On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation, a series of events will promote innovative dialogues with the productive, technological and financial sectors, aiming to place conservation and biodiversity at the heart of a new economic model that supports the prosperity of Mediterranean societies in harmony with nature.
Thursday, 29 September
Salón de los Espejos, Malaga Town Hall

10:00h/11:00h
Opening of the event
- Teresa Ribera, Third Vice-President and Minister for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge.
- Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla, President of the Andalusian Regional Government.
- Francisco de la Torre, Lord Mayor of Malaga.
- Presidency of IUCN.

Master of Ceremonies: Antonio Troya, Director, IUCN-Med.

11:00h
Break

11:30h/13:00h
Dialogue 1: Regional Cooperation and Nature Conservation in the Mediterranean

Biodiversity builds the basis for the well-being and the sustainability of economic activity in Mediterranean societies. Public and private actors will discuss key cooperation mechanisms needed to make the biodiversity and conservation tandem a driving force for Mediterranean societies.

- Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean.
- Ilias Mavroeidis, Programme Management Officer – Governance, Barcelona Convention – Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP.
- Abderrahim Houmy, General Secretary, Water and Forest Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forest, Morocco.
- Leila Chikhaoui, Tunisian Minister of Environment.
- Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (TBC)

Moderadora: Imen Meliane, IUCN Vice President and Councillor.

17:00h/19:30h
20 Anniversary Celebration Ceremony

IUCN Members and staff, main partners and collaborators of IUCN-Med will participate with their testimonies to illustrate the 20 years of activity of the Centre.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Puri Canals, Former IUCN vice President and President of MedPAN.

Musical recital by Pedro Buruezo and the Noor Camerata.

Mediterranean culinary demonstration: Mediterranean night of natural flavours

Over two days, Fernando Rueda, Director of Gastroarte, together with five chefs who have received a Michelin star and the Soles Repsol distinction, will explain the importance of maintaining healthy productive ecosystems through a tasting of dishes made from natural and sustainable Mediterranean products.

Botanical Garden La Concepción, Malaga
Friday, 30 September
E. Neville Auditorium, Provincial Council of Malaga

8:45h/9:00h Welcome
José Francisco Salado, President of the Council of Malaga province.

9:00h/11:00h Dialogue 2: Peace, Nature and SDG in the Mediterranean
The main public and private organisations working for peace and nature in the Mediterranean will be invited to present the major challenges for the region in this regard. Potential solutions and initiatives to be developed in the coming years will be explored.

- Karim Darwish, President, Committee on Economic, Social and Environmental Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (TBC).
- Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Deputy Director General for the Regions.
- Andrés Perelló, Director, Casa Mediterráneo.
- Lefteris Arapakis, UNEP / Youth Champion of the Earth 2020.
- Assad Serhal, Director General, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon.
- Emad Adly, President, Arab Office for Youth and Environment and The Arab Network for Environment and Development.

Moderadora: Caty Arévalo, Journalist.

11:00h Coffee break

Public and private organisations will discuss the main challenges faced by food production, fisheries, tourism and the use of natural resources in the Mediterranean while outlining potential solutions.

- Abdalah Srour, Former Executive Secretary, CGPM-FAO.
- Antonio Calvo, Director of Sustainability, Red Eléctrica de España.
- Maurizio Raeli, Director, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, CIHEAM (TBC).
- Federico Cardona, Coordinator for Coastal Health for EMEA Region, Iberostar Group.
- Giuseppe di Carlo, Director of Mediterranean Marine Initiative, WWF.
- Jean Jalbert, Director General, Tour du Valat Foundation and President of the Mediterranean Commission of the IUCN French Committee.
- Karim Amellal, Ambassador, Interministerial Delegate of the French Republic to the Mediterranean (TBC).

Moderator: Sonia Castañeda, IUCN Councillor (TBC).
14:00h/16:00h Culinary Demonstration: Colour in Mediterranean cuisine
The Gastroarte team will take us to several fast food stalls where we will be able to taste local and sustainable gastronomy that also helps to preserve biodiversity.

16:00h/18:15h Dialogue 4: Mediterranean partnerships: new tools for nature conservation in the region
Representatives of civil society organisations, public administrations and the major private and public foundation supporting projects and initiatives in the region will analyse existing systems of cooperation and collaboration, and discuss innovative mechanisms for mutual collaboration to address the challenges of financing nature conservation and the development of citizen-oriented policies in the Mediterranean. This dialogue will be divided into two blocks:

1st block: challenges of conservation financing
- Fabrice Bernard, Mediterranean Biodiversity Consortium.
- Antonella Giglio, Director, ENI-CBCMED Programme (TBC).
- Paule Gros, Head of Strategic Partnerships & Director, MAVA Foundation.
- Peggy Herrmann-Ljubicic, Secretary General, The Didier and Martine Primat Foundation (TBC).
- Ahmed Ghedira, President, Notre Grand Bleu.
- Constance Corbier-Barthaux, Biodiversity, Small-Scale Initiatives Programme, French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM).
- Nizar Hany, Vice President of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas for North Africa, West Asia and the Middle East (TBC).

Moderator: Hilde Eggermont, IUCN Vice President and Councillor.

2nd block: the role of regions in nature conservation governance
- Elodie Nunes, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission, Peripheral Conference of Maritime Regions (TBC).
- Renaud Muselier, President of the Regional Council of the Region Sud, France (TBC).
- Anna Barnadas, Secretary for Climate Action, Department of Climate Action, Food and Rural Agenda, Catalonia Regional Government.
- Vito Consoli, Regional Director of Natural Capital, Parks and Protected Areas, Region Lazio (TBC).
- Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock and Sustainable Development, Andalusia Regional Government.

Moderadora: Maud Lelievre, IUCN Councillor.

19:30h Culinary Demonstration: Malaga Night of the Alboran Sea
The Gastroarte team will show us how sustainable fishing helps the conservation and management of products from the Alboran Sea, and will also delight us with “espetos”, a typical dish from Malaga (El Balneario - Baños del Carmen, Malaga).
Saturday, 1 October
Sierra de las Nieves National Park

8:00h  Departure from Malaga Centre to the Sierra de las Nieves National Park

10:00h/11:00h  Welcome and presentation of the National Park and its environmental, social and economic characteristics
   ● Rafael Haro, Director, Sierra de las Nieves National Park.
   ● Antonio Perez, President, Association of Municipalities of Sierra de las Nieves.

11:00h/14:00h  Visit to the National Park, divided into groups

14:00h/15:30h  Lunch

16:00h  Return to Malaga

Participants who wish can spend the night in the Sierra de las Nieves National Park and participate in the following activities:

16:30h/18:30h  Visit to key areas of socio-economic relevance for the National Park: local businesses producing organic products.

19:00h  Cultural event

20:00h  Dinner

Return to Malaga on Sunday 2nd October at 10h30, estimated arrival at 12h30.
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