

23rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023

Side Event on Youth Perceptions
Education and youth: The process and actors to secure a sustainable future for the Mediterranean region
8 December, 9:00 - 11:30, venue tbc

Provisional Agenda (v.1)

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| 9.00-9.40 | Opening session |
| | <p><i>Chair:</i> HE Dr. Athina Michaelidou, Minister of Education, Sport and Youth and Chairperson of the Mediterranean Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (MCESD) (tbc)</p> <p><i>Scope of the meeting:</i> Prof. Michael Scoullou, UNESCO Chair on Management and Education for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean, Chairperson of MIO-ECSDE, Secretariat of the MCESD</p> <p><i>Welcome remarks (2-3 min each):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HE Minister from Slovenia (tbc) - UNEP/MAP representative - UNESCO representative - UfM representative (tbc) - UNECE representative (tbc) - League of Arab States representative |
| 9.40-11.00 | Initiatives & Good Practices that contribute to the implementation of the Youth dimension of the “Action Plan of the MSES towards 2030” |
| 9.40 - 9.50 | <i>Presentation by the Secretariat of the Mediterranean Committee on Education for Sustainable Development, Prof. Michael Scoullou, Secretary</i> |
| 9.50 - 10.25 | Panel A: What are the ESD Priority areas, Methodologies and Actions that meaningfully engage youth? How can young people be empowered through ESD? Best practices & challenges from the formal, non-formal and informal sector. |
| 10.25 - 11.00 | <p>Panel B: Which mechanisms and processes can strengthen youth engagement in ESD policy? How are ESD policies engaging youth as contributors in policy making? Good examples & lessons learnt at the national and regional levels.</p> <p>Panelists will be representatives of the Ministries of Education of Cyprus, Lebanon, Palestine, Slovenia, and, Greece (tbc), the Arab Office for Youth and Environment, the UNECE Youth Platform, International Organisations and Youth/Students and Educators Associations.</p> |
| 11.00-11.25 | Plenary Discussion facilitated and summarized by Prof. Michael Scoullou, Secretary of the MCESD |
| 11.25-11.30 | Concluding Remarks by the Chair of the meeting |