



## Ain Soltan Call of Mediterranean Youth

We, young men and women from both shores of the Mediterranean, are gathered under the **Mediterranean Forum : Youth Actions Climate**, which was held from **6 to 9 October 2016** in Ain Soltan, launching this Call which targets decision makers and stakeholders in the Mediterranean region.

The Forum was a crucial step in the mobilization and preparation of civil society and especially the youth of the two sides of the Mediterranean Sea to the next Youth Conference (**COY12**) from 4 to 6 November 2016 and to the **COP22** in Marrakech 7 on November 18, 2016 as part of the 22nd Conference of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Therefore, we turn to the concerned governments in the Mediterranean region and we ask them to consider the following recommendations and ensure their implementation:

- Rejuvenate and "Gendering" the official delegation by giving the opportunity to young people to participate in the negotiations. We believe that young people have a significant energy potential and an undeniable will and the knowledge to be involved in the negotiations.
- More transparency regarding the composition of the official delegation (quota, number, parity, profiles, CV, selection criteria, ministries, selection process ...)
- Establish a fixed committee for the nomination of negotiators for each COP.
- Strengthen the capacity of negotiators
- Organizing an open conference to the public, before the participation of the delegation to the COP22, that presents the detailed program. A second conference should be held after the COP to restore all the work done during the COP.
- Publishing and disseminating the report of the official delegation participation to the COP.

- Identify organizations that will participate in the COP, coach and accompany them in their programs through preliminary meetings and enhance simulation exercises.
- Extend the participation of associations at the COP and increase the number of participants.
- Disseminate the Paris Agreement.
- Clarify the means of action for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- Incorporate the theme of Climate Change and Environmental Education in textbooks for all levels.
- Prohibit the sponsorship of the COP from the most polluter multinational companies.

In terms of **Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)**, we insist on the following points :

- Clarify, justify and adjust the budget INDC by designing concrete projects.

In this case the budget for Mitigation and Adaptation should be more balanced between the two strategies.

- Ensure wide dissemination and good communication of INDC.

By taking into account the vulnerability of the Mediterranean region by climate change effects, we emphasize governments the importance of:

- Strengthening cooperation and collaboration between Mediterranean countries.
- Improving the technical capacity and the transfer of North-South technology through a Mediterranean database.
- Accompany young project initiators (grants and funding).
- Integrate environmental approaches in public policy.
- Strengthen the capacity to adapt in local and regional level. Notably through the adoption of policies prevention of extreme events.
- Create a Mediterranean fund that supports projects initiated by individuals or NGOs.

**Ain Soltan, on 9 october 2016.**

**Youth, Actions, Climate**