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Kick off Conference
UNESCO Chair on

Gender, Climate Change,

Sustainable Development in the MENA Region and Africa:

**Advancing
International
Cooperation**

15-16 SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September

Sala Conferenze, Palazzo Corigliano

Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 12

12.30–13.30 *Networking Lunch*

13.30-14.30

Institutional Greetings

Roberto Tottoli, Rector University of Naples
L'Orientale

Roberta Giunta, Dean DAAM

Paolo Wulzer, Dean DiSUS

Salvatore Luongo, Dean DSLLC

On. Edmondo Cirielli, Deputy Minister,
Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della
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Opening Remarks

Riccardo Marco Rusconi, Director AICS
*From Main Victims of Climate Change
to Main actors of Change: The Key role
of Women in the Climate Action*

Alessandro Giardini, Cultural Sector, Italian
National Commission for UNESCO

Ersilia Francesca, Valeria Saggiomo,
Conference convenors

14.30-15.00 **Keynote speech**

Michael Woolcock, Development Research
Group, World Bank, and Harvard
Kennedy School
*Climate Change, Gender, and International
Development: Three Perspectives on
Inherent Challenges and Possible
Opportunities*

15.00-15.30 - Presentation

of the UNESCO Chair Project

Ersilia Francesca, Valeria Saggiomo,

University of Naples L'Orientale

**15.30 – 18.00 - Climate Change from
a Gendered Perspective in Africa:
Politics, Strategies and Resilience/
Mitigation Actions**

Chair: **Enrico Fardella**

University of Naples L'Orientale

Loubna Youssef, University of Cairo, Egypt
*Egyptian National Strategies and Local
Resilience Practices Addressing Climate
Change and Gender Issues*

Razane Chroqui, Université Hassan 1^{er},
Settat, Morocco
*The Impact of Climate Change in Morocco:
National Strategies and Local Resilience
Practices*

Richard Giliba, The Nelson Mandela African
Institute of Science and Technology, Tanzania
(online)
*Climate Change Impact on People in
Tanzania: A Gendered and Marginalized
Perspective*

Steve Ouma Akoth, Institute for Social
Transformation, Tangaza University, Kenya
*Gender, Leadership, and the
Institutionalisation of Climate
Action in Academia*

Corina de Assis, Eduardo Mondlane
University, Mozambique
*Experiences in Gender-Sensitive Climate
Change Mitigations: The Case of the
Center of Coordination of Gender Issues
(CeCAGe) at Eduardo Mondlane University
(Mozambique)*

Maud Blose, University of Johannesburg,
South Africa
*The Impact of Climate Change in South
Africa: National Strategies and Local
Resilience Practices*

18.00-18.30 General Discussion

19.30 Welcoming Dinner

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16 September

Aula Mura Greche, Palazzo Corigliano
Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 12

9.30- 10.00 **Keynote speech**

Nicoletta Stame, A Colorni Hirschman
International Institute
*Looking for innovative solutions:
surprise, understanding and proposal*

10.00-11.00 - Gender and Climate Change: Theoretical, Literary and Empirical Approaches (1st part)

Chair: **Antonio Pezzano**,
University of Naples L'Orientale

Virginia Bile, University of Naples Federico II
*Land Degradation in arid regions
of Sub-Saharan Africa: Risks,
Drivers and Assessment Tools*

Sara De Simone, University of Trento
*Beyond Narratives of Scarcity:
Development Policies, Governance
and Conflicts in Northeastern
Cote d'Ivoire*

11.00- 11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30-13.00 - Gender and Climate Change: Theoretical, Literary and Empirical Approaches (2nd part)

Chair: **Sara Borrillo**,
University of Naples L'Orientale

Nefissa Naguib, Oslo University
*Diagnosing the Middle East:
Gendering Science*

Teresa Pepe, Oslo University
*Climate Change and Environmental
Crisis in Contemporary Arabic Literature*

Heather Brown, Start Network, London
*Start Network and 'Gender, Climate Change,
Sustainable Development in the MENA
Region and Africa' Networking Event*

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-14.30 - Presentation of the project ArtéCambiando/VOCE/VOICE

Introduction by Johanna Monti (University of
Naples, L'Orientale, Public Engagement University
Deputy) – **Ersilia Francesca** – **Valeria
Saggiomo** and the visual artist **RemiPico**

14.30-16.30 - Research Experiences “by” and “with” L'Orientale on Gender and Climate Change

Chair: **Antonia Soriente**, University of
Naples L'Orientale

Anna Liguori, University of Naples L'Orientale
*Climate Change, Human Rights
and International Migration*

Katherine E. Russo, University of Naples
L'Orientale, Interuniversity Research Centre
Dis-4Change
*How does Climate Change and
Environmental Crisis Discourse
contribute to Social Division?*

Carla Pagano, University of Naples L'Orientale
*'The Water We Eat': Gender, Climate
Change and Agri-food Policies in Morocco*

Maria Chiara Boldrini, University of Florence
*On Women's Shoulders: Immobility
and Climate Change in Rural Ghana*

16.30- 17.30 - Round Table: Proposals from partners on how to operationalize the UNESCO Chair and Roadmap to Projects' implementation

Chair and Introduction: **Maura Viezzoli** and **Sandro de Luca**, CISP
UNESCO Project Partners

17.30 - Closure

Dinner

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