



# Climate Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East

## PROGRAM BROCHURE

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Radisson Beach Resort, Larnaca, Cyprus



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Day 3 (September 28, 2024):

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The Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME) region is a recognized climate change “hotspot.” Recent data corroborates model projections, confirming that the catastrophic impacts of climate change will manifest here with exceptional intensity and increasing frequency. Moreover, the region’s per capita greenhouse gas emissions surpass the global average and continue to rise. If we fail to depart from the “business as usual” approach and do not act with urgency and in a coordinated manner, the consequences for the half-billion people residing in this region will be nothing short of devastating. These impacts will reverberate globally.



The Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, in collaboration with The Cyprus Institute (Cyl), has organized the 2024 Conference on the Climate Crisis in the EMME Region. Amidst a backdrop of heightened political volatility and active conflict in the region—and fully cognizant of the horrific events currently unfolding—we gather to discuss, strategize, and act to prevent, or at least mitigate, what threatens to be the most significant impending disaster for the region’s populations ever. The participation of numerous distinguished scientists and leading policymakers ensures that the dialogue between the scientific community and decision-makers will be substantive, facilitating the acceleration of regional, national, and transnational action.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the International Conference on Climate Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East. Thank you for your commitment and engagement in this most noble cause—combating an unprecedented challenge to our societies and our environment.

**Professor Costas N. Papanicolas**

Chair of the Organizing Committee

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The Conference on **Climate Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East** co-organized by the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, and The Cyprus Institute, refers to a pressing issue of extreme importance not only for the region, but also for the world. It could be argued that we are facing not only a climate crisis, but a climate emergency, which necessitates immediate action.

As the National Academy of Cyprus, we consider sustainable development and equitable well-being as issues of great importance. Cyprus is a European country, but due to its geographical position it is close to both the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East, regions which are widely recognized as principal climate change hot spots. The organization of this major international conference is one of the many initiatives we are currently taking regarding climate crisis.

Our perspective is that climate change should be addressed by applying solid scientific foundations. Furthermore, we strongly consider that critical issues should be considered from various perspectives. This Conference therefore examines not only environmental or technical issues of the climate crisis, but also wider aspects such as financial, legal and moral aspects.

The Conference has invited a broad spectrum of key stakeholders, including scientists, researchers and policymakers who will reflect on the scientific findings, with the aim of reaching scientific and policy consensus. I am certain that its proceedings will be fruitful, and that they will guide our further collective actions for the benefit of the entire region.



**Professor Achilles Emilianides**

President of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts



I would like to welcome you all to the international conference entitled "*Climate Crisis in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East*" organised by the **Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts** and **The Cyprus Institute**.

**The Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME)** is among the areas most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. This region, already marked by arid climates and scarce water resources, faces compounded challenges due to rising temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, and an increase in extreme weather events. These environmental shifts threaten not only the natural ecosystems but also the socioeconomic stability of countries in this region. The interplay between climate stressors and existing social, economic, and political tensions could trigger further instability. Water and resource scarcity can fuel inter-state and intra-state conflicts, especially in fragile countries. Additionally, mass displacement due to climate impacts could exacerbate migration crises, as seen in the influx of refugees into neighbouring countries, already struggling with their own resources.

To mitigate these impacts, governments must collaborate on regional climate policies, invest in adaptation strategies, and develop sustainable resource management practices.

The Cyprus Institute plays a crucial role in advancing the study of climate change in the EMME region. We spearhead interdisciplinary research on climate science, with a focus on understanding regional impacts and developing strategies for adaptation and mitigation.

This conference, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, marks the re-launching of the 2019-2022 initiative, known as Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, Climate Change Initiative (EMME-CCI).

Our aim is to bring together scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders to address the region's unique climate challenges through evidence-based policies, while at the same time foster regional cooperation amidst critical political challenges.



## **Professor Stavros Malas**

President of The Cyprus Institute

## PLENARY SESSION: PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS, REPORTS AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, 25 September 2024

17:30 - 17:45 **Introductions and Welcoming Address**

17:45 – 18:45 **Adapting to Climate Risks Challenges**

Convener: **Natasa Pilides**

Presenters / panelists:

The Role of Energy Storage for Decarbonizing the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East  
**Nestor Fylaktos**

Climate Health in the Urban Environment  
**Jos Lelieveld**

Urban Overheating in the MENA Region: Prospects and Challenges  
**Panos Hadjinicolaou**

Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage  
**Nikolas Bakirtzis & Anthi Kaldeli**

19:00 – 19:45 **Transnational Cooperation to Address the EMME Climate Crisis**

Convener: **Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis**

Presenters / panelists:

Climate change diplomacy to combat inequality  
**Elise Machline**

The Environmental Change-Migration-Conflict Nexus in the Mediterranean  
**Manfred Lange**

The WEFE4MED PRIMA Community of Practice:  
Integrating Water, Energy, Food, and Ecosystems for a Sustainable Mediterranean  
**Fadi Comair**

20:00 **Welcome Cocktail Event – The Waves Beach Bar Radisson Beach Hotel**



## DAY 1 | Thursday, 26 September 2024

08:00 – 08:30 **Arrivals & Registration**

08:30 – 09:30 **Opening Session:**

**Costas N. Papanicolas**, Chair of the Organizing Committee

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**Achilles Emilianides**, President of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts

**Maria Panayiotou**, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Cyprus

**HRH Prince Hasan bin Talal** of Jordan

**H.E. Nikos Christodoulides**, President of the Republic of Cyprus

09:30 – 09:45 **Break & Poster Set-up**

09:45 – 10:45 **I. The Evolving Climate Crisis: The Scientific Basis**

Convener: **Jos Lelieveld**

Speakers/panelists: **Philip Ciais**, **Diana Francis**, **Markku Kulmala**, **Jean Sciare**

10:45 – 12:15 **II. Mitigation Strategies & Challenges**

**The Technological Challenge to Decarbonizing the Regional Economy**

Convener: **Andreas Poullikkas**

Speakers/panelists: **Bassam Dally**, **Brian Norton**, **Khaled Toukan**

**The Socioeconomic Barriers to Decarbonizing the Regional Economy**

Convener: **Theodore Zachariades**

Speakers/panelists: **Loukas Christophorou**, **Charles Ellinas**, **Manal Sehabi**

12:15 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 16:00 **III. Impacts and Adaptation Pathways**

13:30 – 14:15 **Water-Food-Migration Nexus**

Convener: **Fadi Comair**

Speakers/panelists: **Hassan Janabi**, **Jacob Waslander**, **Nasser Yassin**

14:15 – 15:15 **Extreme Events (Heatwaves, Droughts, Floods etc., and Health)**

Convener: **George Zittis**

Speakers/panelists: **Mansour Almazroui**, **Robin Fears**, **Panos Hadjinicolaou**, **Marlene Tomaszekiewicz**

15:15 – 16:00 **Marine & Terrestrial Environment & Biodiversity**

Convener: **Constantinos Kounnamas**

Speakers/Panelists: **Nicolas Jarraud**, **Ioannis Karakassis**, **Naïm Ouaini**

16:00 – 16:15 **Break**

16:15 – 16:45 **Keynote Address**

Speaker: **Ernest Moniz**, Professor of Physics, MIT and former Secretary of Energy, USA

17:15 – 19:00 **Wine and Cheese Reception & Poster Session (Filini Room)**

**DAY 2 | Friday, 27 September 2024****08:30 – 09:00 Keynote Address**

Speaker: **George Papanastasiou**, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Cyprus

**09:00 – 10:30 III. (Continued) Impacts and Adaptation Pathways****09:00 – 09:45 Cultural Heritage**

Conveners: **Nikolas Bakirtzis**, Anthi Kaldeli

Speakers/panelists: **Ann Bourges**, Mona Haggag, Androulla Vassiliou

**09:45 – 10:30 The Challenge of the Urban Environment**

Convener: **Costas Cartalis**

Speakers/panelists: **Isaac Meir**, Didier Roux, Roberto San José García

**10:30 – 12:15 VI. Decarbonization Pathways****10:30 – 11:15 The Decarbonization Pathway as a Transformative Opportunity for the Regional Economies - the Role of Climate Enabling Technologies**

Convener: **Fabio Montagnino**

Speakers/panelists: **Thomas Andersson**, Thanh-Tâm Le, Antonia Theodosiou

**11:15 – 12:15 Plans for Mitigation and Adaptation of Relevance to the EMME Region**

Convener: **Thanasis Hadzilacos**

Speakers/panelists: **Gidon Bromberg**, Hans Bruyninckx, Ibrahim Hoteit, Eleni Sophocleous

**12:15 – 13:15 Lunch****13:30 – 17:30 V. Removing the Barriers to Decarbonization****13:30 – 14:15 Financing Adaptation and Mitigation Measures**

Convener: **Stavros Zenios**

Speakers/panelists: **Andreas Milidonis**, Angelo Riccaboni, Stavros Thomadakis

**14:15 – 14:45 Keynote Address**

Speaker: **Kurt Vandenberghe**, Director General of DG CLIMA, European Commission

**14:45 – 15:30 Legal and Constitutional Issues**

Convener: **Achilles Emilianides**

Speakers/panelists: **Odysseas Christou**, Rafael J. Heffron, Maria Karamanof

**15:30 – 15:45 Break****15:45 – 16:45 Climate Diplomacy**

Convener: **Eleni Apegitou**

Speakers/panelists: **Gideon Behar**, Nikolaos Isaris, Theodoulos Mesimeris, Charalampos Theopemptou

**16:45 – 17:30 Political, Societal and Cultural Barriers and Opportunities**

Convener: **Kyriakos Demetriou**

Speakers/panelists: **Thodoris Georgakopoulos**, Tareq Abu Hamed, Anna Kyprianou

**19:30 – 20:30 Cultural Event at Larnaca Castle****21:00 – 22:30 Dinner at Miltzis Restaurant (Cypriot Cuisine)**

## DAY 3 | Saturday, 28 September 2024

### 09:00 – 10:30 **VI. Paving the Way Forward**

#### 09:00 – 09:45 **Education and Outreach**

Convener: **Andreas Demetriou**

Speakers/panelists: **Costas Constantinou, Hany Helal, Annette Scheerso**

#### 09:45 – 10:30 **The Intangibles of Climate Change: Philosophy, Ethics and Values**

Convener: **Stavros Photiou**

Speakers/panelists: **Charafat Afailal, Charidemos Tsoukas, Didier Roux**

### 10:30 – 11:00 **Break**

#### 11:00 – 12:15 **Concluding Panel: From Here to the Future**

Convener: **Costas N. Papanicolas**

Panelists: **Achilles Emilianides, Hany Helal, Stavros Malas, Khaled Toukan, Tamar Zandberg**

#### 12:15 – 13:00 **Closing Addresses**

**Jeffrey Sachs**, Professor at Columbia University and Director  
of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

**Marilena Raouna**, Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Cyprus

### **Conference Closes at 13:00**

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The Academy aims to enhance research and innovation in Cyprus and facilitate cooperation between universities, research institutions and industry in Cyprus, Europe and internationally, and provide society and the State scientifically sound analyses and solutions to problems. The Academy aspires to be a leading agent for strengthening the international standing of Cyprus through all domains of activity in science, letters, and the arts.



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