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MEDSPRING: Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research and Innovation Gateway

Concept Note

Scientific Coffee

(WP4, Open dialogue on Research and Innovation)

Rabat, Morocco, 10 October 2016

Rationale

MEDSPRING is an EU funded project with the objective to encourage and strengthen the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on research and innovation in relation to key societal challenges such as resource efficiency (particularly water), high quality affordable food and energy, and the nexus between them.

In line with the DoW and under the WP4 'Open dialogue on research and innovation' (T4.5: Scientific Coffees) of the project, Scientific coffees are planned to enrich this dialogue.

According to the agreements of the 2016 Annual Meeting in Tunis and within the framework of 5th international symposium « Environment and Sustainable Development », Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training (MESRSFC) is organizing a **MedSpring Scientific Coffee** to discuss about "Climate change: **What scientific and societal challenges?**". The event will be held Monday 10 October 2016 at "Faculty of Sciences" (Rabat, Morocco).

The topic will be addressed by:

- **Pr Arthur Riedacker**, Co- prix Nobel de la Paix au titre du GIEC
- Pr Abdelmalek Dahchour, président de l'AMEDD
- Dr, Mourad Harir, Munich, Germany
- Dr. Loubna Bousbae, Russie

Participants

MESRSFC will invite and support 70 participants.

Participants will be researchers, NGOs members, people belonging to professional associations and industrial sectors, civil society individuals interested and dealing with themes related to the discussed societal challenges.

Form to organize MedSpringScience Café

Please fill out the following questionnaire to be able to know more about your ideas of organizing the MedSpring Science Café in your country. These information will assist the science Café team to synchronize between activities and have an overview about the scope of the planned activities. Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

I - Contact Details:

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II - Please tick one of the following:

- The science Café will be held within a framework of other activity
(if ticked this box, please fill information under III)
- The science Café will be held as an independent activity

III- Information about the main event that will host the Science Café:

Name of the Event	5 th International Symposium« Environment and Sustainable Development »
Date	10-15 October 2016
Venue	Faculty of Sciences- University Mohammed V of Rabat
Short Description (max. of 150 words):	Global warming is increasingly becoming in the agenda worldwide because of disturbances generated globally. It is primarily related to the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) from human activities, consumption of fossil energy (power generation, vehicle fuel, home heating, and industry) and the heavy land use, including deforestation and intensified agriculture. The impacts of climate change on natural and human ecosystems are very extensive in all countries and on all continents; therefore it is considered today as a challenge whose effects are no longer limited to an environmental problem, but also for socio-economic and sustainable development. All these climatic disturbances linked to rising temperatures on the globe require a combination of balanced strategies for reducing emissions of and adaptation to certain unavoidable consequences. The international awareness about this subject has become more and more important through the different conferences and conventions signed including the last Paris Conference (COP 21) that has endorsed that endorsed the international historical agreement in December 2015. The next conference of the parties (COP 22) is due on November 2016 in Marrakech and is promoted to be a “conference for action” for activating the Paris Agreements. In the same context of the COP 22 focus on the themes of mitigating the effects of climate change and adaptation in terms of innovation. Moroccan Association for the Environment and Sustainable Development (AMEDD), faithful to its orientations and in collaboration

	<p>with Moroccan universities, takes advantage of this event to organize the 5th International Colloquium : "Environment and Sustainable Development" under the theme "Climate Change: Causes, Impacts, Mitigation and Adaptation" that consists of 5 scientific days.</p> <p>This event will be an opportunity for the different stakeholders, researchers and experts in the field to share their visions and experiences in terms of strategies adopted, studies on issues, educative approaches, principles of fight against climate change and the key actions for mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p><u>SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monday 10/10/2016: Symposium Opening ceremony followed by Science Café ✓ 6 scientific days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tuesday 11/10/2016:1st day on "Materials, Water and Environment"-Fac. Sci. RABAT -Wednesday 12/10/2016:2nd day on "Management and waste valorization: a lever against climate change"-ENTE , RABAT -Thursday 13/10/2016:3rd day on "Climate Change and food security"- IAV Hassan II -Friday 14/10/2016:5th day on "Pollution in industrial processes and climate change "- (EMI) -Saturday 15/10/2016: 6th day on "Air pollution and climate change" –Fac. Sc. Kénitra.
Main Target Group of the Event	Researchers, experts, students, different actors and stakeholders
Website	http://amedd-congress.honor.es/index.html
Why did you choose this event to host the science Café?	The presence of more than 200 participants to attend this event is a good opportunity to enlarge the discussion about climatic changes to NGO , decision makers and researchers

IV- Information about the foreseen event of MedSpring Science Café

Date	10/10/2016
Venue	Faculty of Sciences- University Mohammed V of Rabat
Topic of discussion	What scientific and societal challenges?
Main Target Group(s)	Researchers, experts, students, different actors and stakeholders
Number of expected attendees	70 to 100 persons