



SciNMeet launch event. The Science we need for the Mediterranean Sea we want

Rome, CNR Headquarters - Aula Convegna and on-line

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Concept note

The **Science We Need for the Mediterranean Sea We Want** (SciNMeet) Programme will address major Mediterranean challenges and gaps in scientific knowledge with the aim to better understand and manage impacts of climate change, pollution, overexploitation of resources, and marine hazards on the marine environment, to contribute to maintenance of ecosystems' functioning and the sustainability of relevant economic operations as well as preventing biodiversity loss. Increasing education, awareness and international collaboration by mobilizing the scientific community, policy-makers, private sector and society at large the Programme will address, through seven Task Teams, the Ocean Decade's outcomes and contribute to the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030.

Over the last decades, relevant initiatives contributed to well-structure and coordinate the Mediterranean community that has developed several programmes and projects and co-designed regional initiatives and national plans to achieve sustainable development in the marine and maritime realm. However, further efforts are needed to catch up with increasing pressures or fail to take them into account in light of changing environmental conditions and socio-economic requirements. Recognizing that the region is still not on track to achieve and fully implement the commonly agreed SDGs, SciNMeet will contribute to the UN Ocean Decade challenges as well as the implementation of relevant R&I framework programmes for the region, namely the Horizon Europe Mission 'Restore our ocean and waters by 2030' and its Mediterranean lighthouse on pollution.

Following the endorsement by the UNESCO/IOC, the SciNMeet UN-Decade Mediterranean Programme is ready to fly. The launch event, run in a hybrid modality in Rome (Italy) at CNR headquarters, will mark a substantial milestone to start-up the activities. Supported by a dedicated governance system, seven technical Task Teams will work together to address Climate Change, Marine Pollution, Marine Hazard, Ocean Literacy & Education, Ocean Observing & Prediction, Data Sharing, and Knowledge Transfer/Capacity Building, by engaging the broad community of stakeholders, according to the principle of co-design and in line with the principles outlined in the UN-Decade Implementation Plan. In doing so, the SciNMeet system will constantly bring its outputs and contribution to major R&I and science-to-policy frameworks.

During the launch event, the introductory plenary session will be followed by operational parallel meetings of the Task Teams, addressing contents and rationale, Terms of Reference and roadmap for the smooth running of the activities. The Task Team's spokesperson will then report to the audience.

On-line platform registration

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3310419927960318733>

Streaming <https://live.cnr.it/liveMultimedia.html>

Agenda

Day 1, 12:30 - Welcome Coffee	
<i>Moderator:</i> Alison Clausen, Programme Specialist, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, Deputy Coordinator UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development	
13:30-13:45 - <i>Welcome and introduction</i> Maria Chiara Carrozza, President, National Research Council of Italy (CNR) Michele Mazzola, Director Internationalization, Ministry of University and Research (MUR)	
Opening and launch of the SciNMeet Programme	
13:45-14:00	UN-Decade and regional dimension Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental; Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (on-line)
14:00-14:15	Ensuring the contribution to the Horizon Europe Mission 'Restore our ocean and waters by 2030' Elisabetta Balzi, Head of Healthy Ocean and Seas Unit, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation and Co-Chair BlueMed Initiative
14:15-14:30	Towards a UN-Decade Med Collaborative CentreThe vision: science-policy in the Mediterranean by UNEP-MAP. Contributions to Ocean Decade and the Ecosystem Approach Tatjana Hema, Mediterranean Action Plan Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme, Barcelona Convention Secretariat
14:30-14:45	Introduction to SciNMeet Rosalia Santoleri, President, Italian Oceanographic Commission COI
14:45 - 15:00	Aligning the Strategy of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean for healthy environment and resources Manuel Barange, Interim Executive Director, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean GFCM-FAO
15:00 - 15:10	Mediterranean Region, years of cooperation opportunities Francesca Marcato, Joint Secretariat, INTERREG-MED Programme
15:10-15:20	The role of Ocean Literacy, launching the SciNMeet website Francesca Santoro, Programme Specialist, IOC UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe
15:20-15:30	Introduction to the Task Teams and objectives of the parallel sessions, Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Oceanographic Commission Secretariat
15:30 - 16:15 - Coffee break and Virtual poster session	
16:15-19:00 - Task Teams Parallel sessions	
TT1 = Climate Change > Facilitator: Andea Storto > Room Silvestri (2nd floor, 'new building')	
TT2 = Marine Pollution > Facilitator: Christina Zeri > Room Golgi (2nd floor, 'new building')	
TT3 = Marine Hazard > Facilitator: Angela Pomaro > Room Convegna (same as plenary)	
TT4 = Ocean Literacy & Education > Facilitator: Francesca Santoro > Room Picone (1st floor)	

<p>TT5 = Ocean Observing & Prediction > Facilitator: Katrin Schroeder > Room Volterra (1st floor) TT6 = Data Sharing > Facilitator: Alessandra Giorgetti > Room Pareto (1st floor, 'new building') TT7 = Knowledge Transfer / Capacity Building > Facilitator: Ahmed Siliman > Room 3D (ground floor, next to Convegna)</p>	
<p>19:30 - Social dinner @ The Apartment Bar, Via dei Marrucini, 1A, Roma (in front of the venue)</p>	
<p>Day 2nd, h 08:30-13:00</p>	
<p><i>Moderator:</i> Inés Boujmil, National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies (INSTM), Tunisia, BlueMed Ambassador in Tunisia</p>	
<p>Morning keynote - Representing the seafloor in 4D: technical challenges and conceptual problems 08:40-09:00 Fabio Trincardi, Director, CNR Department of Earth System Science and Environmental Technologies</p>	
09:00-09:40	<p>Task Teams stage setting towards the Implementation Plan Task Teams' Facilitators: Andrea Storto (COI), Christina Zeri (HCMR), Angela Pomaro (COI), Francesca Santoro (IOC), Katrin Schroeder (COI), Alessandra Giorgetti (COI), Ahmed Siliman (GFCM)</p>
09:40-10:00	<p>Q&As Audience and speakers</p>
10:00-10:05	<p>Unveiling the SciNMeet Logo Lorenza Evangelista, Italian Oceanographic Commission Secretariat</p>
10:05-10:10	<p>Empowering youth for the Mediterranean We Want, the Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs) Programme Inés Boujmil and Hany Heiba, ECOPs Programme Africa</p>
10:10-10:50	<p>Strengthening networking and international collaboration within the Ocean Decade, introducing the Global Stakeholders' Forum (GSF) and experiences of National Decade Committees (NDCs) Introduction by Olivier Duforneaud, Ocean Decade Community Coordinator, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO - Best practice sharing by established Mediterranean NDCs: Italy (Roberta Ivaldi), Spain (Rafael González-Quirós), Slovenia (Vesna Flander-Putrlje), France (Marie-Alexandrine Sicre), Turkey (Emre Tükenmez)</p>
<p>10:50-11:30 - Coffee break & Virtual poster session</p>	
11:30-12:05	<p>IOC Commissions, Groups and Programmes alignment with SciNMeet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kouadio Affian, Chair of IOC's Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA) - Marie-Alexandrine Sicre, Chair of IOC Group I - Karim Hilmi, IOC Vice-Chair Group V - IOC/Decade Programmes on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ocean Literacy With All (OLWA), by Francesca Santoro - Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected seas (ICG/NEAMWTS) and IOC EU ECHO ICG/NEAMTWS, by Denis Chang - International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) and Global Ocean Teachers' Academy, by Peter Pissierssens - Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), by Emma Heslop
12:05-12:30	<p>Pitches by Decade Programmes and other Projects relevant for SciNMeet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coastpredict and the Decade Collaborative Center, Nadia Pardini, University of Bologna - Ocean Observation Morocco, National Decade labelled Programme, Karim Hilmi, IOC Vice-Chair Group V

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PREP4BLUE, Claudiane Chevalier, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER) - SHAREMED, Aldo Drago, Malta College of Arts, Science & Technology (MCAST)
12:30-12:50	Q&As Audience and speakers
12:50-13:00	Conclusions and next steps Daniele Bosio, Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAECI) Rosalia Santoleri, President, Italian Oceanographic Commission (COI)
13:00 Light Lunch	