

COP 24 Barcelona Convention

Side Event prepared by PAMEx, the Foundation Prince Albert II of Monaco and MedWet

Title: The protection, restoration and connectivity of marine, coastal and freshwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean: the challenges ahead

- Time schedule: 3 December 2025: 17:45-18:45, Beryl I+II Floor 1 Venue
- Facilitation of the side event: Mr. Chris Rostron (MedWet)

Agenda items	Topics	Speakers	Timing
Introduction to the SE	Introduction to the key challenges protection, restoration and connectivity of marine, coastal and freshwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean	Mr. Petros Varelidis , Secretary General for Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, Chair of PAMEx	5' 14h00-14h05
PAMEx presentation	PAMEx objectives, including the protection of MPAs and recent decision of its Steering Committee on setting up a Working Group on GBF Targets 2 & 3 implementation	Mr. Petros Varelidis , Secretary General for Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, Chair of PAMEx	5' 14h05-14h10
Foundation Prince Albert II of Monaco presentation	Presentation of the Foundation, its initiative DIMFE, an alliance of donors dedicated to fund the protection and restoration of wetlands in the Mediterranean Basin. The presentation will also remind the importance of freshwater ecosystems and the importance of it.	Ms. Léa Glâtre , Coordinator of the Donors' Initiative for Mediterranean Freshwater Ecosystems (DIMFE), Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation	5' 14h10-14h15
Panel discussion	The facilitator introduces the panel discussion setting the scene and asking one question to each of the 4 invited experts	<u>Invited experts:</u> • Mr. Elyes Hamza, Director of SPA/RAC • Mrs. Marianne Courouble, Policy Advisor at MedWet • Mr. Renaud Dupuy de la Grandrive President of MedPAN or Mrs. Carole Martinez, Policy Manager at MedPAN (<i>tbc</i>) • Mr. Antoine Lafitte, Interim director of Plan Bleu	20' 14h15-14h35
Discussion with the participants	Open discussion with the audience		10' 14h35-14h45
Summary of the discussions	The representative of the Foundation Prince Albert II of Monaco briefly summaries the key points addressed during the panel discussion	Mr. Philippe Mondielli (FPA2, Scientific Director)	5' 14h45-14h50
Conclusion	Conclusion on the Side Event and potential outcomes + Announcement by Egypt on the next PAMEx Presidency (<i>tbc</i>)	Mr. Petros Varelidis (Chair of PAMEx) and a Representative of the Egyptian Government (<i>tbc</i>)	10' 14h50-15h00