The MEDCOP Climate 2016 held in Tangier, in the lead up to COP22 organized in Marrakech in June, was a real success. The Region of Tangier-Tetouan-El Hoceima has suggested, upon concluding this event, the principle of a perennial forum at the level of the entire Mediterranean basin. A host region will be designated on a yearly basis to allow territorial and economic stakeholders to meet. This decision takes its full significance in view of the great climate vulnerability of the Mediterranean area, which is accentuated in its southern shore being its interface with Africa. The multiple consequences - health, migration, loss of biodiversity and food resources, etc. - require the search for appropriate solutions in terms of adaptation and reduction, which can create new economic opportunities. Therefore, one of the major challenges of the MedCOP Climate is to strengthen the political capacity of the Mediterranean actors in what regards negotiation and influence, in order to make an important change in the strategies of action.

Moreover, the commitments that the states made at the COP21 in Paris (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions) imply a regionalization and an acceleration of action. In this perspective, the Climate MedCOPs will also constitute spheres allowing the attribution of territorial character to the climate action, and enhance the potential role of non-state actors within the action system if skills and collective capacity are available. This necessity is, of course, backed up by the current position of the American Head of State.

## The Mediterranean Climate House, a Climate Hub on the Mediterranean-African Scale.

The Mediterranean Climate House is a space that is made at the service of those who act against climate change on a daily basis, and constitutes at the same time a center for resources, capacity building, and project incubation and accompaniment. This initiative is based upon strong partnerships, taken within a consensual logic and motivated by common ambitions and a desire to spread the actions undertaken by each other. The Mediterranean Climate House has strong ambitions that fall within a cooperative spirit without aiming at leading the other initiatives or being their coordinator. It is a space to offer services, as well as a sphere where governmental and non-governmental actors can meet. Besides, politicians as well as technicians of local authorities, organizations for "finance climate" and small and medium-sized enterprises, NGOs and researchers represent the main actors of the Mediterranean Climate House. Its presence in Tangier will make its services very much in demand regionally, and nationally with regard to climate issues, while maintaining its strong international dimension, and developing its action «Beyond the walls» ...

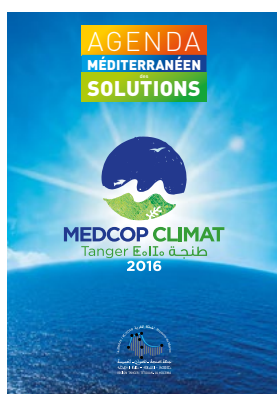


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# Missions of the Mediterranean Climate House

## *Permanent Secretariat of the MedCOPs Climate*

The Mediterranean Climate House hosts the Permanent Secretariat of the MedCOP Climate. It is therefore the place of capitalization and resources for the different organizing regions. For this purpose, it proposes a specification of the MedCOP Climate to the organizing authorities. Moreover, it develops the necessary tools for the efficiency of collective production: monitoring of the networks of actors and projects, setting up a common framework for the monitoring and assessment of climate strategies. Besides, each year the scientific committee is made at the service of the Program Committee set up by the Region or the Organizing Governorate to enhance the work of the said program committee. Annually, the Mediterranean Climate House undertakes an assessment of the progress made concerning the proposals of the climate solutions agenda which has been elaborated in 2016 and which seeks for further promotion in the years to come. Within the same framework, a number of replicable good practices have been identified.



urbanization and territorial development, as a complex act that produces cities and territories, affects climate in what concerns the two levels: reducing the impacts of climate change and adapting to them. Therefore, the importance hinges on asserting oneself as an actor that connects between the climate and metropolitan agendas in order to build shared spaces to make the utmost profit from actions and funding, while giving the optimal position to employment.

The two favored territorial scales will be the regions and the metropolitan territories. The aim is to support integrated approaches to territorial development projects that articulate planning visions on a large scale with more thematic projects ... Climate – resilience - integration of approaches – mutlidisciplinary - empowerment of actors and citizens which constitute the key words for these approaches.

## *Hosting Organizations*

There are numerous networks of stakeholders in the Mediterranean region. Some of them, such as the Mediterranean Youth Climate Forum, will set up their headquarters and international coordination within the Mediterranean Climate House.

## *Resource Center to Determine and Meet the Commitments*

The Mediterranean Climate House will emphasize and mobilize four pillars: Territories, Innovation, Economic Archipelagos (agriculture, new energies, and green economies ...) and the ability to impact citizens' conduct. The aim is to generate knowledge, to provide the actors with the work conditions needed for an optimized impact on the climate. The Mediterranean Climate House will develop project engineering, especially for experiments and transfer of experiments. Concerning the section "territories", the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) have committed all Mediterranean countries, excluding Syria and Palestine, to get involved in combating climate change, while allocating a budget that exceeds 400 billion USD. At the same time, local authorities and companies have made relevant commitments through the NAZCA platform within the framework of a global climate action plan promoted by the «Climate Champions».

In the majority of cases, these commitments cross the urban and territorial issues - energy, transport, housing, waste, urban agriculture ... and on the contrary,

## *Annual Meeting in Tangier of the Mediterranean Climate House*

Every year, apart from the MedCOP Climate, a major event will be organized in Tangier. It is the meeting of the intermediary networks and organizations, through contact with the regions of the Mediterranean..



# Sharing Knowledge, Accompaniment and Incubation of Projects and Resource Centers, and Capacity Building

## Priority, Finance

Although there are plenty of available funding resources, they are often difficult to access and project promoters lack the skills to make their projects 'bankable'. Major donors and investors complain about the lack of projects to be funded. The Mediterranean House of Climate will therefore offer training sessions and projects accompaniment. An information desk will be set up. Similarly, identical projects will be analyzed in terms of feasibility, then incubated and accompanied.

Competitions will be organized in order to boost up and value projects. Specific training will be provided for the project promoters to work on real capacity building (present and future actions). Training of trainers cycles will be conducted in order to allow experts to undertake this kind of activity at the regional level. As a start, an investment fund hosted by the Mediterranean House of Climate of Tangier could be set up.



## The priority method Capacity building

«In the context of international development, capacity refers to» the ability of individuals, organizations and the community as a whole to successfully manage their affairs.» Capacity building refers to «the processes by which individuals, organizations and the community as a whole liberate, create, strengthen, adapt and maintain capacities over time» (OECD quotation). Conducting climate projects implies that one dispose of a systemic vision, a capacity for leadership, as well as a multi-stakeholder cooperative spirit that the initial trainings can hardly provide. The Mediterranean House of Climate will cover all these issues. Training will be offered annually to 25 young people representing 20 countries. The beneficiaries of the training will be the future leaders of local climate houses...

## Better Data Management

The lack of data and assessment tools (MRV) represent a constant problem. Often they do not exist at all. It is therefore necessary to define real needs, methods of data-obtaining and needs concerning skills. Action must also be taken to allow access to public data when it exists. Using such data needs tools and capacity building.

## Economic Archipelagos

It involves promoting the planning of multi-stakeholder and multi services-industries projects through strengthening the actors' knowledge concerning the eco-systems with regard to certain issues such as agriculture, renewable energies, tourism ... The aim being to accompany the networking of such actors at the Euro-Mediterranean level, to develop and to disseminate their experiences from a methodological, technological and creativity perspective.

On the whole, innovation is to be underscored, including support for start-ups.



## Citizen Participation

The aim is to promote and share the climate challenge, to organize public debate and to involve groups of citizens in action. The Mediterranean Climate House must therefore be open : an accessible space hosting exhibitions, debates, cultural and artistic initiatives ... as well as promoters of projects and young companies to deal with the above-mentioned domains. Scientists, artists, communicators are received in residence.





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## *Ambitions to Share for a Common Vision*

A place to generate powers of local and regional authorities, economic actors, social actors, citizens, knowledge (reference to the data and objectification of climatic advances, mobilization of the education networks and higher education-research) and of action (knowledge at the service of action).

The Mediterranean House of Climate and its «civilizational project» (as qualified by the Moroccan Monarch, King Mohammed VI) is a place of consensus on climate objectives. It will represent a «hub» for the educational world, territories, SMEs, consumers, investors, contributors ... and a link between citizens, non-state actors and states. The structure will be an accelerator of transitions necessary to combat climate change.

It will also be an arena for the generation of new forms of multi-stakeholder partnerships to ensure strong impacts within a spirit of solidarity (exchange-mutualisation) and complementarity (assembly around projects). Moreover, it will offer a sphere that reconciles a positive experience of individual and collective action, with a common cause employment (including green jobs).

While undertaking the mission of Permanent Secretariat of the MedCOP Climate, the Mediterranean Climate House, relies on scientific, organizational and program committees. A secretariat based in Tangier leads a collective governance and elaborates the guidelines and the specifications of the MedCOP organized by a host region enjoying a high level of autonomy.

*A first call for projects is launched. 10 candidates will be selected and accompanied. All information area available on: [medcop-programme.org](http://medcop-programme.org). A questionnaire is also available on this site to express your opinion concerning the project.*

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