

“Intercultural Dialogue and Enhanced Cooperation for a Sustainable Mediterranean”

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Report

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- Pressure on environment
- Need of humans
- Survival instinct will change situation to the worst
- There is a new problems and intercultural dialogue Is a tool for actions and solution.
- The cultural dimensions are important, knowledge of this is known by international community.

09:30 - 11:00 I PLENARY SESSION

“INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND THE RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES IN THE FACE OF ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS TO SOCIAL COHESION AND PEACE-BUILDING”

Moderated by Hatem Attallah, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation

Fadoua Brouer, climate change and intercultural dialogue expert from Morocco

- Intercultural Dialogue and the salience of communities in the face of environmental threats to social cohesion and peace building

Silvia Zamboni, journalist and ex. Vice mayor of Bologna for Environment – Kyoto Club

- Kyoto Club - are promoting Partnership between Local GOV + NGOs and private partners
- Green partnership – EUROMED programme in 11 countries.
- By fostering and alternating an economical and sustainable development examples in Israel and Palestine.
- Bologna Region (Italy) participating in the CO2 emission project, to build plan for adoption in the frame of Life Plus project.
- Participatory process can be seeing in the beginning as very intensive time. We need to involve all stakeholders, so we you can learn from each other.
- Meeting in Vatican – reach countries are destroying poorer when on the Planet is going warmer
- And consequences are seeing on the poorest countries, we are looking forward and seeing to create a new balance between north and south.
- Economical consequences on the climate change - Climate change is not only climate, but also economical change, if we fail to manage climate change.
- We need to work on better growth, better climate, to create a coalition between Northern countries with the poorest one.(north countries are issuing big emission vs. south low emissions)
- We should understand the consumption of national resources we need to have an economical development and we need each stakeholder input,
- No action cost are higher than act an effectively - (UK Lord,)
- The damage from fossil fuels impact on urban life.
- Total cost from fossil fuels is 5,5 bln \$ per year.
- Environmental refugees - start from 2007.
- Du to effects of Climate Chance many Climate Change refugees will be on move.

- Poor people are suffering most, they suffer from environmental degradation
- Extreme drought climate change became also a one of the consequences of present conflict (including Syria).
- Traditional security treats are changing. Future well being need to embrace collective response to share treats on climate change.
- Marshal Plan 2030 both north and south include all EUROMED partners,
- Environmental and social resistance for fossil fuel and military cost cuts, need to be cut 3,86 bln.\$.
- Local initiatives need to be enforced.
- Individual need to play a role to change the life style.
- Green economy are take important role to encourage to be boost, Climate change and Gender Equality.
- Progress will be if we are creating a jobs in care sector and creating more greener jobs. Women are critical actors they energy must be included.
- New economy between men and nature not respected to re-establish the balance between the genders.
- Environmental and security issues.

Munqeth Mehyar, Chairman and Jordanian Director of EcoPeace Middle East

Good Water Neighbours project presentation.

Conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Focus of this project was on Jordan Israel and Palestine

Milting point in Israel for a moment is going on.

Jordan and Palestine are deeply rooted to the river line

PRESENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

- We need something, to touch ever bodies life, to bring each other's work and live together in harmony.
 - Water is a catalyst to do this job. This topic directly directs climate change. Water and Climate change can directly change people lives. 2.5 millions moved from the villages to the cities. And they was living in the poorness. So we understand the dangerous of this question
 - Finding the heroes it's a key of this project. Base on community participation. We went to the boarders areas and starting bringing closer each other.
 - **FROM DOWN to BOTTOM UP** (schools, youth NGOs and parliament, local governments (and how this people can connect with they central government. What is going on in the neighbourhood.
 - Cooperation in the join problems,
 - Citizens advocacy 2001, very difficult time In cooperation.
 - Joint understanding and youth education – by this we guarantee them a future and understanding the need of education and example it's a water ambassadors, they was talking with youth about water need and good neighbourhood. Building a trust between people.
 - Master plane was prepared. Water and sanitation still a problems in our region.
 - Community leadership and Municipal leadership and they involvement – cooperation in joint interests
 - Agriculture sector one of the major question in climate change.
 - Ecotourism is one of the potential sectors to be developed.
 - Faith based advocacy campaign – people are religious and they digging out everything what is based on faith and water.
 - Direct effects on social political confections on the ground
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Nikos Chrysogelos, Specialist on Green and Social Economy, NGO leader

- Climate change is a common problem and its realising that it's a common problem, we can solve a problem at local level in the example of the river but Climate Change is a worldwide problem and need to be solve globally
- **Social Cohesion, Employment**
- To offer more jobs and it's not about economy, environment and society it's about **VALUES**
- The roots of the life for the whole problems it's a different scale of the problem.
- **ACT IN TIME.** Ethical issues. We can destroy for next generations they life.
- Climate change is happening now it's not the future. We can see it everywhere.
- **FINANCES** its needed now. Impact of the results of the Climate Change and how to use the finances in the better way to create the jobs, technologies to prevent the catastrophe.
- Crises a problem; Crises a will to change. **WIN WIN strategy.**
- Green economy knowledge, technologies but it's also about culture the values.
- Green economy should base on local wisdom. Protection of the local resources.
- Minimizing waist- zero waist strategy – need to be connect with local way of life and technology,
- The ownership in the change. How they can participate to in the process. **ZERO** emission of the buildings
- **DIALOG** – values and culture

Protecting the land from the erosion it's a good cooperation option. To cooperate in the most productive way, keeping in mind all important issues.

Environmental, social and cultural pieces of cooperation.

- **COMMON PROBLEMS . PROBLEMS OF VALUES – roots of life**
- **TIME**
- **Necessity into acting**

Hatem Attallah, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation

Christian minority in Iraq. Country and people was suffering.

Rule of law based on UN conventions cultural conventions etc. **LEGAL** approach

ANALYSES of Situation.

Intercultural approach in they work.

Role of climate and ecological questions.

There (in the country) can be a water but polluted.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM AUDIANCE:

Cecil Mercier - climate change is a cross cutting issues. Change to use it and reconnect what is disconnecting between human and nature citizens and decision makers, etc. so it's a opportunity to rethink a values we have a universal values a SD Goals. So she believes into local solutions, there is a different approaches. There is a lot of knowledge. **SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP.** Big community project. Intercultural Dialog it's a diversity

Other question/comment

All experts agreed that climate change will be dramatic, the same scenarios. Africa and Middle East will suffer. By 2050. Short term disasters Water distributions. **ENERGY RESOURCES WHERE THEY ARE?**

Beirut is corrupt, no president. It's not about values but a daily life.

VALUES vs. FOOD (first needs)

1. Secularly economy
2. Local saving local food distributions
3. Local economy what empowers people
4. Social economy (common good)
5. Government creates a link between all.

Other question/comment

Climate change to reach the Intercultural Dialogue, its other way around

How your NGOs works to make their voices heard? To make them reach LOCAL GOV.

Other question/comment

(Question to Munqeth Mehyar from young person) About bottom up approach, what is the concrete results? Is it a cultural or political conflict. Israel has redirected the river.

2, Intercultural Dialogue between people or between Nature and Human? Dialogue between whom? We hate nature we are protecting our self in the buildings?!

Question/comment from Nada Naser, Jordan

Difference between Jordan and France. We don't have enough infrastructure. Urban planning not very developed poor management skills and individuals etc. So we need more skills and knowledge for NGOs,

Nikos Chrysogelos, Specialist on Green and Social Economy, NGO leader - **Replay on comments**

We cannot ignore the needs, but we cannot ignore the values, other way we will destroy the planed

We will use different approaches including local community, and participatory approach. We need also ways look at systematically approach. We will use technology with based solutions what is friendly for Nature.

Combating approaches with already existing best practices example Zero Emission buildings

Munqeth Mehyar, Chairman and Jordanian Director of EcoPeace Middle East - **Replay on commnets**

We have a lot of students who finished our programme and results are seeing. Students already expose they local governments. And we try to link all stakeholders. What is population where? Where are we going with nature how we secure the food? We studding the question and studding the question in all stakeholder groups, scientific research. We involve also UNESCO to help us with the cooperation. We stop the wall building,

Hatem Attallah, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation

We should sustain in affords and this is the way forward

Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation: Interesting panel discussions. Keep working on climate change.

11.30 - 13.00 II PLENARY SESSION

“WORKING FOR A SHARED MEDITERRANEAN SPACE OF PEACE, COOPERATION AND PROSPERITY IN THE FACE OF WATER SCARCITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE”

Moderated by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

Moderator: Mr. Nicolas Debaisieux, Climate change advisor to the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

- Climate change has multiple questions. Heat waves are more and more frequent. And also unexpected phenomenal - Floods in Sahara and France, Region PACA.
- Experience of UfM sets - we can achieve the progress
- COOPERATION - global challenge (global frame work)
- LINKICH BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND PERSON (it's a problem and a opportunity)
- FINANCING – OECD report about self-financing and private funding.
- WATER SCARCITY – FOOD SECURITY in MED, Syria, and one of the drivers in Syrian crises.
- COOPERATION QUESTIONS

Kelly Robin, IPEMED – has mentioned that Climate Change is a cross cutting issue.

- Different players especially companies are in challenge. We need to bring several solutions in a common approach in a common will .
- Knowledge dissemination

Jaroslav Mysiak, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change

It's important to cooperate, share the data, dealing with social economical models. At regional and local cooperation need better understanding real implication. Improved climate models, forecast and understanding ongoing environmental process. It's only first step. Follows PARTNERSHIP. Accountability to share the risk, working on the high level. Macro regional strategy economical or environmental cooperation.

Key proposal: There is no end of cooperation - we need turning cooperation into partnership.

UNEP - Md. Subratty.

Regions have differences.

Regional approach was tested in UNEP. Talking the challenge and developing responses its better.

We bring together across common themes what is updated in the regions / countries – regional networks are helping to the countries and deal with the challenges and implement the COP 21 proposals.

We are talking about people.

1. MONEY IS AVAILABLE - UNEP is raising funds
 2. Fighting against CC is going back into practices. Using the past towards to the Future.
 3. What comes first . countries are reach, and they are ambitions to reduce
 4. Or better energy efficiency to fight with challenges.
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Hammou Laamrani, Ligue Arabe

- Transition to the green economy, creation of new drivers of economy sectors.
- Transition will happen anyway. Green Economy, social and environmental equality.
- 3 countries have strategic documents. It's long term transition and its costs. And Cost should be shared.
- Energy efficiency has been improved. Difference between north and south still big.
- BUSSINESS TOGETHER – Small and Medium enterprises.
- CAPACITY between regions - are not the same, and it's not speed up green economy growth.
- How fast consumer will be involved in the process.
- Gender dimension in Climate Change
- Women empowerment and economic empowerment its better than in past.
- Social justice and equality example in Egypt
- 2 different MEDITERRANEAN now existing (economies)
- Learning between North and South, capacity and competence. NEW MIND SET
- Invest in people!!! For protection and sustain the planet
- New generation of economist to be created.
- Right information for consumers

Other question/comment

ALF has target groups Young person and Young Women.

Climate Change can become on its business line.

Some countries are interested in partners from South. So we have success stories.

Other question/comment

UNEP and UN WOMEN on sustainable energy to access finances and build the capacity for women.

JOB Creation and women empowerment.

Other question/comment

WATER 180 mil people will be affected by water problems.

- WATER:
 - Innovation
 - Desalination
 - Problem of Governance
- Green economy and resource efficacy
- Water pollutions and water related threats.
- So security in the larger context.

How different policy institutes perform. Green economy 0 to manage your resource efficacy. Stop wasting. It's affordable price is needed. Finding a probable balance. Important role of Water in Culture. Water Rights. Water it's an economic, social and cultural problem.

Other question/comment

We need to be concerned that these resources exist.

Competitions between different players. PRICE OF CARBON.