

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: EXPLORING THE NEXUS, UNPACKING INTERNATIONAL POLICY RESPONSES

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9:30-10:00 *Registration of participants*

10:00-10:30 **Welcoming Address**

NASSER KAMEL, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

NICOLÒ RUSSO PEREZ, International Relations Coordinator, Compagnia San Paolo Foundation*

ANDREA DESSI, Scientific Director, New Med Research Network/Head of Italian Foreign Policy Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

10:30-11:30 **High-Level Segment: The Climate-Security Nexus in the Mediterranean**

HELGA MARIA SCHMID, Secretary-General, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (tbc)

GRAMMENOS MASTROJENI, Senior Deputy Secretary-General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

IGLI HASANI, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

LUCA FRANCHETTI PARDO, Senior Deputy Political Director, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

NATASHA MELI DAUDEY, Malta's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Austria and Permanent Representative of Malta to the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe*

Chair **EMILIANO ALESSANDRI**, Senior External Co-operation Officer, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:30 **Session I: Mediterranean Security through a Climate Lens: Challenges & Prospects**

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

Recognised as a climate change hotspot, the Mediterranean Basin is witnessing magnified environmental effects that are acting as threat multipliers across the political, socio-economic and migration domains. What is the state of international climate diplomacy and what are the priority areas of engagement? How can climate security practices be improved and what is the role of international organisations in fostering multilateral cooperation on the climate emergency from human security perspectives?

Panelists:

WOLFGANG CRAMER, Research Director, CNRS Mediterranean Institute for Biodiversity and Ecology (IMBE), France*

SIMONE BORG, Malta's Ambassador for Climate Action*

LUCA RAINERI, Assistant Professor, Institute of Law, Politics and Development, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, Italy

ZEINA KHALIL HAJJ, Head of Global Programme 350.org & Former Executive Director Greenpeace MENA

Chair **BERNARDO VENTURI**, Director, Agency for Peacebuilding (AP) and Associate Fellow, IAI

Open debate

13:30-15:00 *Lunch Break*

15:00-16:30 **SESSION II – FOSTERING CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

Climate change is attracting increased policy attention as awareness grows regarding its multidimensional effects. These policies require careful collaboration between science and policymaking to improve preventive measures and enhance the resilience of states and societies across the Mediterranean. What impact will climate diplomacy have on multilateral frameworks in the Mediterranean? What priority sectors can be identified? What role can public-private partnerships play in this domain?

Panelists:

NIKLAS BREMBERG, Associated Senior Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute & Associate Professor of Political Science, Stockholm University*

SILVIA PARIENTE-DAVID, Senior Advisor, Center for Mediterranean Integration; International Energy Consultant and MedECC Lead Author, France*

PIER PAOLO RAIMONDI, Researcher, Energy, Climate and Resources programme, IAI & Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)

ROULA MAJDALANI, Sustainable Management of Natural Resources expert & Former Director, ESCWA Sustainable Development Policies Division

Chair **INES DUARTE**, Project Manager, Energy and Climate Action Division, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Open debate

16:30-17:30 **Concluding Remarks & Next Steps**

GRAMMENOS MASTROJENI, Senior Deputy Secretary-General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

IGLI HASANI, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

MARIO BARTOLI, Head of the OSCE Unit, Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

JAVIER BENOSA LALAGUNA, Head of Unit OSCE/Council of Europe, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and International Cooperation

GORICA ATANASOVA-GJOREVSKA, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of North Macedonia to the OSCE, Incoming Country Chair of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group*

Chair **ANDREA DESSI**, Scientific Director, New Med Research Network/Head of Italian Foreign Policy Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

17:30 *End of conference*

*online participation