

## **CONCEPT NOTE FOR SIDE EVENTS AT COP28**

Concept Note on Panel discussion on strengthening governance and cooperation on civil protection in the Mediterranean  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 11.00-12.30

<b>Lead unit</b>	
<b>Partner Organisation</b> (where relevant)	UfM Secretariat
<b>Event Title</b>	Strengthen the euro-mediterranean governance and cooperation in terms of civil protection, focusing on preventing and managing climate change related disasters.
<b>Context</b> (100 – 150 words)	Civil protection is integral to peace, stability, and security in the Mediterranean, aligning with the Barcelona Process initiated in 1995. The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is recognized as a regional platform for Euro-Mediterranean civil protection dialogue, emphasizing links between political and operational levels. Acknowledgments include the UfM Platform on Civil Protection's role in addressing shared challenges, focusing on prevention, emergency response, and crisis management. Reports from MedECC and IPCC highlight climate change's role in amplifying disasters and underscore the need for a transnational, multi-risk approach given the Mediterranean's unique land and sea borders. Recent events, such as earthquakes, floods, and forest fires, emphasize the urgency of collaborative efforts in addressing evolving climate-related challenges.
Event Format – e.g. Panel Discussion/ Debate/ Roundtable/ Exhibition etc.	A panel discussion of around 1 hour.
<b>Description</b> (100 – 150 words)	This panel will exchange on the ongoing efforts of the Mediterranean Framework on Civil Protection (MFCP) in addressing climate-induced challenges in the Mediterranean. We will also examine the proposal to extend the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to Southern neighborhood countries in response to the rising frequency and magnitude of climate-related disasters, including floods, wildfires, and more. Emphasizing the importance of a collaborative, multi-risk approach in the region due to its unique land and sea borders, the discussion will underscore the importance of better understand the scientific perspective and relying on authoritative information and tools to make sound collective action to bolster climate resilience and disaster management in the Mediterranean.

<p><b>Tentative Speakers/Organisations</b></p>	<p>Francesco Corvaro Special Envoy for Climate Change Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>TBC DG ECHO</p> <p>Gert Jan Koopman (TBC) Director General DG NEAR</p> <p>Nasser Kamel Secrétaire général de l'Union pour la Méditerranée Union pour la Méditerranée</p> <p>Jan Wilkens Scientist MedECC (Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change)</p> <p>Laurent Alfonso Expert Civil Protection Union pour la Méditerranée (Online)</p>
<p><b>Target Audience</b> Youth, Civil Society, Policy Experts etc.</p>	<p>Policy experts, representatives from the Mediterranean Countries present at CoP28, civil societies representatives, Youth Representatives...</p>
<p><b>Key Messages:</b> max 3 bullets on main takeaways you want to give audience</p>	<p>Climate Crisis in the Mediterranean: The Mediterranean region faces a mounting climate crisis, marked by an increase in climate-induced disasters like wildfires, floods, and earthquakes. These events demand immediate attention to enhance climate resilience.</p> <p>The Role of the Mediterranean Framework on Civil Protection (MFCP): The MFCP is pivotal in facilitating regional collaboration to combat climate challenges. It underscores the need for collective action to improve disaster management and preparedness, given the shared land and sea borders unique to the Mediterranean region.</p> <p>EU Civil Protection Mechanism Extension: The proposed extension of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to Southern Mediterranean countries is a crucial response to the rising intensity and frequency of climate-related disasters. This extension is necessary to coordinate a more effective regional response, supported by valuable scientific evidence and information services providing reliable climate data and tools to guide effective responses to address these challenges.</p>
<p><b>Event language</b></p>	<p>English</p>