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Session title

Regional actions to counter land degradation, enhance climate change resilience and food security

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Short description - max 500 characters

In the context of COP 27, PRIMA, UfM, FAO, and CIHEAM are jointly organising a side event entitled "*Regional actions to counter land degradation, enhance climate change resilience and food security*", which will represent an opportunity for participating entities to raise awareness of solutions and funding opportunities for sustainable land management (SLM), as well as to map out regional actions to counter land degradation and desertification in the Mediterranean Region.

Background - max 1000 characters

As recalled in the conclusions of the UNCCD COP15 and at the UN Food Systems Summit, reducing desertification risks while increasing food security, improving livelihoods and increasing natural and climate resilience requires immediate action, investments and wide stakeholder involvement. This is true for the Mediterranean region, where SLM and restoration are key to generating positive socio-economic impacts.

In this event, PRIMA projects will outline how deploying innovative solutions and SLM in Mediterranean demo areas can help prevent desertification and restore drylands. These projects will contribute, at the technical level, to the objectives of the LANDMEDNET Initiative, aiming to promote concerted regional efforts to address land degradation and climate change and, at the political level, they will support the UfM 2030 GreenerMed agenda, aiming to provide a regional framework that creates policy and operational convergence around the three priority axes of cooperation agreed by the 42 UfM countries.

Event objectives - max 500 characters



The event aims to:

- 🌱 Recognise the importance of SLM measures and practices, including NBS, to combat desertification, whilst capturing what works well for replication and scaling up;
- 🌱 Link with the transition towards sustainable food systems;
- 🌱 Highlight gaps and challenges that hinder SLM and incorporate traditional knowledge and perspectives, along with gender and youth considerations in policy measures;
- 🌱 Explore funding opportunities by maximising partnerships with regional partners and financial institutions

Preferred day: **Decarbonization Day Nov 11th**

Type of event carried on - Panel debate

Session format – Please specify it (in person, hybrid): Hybrid

Speakers & Show Flow

Please note that all events/slots will have a strictly 1h maximum duration and ensuring gender balance



Time	Activity	Speaker
5 minutes	Welcoming remarks	PRIMA Co-chair Mohamed Shinawi
40 minutes	Panel Moderator	Alessandra Sensi, Head of Sector Environment, Green and Blue Economy, Union for the Mediterranean
	PRIMA project SALAM-MED	Speaker 1 - Pier Paolo Roggero Director, Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Sassari, coordinator of PRIMA project SALAM-MED (remotely)
	PRIMA project REACT4MED	Speaker 2 - Pandi Zdruli, Senior Research Scientist, CiHEAM-Bari, partner of PRIMA project REACT4MED (in person)
	PRIMA project MARA-MEDITERRA	Speaker 3 - Vasileios Takavakoglou, Researcher Hellenic Agricultural Organization "DIMITRA" / Soil and Water Resources Institute, coordinator of PRIMA project MARA-MEDITERRA (remotely)
	FAO Land and Water Division	Speaker 4 & 5 – Lifeng Li, Director, FAO Land and Water Division (in person) Ziadat Feras, Land Resources Officer, FAO Land and Water Division (remotely)
	UNCCD	Speaker 6 – Miriam Medel, Chief of Unit, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (in person)
5 minutes	French country representative	Speaker 7 - Jean Albergel, Research Director Emeritus, IRD, UMR LISAH- MONTPELLIER; member of CSFD - French Scientific Committee on Desertification (remotely)
5 minutes	Tunisian country representative	Speaker 8 - Faouzi Batti, Director, DGAFTA, Ministry of Agriculture (in person)
5 minutes	Final remarks	PRIMA Co-chair Mohamed Shinawi