



## Enhancing resilience towards climate change

4 June 2015 from 4.15pm to 6.45pm and 5 June 2015 from 9am to 11am

This workshop aims to address the issue of risks associated with climate change by emphasising the notion of resilience as an adaptation strategy.

The development of resilience policies involves going through multiple steps: identifying risks, assessing vulnerability, preventing damage to property and people, protecting the population and infrastructures, engaging citizens and decision makers, preparing the conditions for a rapid return to normalcy, after a disaster occurs, and preparing for a fast reconstruction.

At least five action-levers are necessary to establish resilience policies a) institutions with clear mandates (central or local governments, agencies, coordination bodies); b) involved citizens and businesses; c) financial availability; d) expertise of technical tools; and e) regional collaboration networks that can facilitate the implementation of programmes.

This will be a two-step debate: the current situation, the existing obstacles and the possible ways of making progress will be examined on the first day while the implementation of integrated resilience policies will follow on the second day.



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## Programme

The aim of this workshop is to demonstrate that consistent resilience programmes will require a commitment of civil society. Two key messages will be conveyed:

1. Civil society's support is needed more than ever before in order to convince decision makers to invest in resilience programmes and implement them on the ground;
2. Investing in resilience programmes is possible, not necessarily expensive and is certainly not wasted money.

### Day 1: Inventory-Current situation, existing constraints and possible progress

After shedding light on the notion of resilience and associated terms (risks, robustness, and adaptation), concrete cases of measures taken by North and South are presented. The idea is also to highlight the constraints (psychological, technical, institutional, and financial) in the implementation of resilience plans.

### Day 2: How to scale-up? How to engage stakeholders to develop integrated resilience policies?

The second part of the workshop deals with the means and experiences that could lead to a scale-up, that is to say going from the pilot stage to the spreading of effective resilience policies on the territory. Community networks (national and international) are presented as well as innovative ways and methods of financing resilience programmes.

## Framework and moderation

Introduction by **Hafez Ghanem**, Vice-President of the World Bank for Middle East and North Africa

Day 1: Inventory and examples

**Renauld Balaguer**, Head of the Risk Department of CEREMA-Méditerranée, France

Day 2: How to scale-up? How to engage stakeholders to develop integrated resilience policies?

**Erdal Özhan**, President of the Mediterranean Coastal Foundation (MEDCOAST), Turkey



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## Speakers

### Day 1: Inventory and examples

#### Panel 1: testimonies and challenges

- › **Amel Akremi**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Environment, Tunisia
- › **Mahamed Maaitah**, Mayor of Karak, Jordan
- › **Abdelkhalek Ben Moussa**, Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Tetuan, Morocco
- › **Malek Ben Ali**, Student at the University of Sousse in the framework of the Mediterranean Network of Engineering Schools (RMEI), Tunisia

#### Panel 2: pilot actions

- › **Yves Ennesser**, Project Director, Egis Eau - Caisse des Dépôts Group / World Bank-CMI, France
- › **Tamer M. Abou Gharara**, Program Manager, Regional Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (RCDRR), Egypt
- › **Nancy Saich**, Climate and Environment Councillor, European Investment Bank
- › **Nahida Sinno**, Natural Risk Management Specialist, World Bank

Summary: **Hervé Léville**, Senior Environment Specialist, Center for Mediterranean Integration

### Day 2: How to scale-up?

- › **Mohamed Boudra**, President of the Taza-Al Hoceima-Taounate Region, Chairman of the Mediterranean Commission of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Morocco
- › **Maíta Fernández-Armesto**, Senior coordinator at 'City Resilience Profiling Programme', UN-Habitat, Spain
- › **Hakkou Mounir**, researcher, Scientific Institute of Rabat, Mohamed V University, member of the Moroccan Association for coastal protection and sustainable development (AMPLDD), Morocco
- › **Chadi Mohanna**, Director of Rural Development and Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon
- › **Sara Boughedir**, Urban Specialist, CMI / World Bank
- › **Pierre-Arnaud Barthel**, Urban Development Project Manager, French Development Agency, France

Summary: **Stéphane Simonet**, Director, Acterra, France



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