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YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT

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Ismaili Centre, Lisbon-Portugal

PROGRAMME

Monday 16 October

8:30 *Registration of participants*

9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS

- Nazim AHMAD, Ismaili Imamat's Representative in Portugal
- Ambassador Francesca CAMILLERI-VETTIGER, Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

OPENING SESSION

- Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Francisco ANDRÉ, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal
- Edite ESTRELA, Vice-President, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Abel Rogério CHAVES DE CAMPOS, Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Ambassador Khaled AL-BAKLI, Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights, Social and Humanitarian International Affairs, Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee of Human Rights, Egypt

10:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

- Karuna RANA, Co-Founder, SIDS Youth AIS Hub (SYAH), Mauritius island
- Anisa BEK DERNA, Founder of project Mulan and climate activist, Libya

10:40 *Group photo*

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 CLIMATE FOR YOUTH

Despite having gained visibility, recognition, and influence on matters of climate governance concerns remain about how meaningful youth engagement is, or to what extent some youth voices are privileged over others. In addition, the contribution of young people is often limited to issues around empowerment, representation, or education, while young people have the capacity and the potential to contribute to other relevant and technical areas such as the fight against environmental crime and corruption or the energy transition.

This session aims to build on the opportunities, challenges, and the way forward for youth engagement in climate governance, paving the discussion for the second day of the Forum.

ROUNDTABLE

Moderation: Joana GUERRA TADEU, Climate justice activist

- Janina OCHOJSKA, Member of the European Parliament
- Amjad BANY ISSA, Programme Coordinator at Green Generation Foundation, EU Jeel Connector
- Salma BENAZIZ, Chair of the Moroccan Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Belinda GOTTARDI, Representative in the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of the Council of Europe, Mayor of Castel Maggiore
- Spyros PAPADATOS, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, Secretary General of Rural Youth Europe

13:00 Lunch

14:30 ECONOMIC CRIMES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

This session aims to enhance understanding of the linkages between economic and environmental crimes. The session will present mechanisms to decrease risks and impacts of climate changes, ongoing initiatives at the regional and national level in the fight against corruption and environmental crimes, as well as case studies.

ROUNDTABLE

Moderation: Pilar MORALES, Senior Coordinator of Activities of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

- Hanne JUNCHER, Director of Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe
- Karen ERNST, Head of Independent Integrity Unit, Green Climate Fund
- Betina PASTEKNIK, UNCAC Coalition - Association for the Implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption, Coordinator of the Environmental Crime and Corruption Working Group.
- Mariana GOMES, President of Ultimo Recurso and young advisor to the President of Portugal as part of the advisory group “O Futuro já começou”

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09:00 YOUNG PEOPLE AS AGENTS FOR CHANGE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This session will analyse the impact of corruption in the future of young people and explore in which ways they could be better equipped to promote a culture of integrity and against corruption in all its possible manifestations, including on the environment.

ROUNDTABLE

Moderation: Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department, Directorate of Democratic Participation of the Council of Europe

- Nelson SALAGANO, Executive Director at Rural-Urban Social Empowerment Programme (RUSEP)
- Javier ROURA BLANCO, Senior Coordinator, Communication and Reporting, ProtectDefenders.eu
- Serena IBRAHIM, Founder of Youth Against Corruption, Lebanon
- Fatna Ikrame EL FANNE, Co-founder & Director of projects for Youth for Climate Morocco (Y4CM)
- Denyse DEGIORGIO, Project Officer, UNCAC Coalition - Association for the Implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption
- Leonardo PARADISO, Associate Programme Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Please note this session includes a coffee break in the middle to be followed by a series of interventions from the floor.

12:00 CLOSING OF THE FORUM

- Alexandra KODJABACHI, General Rapporteur of the Lisbon Forum 2023
- Adelino SILVA, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

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