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Mitigation Enabling Energy Transition in the MEDiterranean region

The Concerted Action on Buildings from meetMED project perspective

KeyNote Speakers - Bio and photos

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Name: Agathe LACOMBE

Title: Project Manager of meetMEDII Project

Bio:

Agathe Lacombe is an international project manager who graduated from Sciences Po Paris (Institute of Political Studies). She holds a master's degree in Governance and Sustainable Development of Large Metropolises and has been working in Senegal (2017) on the implementation of the first public urban transportation system of the Dakar region (Bus Rapid Transit) financed by the World Bank. She was then in charge of implementing the PEEB (Programme for Energy Efficiency in Buildings) in Senegal. The PEEB is an international initiative put in place by the AFD, ADEME and GIZ, which combine financing with technical and institutional assistance to support developing countries in their transition to low-carbon and resilient building sector. Her skills are particularly focused on policy implementation, capacity building, policy analysis and studies.



Name: Alessandro FIORINI

Title: Researcher, Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA)

Bio:

Researcher in the Laboratory for Monitoring Energy Efficiency Policies and Measures at ENEA Energy Efficiency Department. Ph.D. in Economics at Sapienza University of Rome, post-graduate studies in economics and statistics at the University of Rome Tor Vergata and Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. Prior to ENEA, he held positions at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Directorate for Energy, Transport and Climate), in the Italian National Agency for Investment Attraction and Business Development and in the Institute for Competitiveness in Rome. In over ten years of experience, he has carried out research studies aimed at delivering policy monitoring and evaluation works; developing evidence-base recommendations for policy support; drafting scientific and technical publications. His research interests lie in the field of socio-economic impact of sustainable transition; green finance; methods for policy impact evaluation and industrial innovation and competitiveness.

He has lengthy experience in data analysis, production and use of statistics, layout methodological guidelines for data collection, validation and processing, and econometric modelling for addressing socioeconomic issues.

He is currently representing ENEA in the EEFIG (Energy Efficiency Financial Institutions Group) working groups on energy efficiency investment data collection and Energy Efficiency 1st Principle implementation.



Name: João CLETO

Title: Portuguese National Energy Agency (ADENE)

Bio:

Started working in a research institute at NOVA University, currently CENSE (Center for Environmental and Sustainability Research) building bottom-up energy/economy models at the national level with the aim of supporting the decision-making process and keep track of national paths to climate targets. Up until early 2022, he was in the Local Energy Management Agency of Almada coordinating several local, national and European projects in climate change local action, energy efficiency in buildings, renewable energies, efficient public lighting and innovative climate financing models and community engagement. Currently he is at ADENE, the Portuguese energy agency, working on international cooperation and focusing on innovation projects on buildings, supporting the long-term renovation and decarbonization of the sector.



Name: Nesen SURMELI-ANAC

Title: Associate Director at Guidehouse

Bio:

Nesen Surmeli-Anac is an Associate Director at Guidehouse, with over 15 years of experience in leading and steering complex programmes and transformational change projects. With a strong background in sustainability and energy efficiency sectors, Nesen has a proven track record of driving projects on innovation and technology adoption and delivering strategic outcomes across multiple industries.

She advises national governments, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, by developing strategies, identifying and enabling pathways to reach objectives through resource allocation, short term target adjustments and long term planning under uncertainty.

She leads Cool Up programme, a large scale project bringing financial, technical and regulatory aspects together for enabling transition to sustainable cooling in MENA region.



Name: Eng. Sawsan BAWARESH

Title: Manager of Energy Efficiency and Solar Thermal Energy Division and COOL UP national project manager

Bio:

Eng. Sawsan Bawaresh is the Manager of Energy Efficiency and Solar Thermal Energy Division and COOL UP national project manager, working at the Royal Scientific Society/ National Energy Research Center in Jordan with more than 16 years of experience in implementing and managing projects related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate actions. She is a certified energy manager and a certified carbon & Greenhouse gases reduction manager.

She is one of the lead authors for COOL UP publications: JORDAN COOLING SECTOR STATUS REPORT: Analysis of the current market structure, trends, and insights on the refrigeration and air conditioning sector, and for Jordan Regulatory Analysis Report: Analysis and recommendations for the regulatory and policy instruments governing the RAC sector.

She is an advocate for gender equality and clean environment and believes that Climate change is borderless.



Name: Sabine SAAD

**Title: Specialist in Renewable Energy and Sustainability,
Lebanese Energy Management and Environment
Association (ALMEE)**

Bio:

Specialist in Renewable Energy and Sustainability, Sabine SAAD is an expert who has been involved in many projects related to this field in Lebanon and the region. She handled topics such as energy policies at municipal and national levels, establishing sustainable energy action plans, implementation and evaluation, and she has developed a new tool for this purpose. She mostly worked on mitigation, energy efficiency, GHG emissions' reduction, solid waste management, as well as training and awareness' seminars and workshops in such fields. She is graduated from the Faculty of Engineering of the Lebanese University, got a PhD in Renewable Energy and Sustainability in both the Lebanese University and Saint-Joseph University.



Name: Rui FRAGOSO

Title: Head of the Buildings and Efficiency of Resources Department, Portuguese National Energy Agency (ADENE)

Bio:

Rui Fragoso graduated in Civil Engineering obtained a post graduate degree in Planning and Sustainable Construction as well as one in Building Acoustics and is BREEAM International Assessor (2012). Between 2012 and 2018 he was the Head of the Buildings Department at ADENE and was responsible for managing the Building's Energy Performance Certification System (SCE) and its implementation, following the energy performance of buildings directive recast, where he had the chance, among other initiatives, to design and implement the one stop-shop Portal casA+.

He's currently the Head of the Buildings and Efficiency of Resources Department at ADENE. He is also responsible for the coordination to ADENE's participation in projects like the Concerted Action EPBD - CA EPBD and is the chair of the Buildings Working Group of EnR – European Energy Network.



Name: Nada BELKEBIR

Title: Energy engineer, Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency (AMEE)

Bio: Nada BELKEBIR, a Moroccan energy engineer, born on March 26th, 1991, in Meknes. After completing high school, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Engineering and Management Science from Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane. In 2015, she completed her Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Management from the same university, cementing her expertise in the field. Upon graduation, she has demonstrated her dedication and passion for promoting sustainable energy management and making a positive impact on the environment. In 2015, she started as an intern in the Oasis Tafilalet Project where she participated at the preparation of a Master Plan for the Tafilalet region in the field of energy efficiency for buildings and public lighting. In 2017, she served as Project Coordinator for FMPEP (Fes-Meknes Energy Performance) at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, a project that aimed at promoting energy efficiency to the communes of the region of Fes Meknes. She then continued her professional career as an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Engineer in Agadir, where she conducted technical and financial studies of solar photovoltaic projects, analyzed the need and sizing of solar PV installations, and conducted energy audits of administrative, agricultural, and industrial sectors. In 2022, she joined the Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency as an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Engineer, where she continues to work today. In her current role, she provides technical expertise on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, manage projects, and conduct feasibility studies.



Name: Eva Martínez CARABALLO

Title: Technical Project Manager, Department of Domestic and Energy Saving and Efficiency, Institute for the Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE)

Bio:

Working as a Technical Project Manager in the Department of Domestic and Energy Saving and Efficiency of the Institute for the Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE).

Architect since 2004 from the Polytechnic University of Architecture of Madrid (ETSAM) and a Master's program in Environmental studies and bioclimatic architecture.

She has 20 years of experience in different sectors as a project manager in design and construction of social housing, offices buildings and private dwellings based on the criteria of energy efficiency. She has combined it with volunteering in bioconstruction and rehabilitation. She also has worked as a research assistant at the University of Madrid and the University of Washington developing a Sustainability rating system for measuring all the criteria involved in the life cycle assessment as carbon, energy, water, waste, transportation, materials, health, and indoor environmental quality.



Name: Saïd EL HARCH

Title: International Expert in refrigeration and Air-conditioning systems

Bio:

After graduating from the prestigious IFFI and the CNAM in Paris France with a master degree in Industrial Refrigeration and Air-conditioning IN 1998 , Saïd EL HARCH moved to the UK where he started his professional career with J&E Hall International, he held different positions within the industry in the UK dealing with industrial refrigeration, freezing and precise process cooling.

In 2012 he moved to Morocco to join a leading Multinational Company as engineering manager.

Keen entrepreneur he founded ALPHA REFRIGERATION in 2013 to serve the cooling industry in Morocco and beyond.

Expert in refrigeration and air conditioning and passionate about his trade, Mr. EL HARCH is a trainer and certifier of professionals in the RAC sector. As an international expert and consultant for different agencies

He is also one of the experts who have committed to lead the guidelines of the Kigali amendment to the Montreal Protocol which Morocco recently ratified for its strategy of phase-down of HFCs and the improvement of the energy efficiency of sectors concerned

Saïd EL HARCH is also the current president of the Moroccan Association of Cooling Professionals (AMPF) and the General Secretary of the Union of Associations of African Actors in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (U3ARC), which respectively bring together refrigeration and air conditioning professionals in Morocco and in Africa.

