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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 Cooperazione Internazionale

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 Colomni 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 Côte 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 ArtéCambianto/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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