

Women in Blue economy in the Mediterranean

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CONTEXT

Sustainability and inclusiveness are at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the multiple sectors captured under the notion of blue economy. While Sustainable Development Goals promote strategies that place equality of access at the center of attention, efforts towards women inclusion need to be strengthened and prioritized. Women play a key role along the value chains of products, in organisation of processes and in leadership position. Their contribution should be valued and highlighted. Yet in many sectors and countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region, women have limited access to natural and financial resources, technology and opportunities. Structural (incl. decision-making factors), cultural and social factors, as well as lack of capacity building inhibit their full expression and efforts towards sustainability outcomes.

This webinar is dedicated to highlighting women contribution and engagement as fundamental vector in key blue economy sectors in the Mediterranean region as well as to discuss - within a solution-oriented approach - the challenges hindering the full expression of their opportunities.

The event will gather representatives of intergovernmental and regional organisations, national agencies, professional networks and academia. Interaction with speakers and discussion will be encouraged.

The event will be simultaneously translated in **English, French and Arabic**.

[Registration here](#)

AGENDA

September 22 | 09:30-12:30 (CET)

09:30 – 09:50 Welcome and introduction

MODERATOR: Ms. Jerneja Penca, Head of Academic Affairs, Euro-Mediterranean University

- **Opening remarks**
Mr Christos Economou, Deputy Director and Head of Unit, DG MARE, UfM EU Co-Presidency
Mr. Mohammad Al-Sakran, Executive Director, Transport and Logistics, Aqaba Development Corporation, UfM Jordan Co-Presidency
- **Developments at UfM level**
Ms. Alessandra Sensi, Head of Sector, UfM Environment and Blue Economy Division
Ms. Anna Dorangricchia, Project Manager, UFM Social and Civil Affairs Division

09:50 – 10:00 Women in the Mediterranean economy

MODERATOR: Ms. Alessandra Sensi, Head of Sector, Union for the Mediterranean

- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - A regional perspective: Women in Arab Region Economy**
Ms. Rania Tarazi, Gender Specialist, Regional Bureau for Arab States
Mr. Vito Intini, Regional Chief Economist for the Arab Region
- **Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa: Women economic empowerment in the Mena Region**
Ms. Charlotta Sparre, Director

10:00 – 11:00 Women in blue economy in the Mediterranean

MODERATOR: as above

- **European Commission, DG MARE: Gender equality in the Blue Economy**
Ms. Pauline Caumont, Policy Assistant, Sustainable blue economy sectors
- **International Maritime Organization (IMO): Empowering women in the maritime community**
Mr. Chris Trelawny, Chief Maritime Development
- **World Tourism Organization (UNWTO): The position of women in tourism**
Ms. Alessandra Priante, Director, Regional Department for Europe
- **Food and Agricultural Organisation of the UN (FAO)/General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM): Strategic view and activities in the region**
Ms. Anna Carlson, FAO – GFCM Fishery Officer
- **International Organisation for Women in the Seafood Industry: The roles and contributions of women in the seafood industry**
Ms. Camille Cherques, Head of programmes

11:00 – 11:10 Discussion

11:10 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:15 Good practices empowering women

MODERATOR: Ms. Anna Dorangricchia, Project Manager, Union for the Mediterranean

- **National case study: Women in key blue economy sectors in Lebanon**
Ms. Vera Noon, Maritime Spatial Planning expert
- **University of Siena: Women and Research – the case of Marine Litter**
Ms. Cristina Fossi, Plastic Busters and Plastic Busters MPAs Scientific Coordinator
- **AKTEA the European Network for Women in Fisheries and Aquaculture: Women contribution in EU Med fisheries: recognition and organization**
Ms. Katia Frangoudes, spokesperson
- **WWF Spain: Out of the shadows – women in Mediterranean small-scale fisheries**
Mr. Miguel Gomez, Senior Expert
- **BusinessMed: The Mediterranean, an opportunity for gender empowerment**
Ms. Federica Bruni, Network and Development Manager
- **Africa Blue Economy Forum (ABEF) and Women in Maritime Association in Tunisia (WIMATunisia): Women in Blue Economy: significance of data**
Ms. Leila Ben Hassen, Founder of ABEF and WIMATunisia

12:15 – 12:30 Discussion and conclusions

12:30

End of the webinar