



MEDITERRANEAN FORUM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS & BUSINESS

PROGRAMME

“MEDITERRANEAN FORUM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS”

Thursday **28 November 2024**

(The event takes place in HYBRID way from Milan and Beirut

the event is conducted in English)

--- 09:00 - 09:30 --- Registrations

--- 09:45 --- Opening | Introduce of the forum

Matteo Redenti, Founder the Mediterranean Forum of Local Governments and Business
and welcome message from patronage

--- 10:00 -11:00 ---

Panel 1: Blue Economy and Climate Security in the Mediterranean

- Moderator: **Patricia Issa**, Expert in the middle eastern affair

- Speakers:

- **Frédéric de Dinechin** - Senior Policy advisor at Union for the Mediterranean

- **PhD Gayane Gabrielyan** - Deputy Minister at Ministry of Environment of Armenia

- **Paolo Formentini** MP Member of the Italian parliament and Vice-Chairman 3rd Committee (Foreign and Community Affairs) and Member of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- **Dr Fadi Comair**: Professor of Applied Hydrology, Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), and Infrastructure - Chairperson of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) since 2019 – Former President of the Litani River Authority (LRA) and Director General of Water Resources (1993-2021) in Lebanon. Former Vice-President of the Euro-Med Water Information System (EMWIS) and the former President of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO). Water diplomat (DWRE) from the American Academy of Water Resource Engineers (AAWRE) and an international negotiator specialized in Transboundary water in the MENA region.

- **Filippo Verre** - Founder and Scientific Director of AB AQUA (First Italian Study Center on Hydrostrategy)

--- 11:10-12:00 ---

Panel 2: De-globalization - Rules and Principles of a New Economic Philosophy

- Moderator: **Patricia Issa**, Expert in the middle eastern affair and **Matteo Redenti** Founder the Mediterranean Forum of Local Governments and Business
- Speakers:
 - **Irene Tinagli** - Economist and member of the European Parliament
 - **Nicola Carè** - MP Member of the Italian parliament elected in the foreign constituency Africa Asia Oceania Antarctica and Member of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
 - **Ziad-Alexandre Hayek** - President of WAPPP, Strategic Alliances at HyperCycle Ai, Board Member, Keynote Speaker, PPP Expert. Previous Government Official, Investment Banker, and Vice Chair of UN Working Party on PPP.
 - **Giulio Andreani** - Tax Consultant PwC tIs
 - **Fabio Morvilli** - President of the Italian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce
 - **Niccolò Filippo Veneri Savoia** - Founder & CEO Look Lateral, DEXX.finance and FIMART

--- 12:10-13:00 ---

Panel 3: Peace and Stability as the Basis for Economic Growth in EUROMED and GCC Relations

- Moderator: **Patricia Issa**, Expert in the middle eastern affair
- Speakers:
 - **Lorenzo Cesa** - MP Member of the Italian parliament and President of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
 - **Adel Afiouni** - Former Minister of Technology and Investment in Lebanon, Partner for Europe and the Middle East at Exos, Investment Expert.
 - **Wael Chehab** - Founder and CEO at Cedar Capital Management, Investment Expert and Philanthropist.
 - **Simone Billi** - MP Member of the Italian parliament and Member 3rd Committee (Foreign and Community Affairs) and Member of Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the COUNCIL OF EUROPE
 - **Lorenzo Galletti** - Director of the Cardiac Surgery Department and Director of Clinical Area of Fetal, Neonatal and Cardiologic Sciences at the “Pediatric Hospital Bambino Gesù - Rome”

---13:00-14:00 Lunch ---

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---14:10 -15:00 ---

Panel 4: Cultural Capital as a Pillar of the New Mediterranean Cohesion Process - Woman Empowerment

- Moderator: **Patricia Issa**, Expert in the middle eastern affair
- Speakers:
 - **Natalia Bayona** - Executive Director of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
 - **Dr Manal Abdel Samad Najd**: Former Minister of Information in Lebanon, University Lecturer (AUB – AUM), Advisor to the IMF
 - **PhD Gayane Gabrielyan** - Deputy Minister at Ministry of Environment of Armenia
 - **Simona Flavia Malpezzi** - MP Senator Member of the Italian parliament and Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission for Children and Adolescents and Member of the Italian Parliamentary Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
 - **Azzurra Rinaldi** Professor of Economics, Head of the School of Gender Economics at Unitelma Sapienza University of Rome

--- 15.10 - 16.00 ---

Panel 5: Enlargement of Europe to the Mediterranean, a possible choice?

- Moderator: **Matteo Redenti** Founder the Mediterranean Forum of Local Governments and Business
- Speakers:
 - **Fabrizio W. Lucioli** - President of the Italian Atlantic Committee and former President of the Atlantic Treaty Association (2014-2020), Director and promoter of NATO and EU cooperation projects in Central and Eastern Europe, and in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries.
 - **Paolo Borchia** MEP member Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Delegation for relations with Mercosur, member substitute Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean
 - **Jakub Romaniuk** - Director of the Economic Forum Programme
 - **Eugenio Ferrari** - President ASSORETIPMI, Owner "RETI DI IMPRESE PMI"+90.000 members, Business Network Manager, SME Networks Advisor

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