

Workshop

Sustainability: Towards a New Paradigm of Development in the Euro-Mediterranean Area

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Sustainable development has emerged as a new paradigm for States and organizations. The UN SDGs, the Paris Agreement, and the various COPs have entrenched the need to transform production and consumption patterns by adopting more sustainable practices.

In the Euro-Mediterranean zone, Morocco has been particularly involved in the challenge of climate change (organization of the COP22, implementation of the Ouarzazate solar power station, active policy for the promotion of renewable energies and national strategy to fight climate change in all its forms), as well as in the development of an intense cooperation on this subject, particularly at the African level.

It is for this reason that the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez, itself an eco-campus, has taken the initiative to organize in collaboration with the European Institute of the Mediterranean, a think tank strongly committed to sustainable development issues, a workshop in Fez on the topic of "Sustainability: Towards a New Paradigm of Development in the Euro-Mediterranean Area".

In this context, various contributions related to the sustainable development strategy approaches, the energy transition, the circular economy, the participatory approaches, and the dynamics of climate change are able to enrich this theme.

PROGRAMME

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome and check-in**

09.30 – 10.00 **Introductory Remarks**

Mostafa Bousmina, President, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes, Morocco

Josep Ferré, Acting General Director, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain

Mohamed Benyahia, General Secretary, Ministry of the Environnement, Morocco

Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, Environment and Water Division, Union for the Mediterranean

10.00 – 10.30 **General Overview of the Climate Change**

Othmane Benmoussa, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes, Morocco

Kasia Marini, MedECC, France

10:30 – 11:45 **1st Session : Sustainable Development Strategy Approach in the Euro-Mediterranean Region**

What are the essential principles that must be addressed by sustainable development strategies in the Mediterranean? What should their priorities be in the Region? How to ensure civil society participation in the development and implementation processes? How to ensure that the strategies developed are followed? What lessons can we draw from the Moroccan case?

Moderator :

Almotaz Abadi, Union for the Mediterranean

Speakers :

Elen Lemaitre-Curri, Plan Bleu, France

Said Mouline, Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency, Morocco

Hind Majdoubi, Research Center for Environment, Human Security, and Governance, Ibn Tofail University, Morocco

Abdellah Srour, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, FAO, Italy

11.45 – 13.00

2nd Session : Challenge of the Energy Transition in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

How to address the technological, economic and territorial challenges involved in the energy transition in the Euro-Mediterranean context? What are the specificities of the energy transition in the Mediterranean? What are the investment priorities and financing policies in the North and South of the Mediterranean? What partnership opportunities for better cooperation between different actors across the Region? What are the model initiatives in the Region?

Moderator :

Houda Allal, Directrice, Mediterranean Observatory of Energy (OME), Tunisia

Speakers :

Ali Zerouali, MASEN, Morocco

Rachid Drissi, Federation of Energy, Morocco

Maged K. Mahmoud, Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), Egypt

Emmanuel Bargasse, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA), Spain

Sebastien Vaudreuil, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes,
Morocco

13.00 – 14.15 Networking Lunch

14.15 – 15.30 3rd Session : Territorial Issues of the Circular Economy

What opportunities and obstacles to the development of the circular economy in the Euro-Mediterranean Region? How to draw on ancestral practices in resource management? How can the education system promote the emergence of a circularity culture? What local and regional institutions to govern the circular economy?

Moderator :

Enrique de Villamore, Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC), Spain

Speakers :

Jean-Pascal Darriet, Suez Environnement, Morocco

Ahmed Hamidi, Ecomed, Morocco

Camélia Kerkour, Omar Benjelloun, and Hafsa El Bekri, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes, Morocco

15.30 – 16.45 4th Session : Appropriation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Local Development Models

How to deploy these SDGs into concrete and measurable actions in the Euro-Mediterranean area? How do the SDGs challenge the development models of Mediterranean countries? How can the education system better contribute to the uptake of the SDGs by the rising generations?

Moderator :

Hajar Khamlichi, Mediterranean Youth Climate Network, France

Speakers :

Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chaouen, Morocco

Oriol Barba, MedCities, Spain

Jérémie Fosse, Eco-Union, Spain

Abderrahman Tenkoul and Soumia Guennoun, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes, Morocco

16.45 – 17.15

Wrap up and Conclusions

Taufik Ouazzani Chahdi, Vice-President in charge of Academic and Cultural Affairs, Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes, Morocco

Roger Albinyana, Director of Mediterranean Regional Policies, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain