



How can nature help the water crisis ?

Mediterranean Water Forum - Side-event

This Side-Event aims to understand the crucial role played by freshwater ecosystems in addressing the water crisis in the Mediterranean. Shedding light on the often underestimated importance of these ecosystems, the event will discuss how they can be mobilized and preserved to contribute positively to water management. This dynamic side-event provides an opportunity to meet experts, explore innovative projects, and discuss investment and funding opportunities to safeguard these ecosystems.

 18h00 – 19h30  Tunis, LAICO Hotel, Eddyafa Indoor

PART 1: FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS ARE KEY TO SOLVING THE WATER CRISIS. WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS AND HOW CAN GOVERNMENTS GET INVOLVED?

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Moderated conversation

18h00

The importance of freshwater ecosystems for better resource management in Mediterranean countries

Anis Guelmami – Observatoire des Zones Humides Méditerranéennes Coordinator, Tour du Valat ❖ **Marianne Courouble** – Policy Expert, MedWet



18h10

Recontextualising the situation of freshwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean and the state of emergency

Philippe Mondielli - Scientific Director, Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco ❖ **Milagros Couchoud** – Honorary President, Mediterranean Water Institute



18h15

What commitments should be made by and for the Mediterranean countries? What are the specific expectations on the international agenda?

Institutional Representative for Tunisia tbc ❖ **Marianne Courouble** – Policy Expert, MedWet

Film "Ghar El Melh: building resilience in Tunisia's most precious wetlands" (5 min)

PART 2: CONCRETE SOLUTIONS TO THE WATER CRISIS

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Panel discussion

18h30

Yusra Madani - President, Living Planet Morocco ❖ Giuseppe Cammarata – Project Director, Institut pour la Coopération Universitaire ❖ Céline Dubreuil – Programme Director, Plan Bleu ❖ Maroua Oueslati - Information & Project Manager, SEMIDE

PART 3: INVESTMENT AND FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES

19h10

Presentation of the Donors' Initiative For Mediterranean Freshwater Ecosystems (DIMFE)

Léa Glâtre – DIMFE Coordinator, Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco

CONCLUSION

19h20

Q&A session

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