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EIB MED Conference: Climate Action in the Mediterranean

Thursday, 8 September 2016 – Rabat, Morocco
Hotel Sofitel Jardin des Roses – Souissi, Rabat, Morocco



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8:30-9:15

Registration and welcome coffee

Moderated by: Jacki Davis, Meade Davis Communications

9:15-10:00

Opening session

- **Román Escolano**, Vice President, European Investment Bank
- **Salaheddine Mezouar**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and President of COP 22, Morocco
- **Fathallah Sijilmassi**, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean
- **Laurence Tubiana**, Secretary General, Ambassador for international climate negotiations COP21, Climate Champion, France

10:00-11:30

Session I – From Paris to Marrakech – The road travelled since COP21

- **Monica Scatasta**, Head of Environmental, Climate and Social Policy, European Investment Bank
- **Hachmi Kennou**, Governor, World Water Council & Executive Director Mediterranean Water Institute
- **Jochen Harnisch**, Coordinator Climate Change Policy, KfW Development Bank, Germany
- **Mustapha Bakkoury**, President, Agency for Solar Energy (MASEN), Morocco

11:30-12:00

Coffee break



After historical agreement reached at Paris COP 21 everyone is now focussing on implementation. This session will focus on how climate action can contribute to meeting the SDGs in the Mediterranean region. The discussion will address the implementation of the Paris Agreement, including progress on regulations, strategies and investment plans for both mitigation and adaptation. The importance of understanding the interactions between mitigations and adaptation and the importance of cooperation among different stakeholders will also be discussed.

- 12:00-13:30** **Session II – Increasing support for Adaptation: Why it matters in the Mediterranean region**
- **Abdeladim Lhafi**, High Commissioner for Water, Forests and the Fight against Desertification, COP22 Commissioner, Morocco
 - **Nabil Hamada**, Director General for Environment and Life Quality, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Tunisia
 - **Jane Feehan**, Senior Forestry Specialist, European Investment Bank
 - **Nizar Baraka**, Chairman, Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CSE), Morocco



***Making the Mediterranean region resilient to climate change calls for swift actions to assess and reduce climate vulnerability of different areas and economic activities.** Accelerating adaptation actions in the Mediterranean region is necessary as climate change is increasingly affecting fundamental aspects such as water availability, food production, as well as the safety and quality of life in urban areas.*

- 13:30-15:00** **Lunch break**

- 15:00-16:30** **Session III – Climate Finance**

- **Tariq Sijilmassi**, President of the Board, Crédit Agricole, Morocco
- **Allal Sakrouhi**, Wali, Director General, Fonds Equipement Communal (FEC), Morocco
- **Christopher Knowles**, Head of Climate Finance, European Investment Bank
- **Elvira Lefting**, Managing Director, Finance in Motion, Germany



***Supporting the implementation of national climate action plans.** This session will highlight the diverse range of available climate financing tools and advisory services available in the region and present ways in which clients can best avail themselves of these services to improve their projects. The panel will emphasize the importance of cooperation between public institutions and private sectors for financing of viable climate projects.*

- 16:30-17:00** **Closing remarks**

- **Román Escolano**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
- **Hakima El Haite**, Minister Delegate in Charge of Environment, and COP22 Host, Climate Champion, Morocco

- 17:30-18:30** **Cocktail reception**

Conference format

The EIB MED Conference will be an interactive conference with a professional moderator to ensure lively debate between the speakers in each panel session and plenty of opportunities for the audience to put questions and comments to the panels.

Any discussion documents prepared by the speakers will be posted on the MED conference website www.eib.org/infocentre/events/all/med-conference-2016.htm and may be consulted after the conference.

The conference will be livestreamed for registered participants and covered in social media. Working languages are French, Arabic and English.

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Conference venue

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