

## Side events for COP24 – Cairo 2025

No.	THEMATIC SIDE EVENTS	Event Title	Organization / Contact Person	Time slot	Hall Name
<b>First day - 2/DECEMBER /2025</b>					
1	<b>Climate change</b>	A Carbon Budget for the Mediterranean Region	Ocean Care / <b>Carlos Bravo Villa</b>	13:00-14:00	Malachite I+II Floor 2
2	<b>Plastic pollution</b>	Towards a Mediterranean Protocol on Plastics.	Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement / <b>Laurent Vassallo</b>	14:00-15:00	
3	<b>Shipping &amp; Oil pollution</b>	Mediterranean Urban Pact on Plastic: A City-Led Pact for a Plastic-Free Future	Notre Grand Bleu (NGB) / <b>Amjed Khiar Eddine</b>		
4		Sustainable management of Egypt's maritime and underwater cultural heritage "Case study: The project of establishing the integrated center for maritime and underwater heritage at Qaitbey Citadel"	ICESCO & Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities / <b>Dina Gohar</b>	13:00-13:30	Beryl I+II Floor 1
5		Regional Cooperation to Improve Pollution Prevention from Ships in the Mediterranean - Outcome of Various Studies supported by Italy.	REMPEC / <b>Ivan Sammut</b>	13:30-14:15	
6		Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Facilities.	IOGP - International Association of Oil and Gas Producers / <b>Ping Teo</b>	14:15-15:00	
7		Sound & Marine Life: An Industry Outlook Using Science	IOGP - International Association of Oil and Gas Producers / <b>Gabrielle Galea</b>		

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8	<b>Decarbonization &amp; Environmental Sustainability</b>	Sidpec's Decarbonization & Circular Solutions for Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Sidpec (Sidi Kerir Petrochemicals Co) / <b>Mohamed Salaheldin</b>	13:00-14:15	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
9	<b>Shipping &amp; Oil Pollution</b>	Regional Cooperation to Improve Pollution Prevention from Ships. Shipping in the Mediterranean. EGCS: turning a Mediterranean air pollution problem into ocean pollution.	Cittadini per l'aria onlus / <b>Anna Gerometta</b>	14:15-15:00	
10	<b>Green Shipbuilding</b>	GISBIR: Anchoring Türkiye's Shipbuilding Future Since 1971	Turkish Shipbuilders Association / <b>Mehtap Ozdemir</b>	18:00-18:30	Malachite I+II Floor 2
11		Sustainable Reconstruction for Long, Good Life: A Nature-Based Vision for Conflict-Affected Territories	FISPMED - Sustainable development and the fight against poverty in the Mediterranean and Black Sea / <b>Roberto Russo</b>	18:30-19:00	
12	<b>Marine protected areas</b>	Towards a Coordinated Technical and Scientific Support Mechanism for the Global Biodiversity Framework	IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN Med) / <b>Carla Danelutti</b>	18:00-18:30	Beryl I+II Floor 1
13		The Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory: A science-policy interface tool to guide decisions	Tour du Valat / <b>Anis Guelmami</b>	18:30-19:00	
14	<b>Biodiversity &amp; Blue economy</b>	Turning the crisis into opportunity: Innovation and technology for marine biodiversity and the blue economy	National Research Center / <b>Prof. Fagr Abdel Gawad</b>	18:00-19:00	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
15	<b>Anniversary Event</b>	50/30 years anniversary of UNEP/MAP and the Post-Rio Barcelona Convention	UNEP/MAP Secretariat	19:00-21:00	Foyer

### Second day - 3/DECEMBER /2025

16	<b>Governance &amp; monitoring</b>	Legal indicators, tools for evaluating the Barcelona Convention.	Centre International de Droit Comparé de environment/ <b>Laurent Vassallo</b>	8:30-9:30	Malachite I+II Floor 2
17		The Compliance Committee and its role	Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols/ <b>Aysin Turpanci</b>		
18		One Mediterranean, One Future: Integrated Actions for a Resilient Sea	GEF MedProgramme / Mohamad Kayal Present with PS of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and Secretariat of the International Commission on the Protection of Danube River (ICPDR) / <b>Iryna Makarenko and Birgit Vogel</b>	8:30-9:30	
19	<b>ICZM &amp; Climate Change Adaptation</b>	The ICZM dream is coming true in Egypt	UNDP/ <b>Mohamed Ahmed</b>	8:30-9:30	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
20	<b>RESTORATION</b>	Mediterranean Coastal and Marine Restoration: Bridging Local Practice and Policy for Biodiversity and Climate Resilience	European Topic Center-University of Malaga / <b>Maria del Mar Otero &amp; Dania AbdulMalak</b>	12:30-14:30	Malachite I+II Floor 2
21			MedWet / <b>Marianne Courouble</b>		
22			Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) / <b>Thomais Vlachogianni</b>		

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23	<b>Climate Change</b>	100MPA MED Alliance: Building resilient MPAs to face climate emergency by 2030	Spanish Research Council - CSIC / <b>Joaquim Garrabou</b>	12:30-13:30	BeryI I+II Floor 1
24		“Forced to Flee: Women and young girls on the Frontlines of Climate Displacement”	Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development - MYF / <b>Nadine Gad</b>		
25		The Africa Grows Green Climate Change Awards	Association for Sustainable Quality of living (ISTIDAMA) / <b>Reem Abd El Meguid</b>		
26	<b>Biodiversity</b>	Integrating Species Conservation and Resource Management: Implementing the Species Action Plans for Cetaceans and Sharks & Rays towards Target 4.	WWF Mediterranean / <b>Simone Niedermueller</b>	12:30-13:30	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
27		The Pelagos Consortium - Targeting ecosystem-based conservation in the Pelagos Sanctuary	Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation – Pelagos Initiative / <b>Léa Glâtre</b>		
28		Blue Future: Inclusive Pathways towards a Regional Vision for Integrated Coastal and Marine Management	PAP/RAC / <b>Marina Marković</b> RAED – Arab Network for Environment and Development / <b>Emad Adly</b>	13:30-14:30	
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30	<b>Natural Conservation</b>	Mainstreaming nature conservation into sectoral policies: The Interreg Euro-MED experience	Plan Bleu (UNEP/MAP) / <b>Arnaud Terrisse</b>	17:45-18:45	Malachite I+II Floor 2
31		Pathways of Survival: Guiding Mediterranean Forest Ecosystem Resilience Through Climate-Smart Species Migration Mapping and Adaptive Planning	European Topic Centre on Spatial Analysis and Synthesis (ETC-UMA)/ <b>Dania AbdulMalak</b>		
32	<b>Mediterranean Sustainability</b>	The Protection, Restoration and Connectivity of Marine, Coastal and Freshwater Ecosystems in the Mediterranean: The Challenges Ahead.	PAMEX: action plan “the Mediterranean: a model sea by 2030” / <b>Arnaud Comolet</b>	17:45-18:45	BeryI I+II Floor 1
33		Upstream action, downstream impact: freshwater and coastal ecosystems restoration in the Mediterranean	Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation – Donors’ Initiative for Mediterranean Freshwater Ecosystems (DIMFE) / <b>Léa Glâtre</b>		
34	<b>Circular economy</b>	From Sea to Solution: Advancing Circular Economy Partnerships for a Plastic Free Mediterranean.	Enaleia / <b>Ahmed Yassin</b>	17:45-18:45	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
35		Circe. Med, the Circular Economy Network in the fight against plastic pollution.	ADEME (French Agency for Ecological Transition) / <b>Ani Movsessiyan</b>		

### Third day - 4 / DECEMBER /2025

36	<b>Marine Protected Areas</b>	People at the Helm: Building Skills, Partnerships, and Resilience for Maritime Decarbonization,	Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA)/ <b>Constantinos Triantafillou</b>	9:00-10:00	Malachite I+II Floor 2
37		Bridging Shores: Elevating Youth Leadership for a Sustainable Mediterranean	Mediterranean Youth Group (MYG)/ <b>Mohamed Rafat</b>		
38	<b>Governance &amp; monitoring</b>	Support the implementation and monitoring of the sustainable development in the region	Plan Bleu/RAC / <b>Antoine Lafitte</b>	9:00-10:00	Beryl I+II Floor 1
39	<b>Biodiversity</b>	From Science to Action: Strengthening Conservation and Cooperation for Priority Mediterranean Species and Habitats	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS) / <b>Maylis Salivas</b>	9:00-10:00	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
40			MEDASSET – Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles / <b>Nadia Andreanidou</b>		
41			Office Français de la Biodiversité (OFB - French Biodiversity Agency) / <b>Eva Sahores</b>		
42	<b>Green Mediterranean</b>	Bolstering Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs) and OECMs in the Egyptian Mediterranean Coast	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) / <b>Mohamed Said Abdelwarith &amp; ATEF ELEMAM</b>	13:00-14:00	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
43		Advancing Management Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean: Towards a Coordinated Approach for Target 3 of KMGBF.	IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN Med)/ <b>Carla Danelutti</b>		
44		The MedFund: Flagship initiative of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development.	UNEP-MAP-SPA/RAC <b>Mahmoud Elyes Hamza</b>		
45	<b>Green Mediterranean</b>	EU-funded projects: a driving force for IMAP implementation Marine Environment Monitoring and Pollution Control in the Mediterranean	UNEP/MAP-QSR UNIT/ <b>Samar Kilani</b> UNEP/MAP-MEDPOL/ <b>Jelena Knezevic</b>	14:00-15:00	

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46	<b>Blue economy</b>	Science, Education and Cooperation for a Resilient Mediterranean	The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection / <b>Ayoub Achbaro</b>	13:00-13:30	Malachite I+II Floor 2
47		The Blue Economy: Ensuring Synergies between the Private Sector and Parliamentarians	Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) / <b>Marco Mura</b>	13:30-14:00	
48		Pathways to a Thriving Mediterranean Blue Economy: Resilience, Innovation, and Sustainability".	Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) / <b>Haris Paliogiannis, Anasis Koukounaris &amp; Jesus Garcia</b>	14:00-15:00	
49			World Bank / <b>Hanan El Hadary</b>		
50	ECO-UNION / <b>Jérémie Fosse</b>				
51	<b>Sustainable Marne</b>	Green Forward Second Policy Dialogue: Sustainable Economic Transition in the Mediterranean Countries	Expertise France/ <b>Marlen Bakalli</b>	18:00-19:00	Malachite I+II Floor 2
52		Public Participation in Action: Protecting Marine Environments Through Citizen Science	ACTs Foundation / <b>Hossam Emam</b>	18:00-19:00	Astor Plenary Hall Floor 1
53		Education for Sustainable Development: A Pillar for Marine Protection	FISPMED - Sustainable development and the fight against poverty in the Mediterranean and Black Sea / <b>Margherita Poles</b>		

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