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OVERVIEW

DAY 01 Thursday, 29 October 2026

Science, Resources, Territories and Climate Solutions

10:00 – 10:30	■ Registration, Welcoming Cocktail & Networking
10:30 – 11:00	■ Opening Artistic Performance ■ Opening Plenary
11:00 – 12:30	■ High-Level Plenary 1 – Climate Adaptation for Resilient Territories: Integrating Agriculture, Forests, Costa Areas and Sustainable Tourism
12:30 – 14:00	■ LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 15:15	■ Parallel Thematic Sessions Thematic Session 1 – Climate Science, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence Thematic Session 2 – Forests, Biodiversity, Coastal and Marine Areas Thematic Session 3 – Agriculture, Food Security and Climate
15:15 – 16:30	■ Parallel Thematic Sessions Thematic Session 4 – Health, Education and the Human Dimensions of Climate Change Thematic Session 5 – Loss and Damage and Climate Justice Thematic Session 6 – Adaptation and Mitigation Policies and Sustainable Development
16:30 – 18:00	■ High-Level Plenary 2 – Sustainable Urban Planning: Accelerating Climate Adaptation through Integrated Solutions
18:00 – 19:00	■ Parallel Interactive Sessions: Interactive Session 1 – Mission: Activate! A Participatory Placemaking Challenge ■ Interactive Session 2 – From Research to Action: Engaging Farmers and Stakeholders for Climate-Resilient Agriculture
19:00 – 20:00	Cocktail Reception & Networking for all participants

DAY 02 Friday, 30 October 2026

Putting Gender, Culture and Communities at the heart of climate resilience

08:30 – 10:00	- Parallel Thematic Sessions - Thematic Session 7 – Mitigation and Decarbonisation of Industrial and Socio-Economic Systems - Thematic Session 8 – Spatial Planning, Housing and Urbanisation - Thematic Session 9 – Territorial Resilience and Integrated Solutions
10:00 – 10:15	COFFEE BREAK
10:15 – 11:45	High-Level Plenary 3 – Gender, Climate and Sustainable Development
11:45 – 12:30	Interactive Session 3 – From Communities to Climate Action: Participatory Methods for Building Women in Local Environmental Action and Climate Resilience
12:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 15:30	- Parallel Thematic Sessions - Thematic Session 10 – Management, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Finance - Thematic Session 11 – Sustainable Tourism and Low-Carbon Transition - Thematic Session 12 – Law, Climate Justice and Environmental Diplomacy
15:30 – 16:15	High-Level Plenary 4 – From Evidence to Pact: Turning Knowledge into Action
16:15 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30 – 17:30	Special High-Level Dialogue – Culture, Heritage and Creativity: Building Sustainable Futures through Climate Action and a Just Transition
17:30 – 18:30	- Workshop 1 – Meteorological Data Processing - Workshop 2 – Carbon Markets
19:00	Gala Dinner by Registration

DAY 03 Saturday, 31 October 2026

*Turning knowledge, International Cooperation and Finance into
concrete Climate Actions & Energy Transition*

09:00 – 12:00	Parallel Thematic Sessions - Online oral presentations
08:30 – 09:15	■ Parallel Thematic Sessions - Continuation of the scientific presentations from Thematic Sessions 1–12
09:15 – 09:30	■ Welcoming Cocktail & Networking
09:30 – 11:15	■ High-Level Plenary 5 – Decarbonisation and Green Transition
11:15 – 12:00	■ High-Level Diplomatic Plenary – Environmental Diplomacy, Finance and Climate Justice
12:00 – 14:00	■ LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 16:00	■ Closing Panel Financing the Transition: Carbon Finance for Morocco's Sustainable Transformation
16:00 – 16:45	■ Research Grants & Youth Opportunities Hackathon 0 Carbone Solutions Report, Conclusions and Acknowledgements Reading of the Letter of Allegiance

DETAILED PROGRAMME

DAY 01

THURSDAY

29 OCTOBER 2026

Science, Resources, Territories & Climate Solutions

10:00 - 10:30

Registration & Welcoming Cocktail and Networking

10:30 - 11:00

Opening Artistic Performance

Opening Plenary

11:00 - 12:30

01 HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY**Climate Adaptation through Resilient Territories: Integrating Agriculture, Forests, Coastal Areas, and Sustainable Tourism**

MODERATORS

Mr Abdelilah EL ABASSI & Mr Mohamed HADACH

CI2RC; Cadi Ayyad University

SPEAKERS

Mr Riad BALAGHI

Foundation of the Adaptation of African Agriculture Initiative

Mr Michael G. JACOBSON

Professor, Pennsylvania State University, United States

Mr Yakir PREISLER

Volcani Institute, Agricultural Research Organization

Mr Mohamed BERRIANE

Geographer, Emeritus Professor and Resident Member for Life, Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology

Mr Mohamed NAJIH

Director General, National Institute of Fisheries Research (INRH)

Mr Simon THOMPSON

Professor, University of Sussex, United Kingdom

Mrs Samira IDLALLENE

Cadi Ayyad University

Mr Fabio CORBISIERO

Professor of Tourism Sociology, University of Naples Federico II, Italy

Mr Assaf ZOHAR

Professor & Head of the Sustainability Studies Program, Trent University, Canada

12:30 - 14:00

 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:15

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

THEMATIC SESSION 01

Climate Science, Big Data
and Artificial Intelligence

THEMATIC SESSION 02

Forests, Biodiversity,
Coastal and Marine Areas

THEMATIC SESSION 03

Agriculture, Food Security
and Climate

15:15 - 16:30

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

THEMATIC SESSION 04

Health, Education and the
Human Dimensions of
Climate Change

THEMATIC SESSION 05

Loss and Damage and
Climate Justice

THEMATIC SESSION 06

Adaptation and Mitigation
Policies and Sustainable
Development

16:30 - 18:00

02 HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY**Sustainable Urban Planning: Accelerating Climate Adaptation through Integrated Solutions**

MODERATOR

Mr Assaf ZOHAR

Professor & Head of the Sustainability Studies Program, Trent University, Canada

SPEAKERS

Mrs Andrea RAMIREZ AGUDELO

Institute for Environment and Human Security, United Nations University, Bonn

Mrs Elise MACHLINE

Director, Center for Climate Change Policy and Research, Arava Institute

Mrs Rina KEDEM

International Expert, USA; Arava Institute

Mrs Cedissia ABOUT

Lab'urba, Gustave Eiffel University, Paris.

Mrs Lonia FRIEDLANDER

Volcani Institute, Agricultural Research Organization

Mr Suleiman HALASAH

International Expert, Jordan, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

Mrs Tharaa KIRRESH

Urban Planner, Placemaking and Participatory Public Space Specialist; Manbat for Research and Professional Development

18:00 - 19:00

PARALLEL INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

INTERACTIVE SESSION 01

Mission: Activate! A Participatory Placemaking Challenge**MODERATOR****Mrs Elise MACHLINE**Director, Centre for Climate Change Policy and Research,
Arava Institute**FACILITATORS****Tharaa KIRRESH**Urban Planner, Placemaking and Participatory Public
Space Specialist
Manbat for Research and Professional Development**Hiba SALAH AL-DIN ISELAH**Program Development and Strategic Planning Specialist
Manbat for Research and Professional Development**Noor KORABI**Social and Environmental Planning Specialist
Manbat for Research and Professional Development

INTERACTIVE SESSION 02

From Research to Action: Engaging Farmers and Stakeholders for Climate-Resilient Agriculture**FACILITATED BY:****Mr Michael G. JACOBSON**

Pennsylvania State University

Mrs Marie-Blanche ROUDAUT

University of Arizona, United States

And Team:**Mrs Jihane MOUMOUTH**, PhD, UM6P**Mrs Auja BYWATER**, Pennsylvania State
University, USA**Mrs Danna VILLARREAL**, University of
Arkansas, USA**Mr William MAKAZAH**, PhD, UM6P

19:00 – 20:00

Cocktail Reception & Networking for All Participant

DAY 02

FRIDAY

30 OCTOBER 2026

Putting Gender, Culture and Communities at the heart of climate resilience

08:30 - 10:00

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

THEMATIC SESSION 07

Mitigation and
Decarbonisation of
Industrial and Socio-
Economic Systems

THEMATIC SESSION 08

Spatial Planning,
Housing and
Urbanisation

THEMATIC SESSION 09

Territorial Resilience and
Integrated Solutions

10:00 - 10:15

 COFFEE BREAK

10:15- 11:45

03 HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY**Gender, Climate and Sustainable Development**

MODERATOR

Mrs Fatima-Zohra IFLAHEN

Activist & Former Vice-President for Research, Cooperation and Partnerships, Cadi Ayyad University

SPEAKERS

Mrs Amel EL IDRISSE

UNFPA – Gender, Climate and Development

Mrs Nouzha BOUHAREB

Former Minister and President, ConnectinGroup Foundation

Mrs Katim ALAOUI

Mohammed V University – Vulnerability and Climate Change

Mrs Khadija EL MORABIT

International Network of Liberal Women

Mrs Ndaté DIENG

Vice-President, African Conference for Peace Foundation

Mrs Soukaina BOURAOUI

Executive Director, Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)

Mrs Fabienne HOELZEL

Chair of Urban Design, State Academy of Fine Arts and Design Stuttgart, Germany

11:45 - 12:30

INTERACTIVE SESSION 03**From Communities to Climate Action: Participatory Methods for Building Women in Local Environmental Action and Climate Resilience****MODERATOR****Mrs Andrea RAMIREZ AGUDELO**

Institute for Environment and Human Security, United Nations University, Bonn

SPEAKERS**Mr Suleiman HALASAH**

International Expert from Jordan, Arava Institute

Mr Assaf ZOHAR

Professor & Head of the Sustainability Studies Program, Trent University, Canada

Ms Rina KEDEM

International Expert, USA; Arava Institute

12:30 - 14:30

 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 15:30

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS**THEMATIC SESSION 10**Management,
Entrepreneurship and
Sustainable Finance**THEMATIC SESSION 11**Sustainable Tourism and
Low-Carbon Transition**THEMATIC SESSION 12**Law, Climate Justice and
Environmental Diplomacy

15:30 - 16:15

04 HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY**From Evidence to Pact: Turning Knowledge into Action****SPEAKERS****Mr Abdallah MOKSSIT**

Former Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Mrs Kholoud KAHIME

ESTE, Cadi Ayyad University; President of CI2RC

Mr Stéphane POUFFARY

Founder and CEO, ENERGIES 2050

Mr Stephane AVER

Chairman, HYNAT, Switzerland

16:15 - 16:30

 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30

SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE**Culture, Heritage and Creativity: Building Sustainable Futures through Climate Action and a Just Transition****KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Mrs Audrey AZOULAY**

Former Director-General of UNESCO and former Minister of Culture and Communication of France

IN DIALOGUE WITH**Mr Stéphane POUFFARY**

Founder and CEO, ENERGIES 2050

VOICES FOR A JUST TRANSITION *(three inspiring 5-minute video messages)***Mr Laurence HALPHEN**

President, ART'S PLANET - Inspiring Sustainable Change through Art, Culture, Heritage and Human Creativity, and President, ENERGIES 2050

Mr Justin MASUMBUKO SHAMUTWA

Founder and General Coordinator, ADELIPO - Action for Development, the Promotion of Human Rights and the Defence of the Interests of Indigenous Pygmy Peoples (DR Congo)

Mr Viktor SEBEK

President, South-South Cooperation Council for Sustainable Development (SSCC), Colombia

17:30 - 18:30

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**WORKSHOP 01****Meteorological Data Processing****FACILITATOR****Mrs Meriam ALAOURI**

General Directorate of Meteorology, Morocco

WORKSHOP 02**Carbon Markets****FACILITATOR****Mr Yassine ZEGZOUTI**

Research Associate, KAS-REMENA - Expert in Climate Change, Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability

19:00

☆ **GALA DINNER BY REGISTRATION**

DAY 03

SATURDAY

31 OCTOBER 2026

Turning knowledge, International Cooperation and Finance into concrete Climate Actions & Energy Transition

08:30 - 09:15

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

THEMATIC SESSION

THEMATIC SESSION

THEMATIC SESSION

09:15 - 09:30

WELCOMING COCKTAIL & NETWORKING

09:30 - 11:15

05 HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY**Decarbonisation and Green Transition**

MODERATOR

Mr Khalid TAMSMANI

Strategic Director of the Science Policy Platform – Climate

SPEAKERS

Mr Ahmed EL HASSANI

Resident Member, Director of the STETM College, Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology

Mr Anas FELHI

Director General, KliK Foundation, Switzerland

Mr Ghani CHEHBOUNI

UM6P, hydrology, climate and remote sensing

Mr Samir RACHIDI

Director General, IRESEN, renewable-energy research

Mr Badr IKKEN

Representative of Green Innov Industry Investment

Mr Jauad EL KHARRAZ

Founder and CEO, WECEN

Mr Abdellatif MOUKRIM

President of Hassan I University

Mr Nouraddine GRIBI

Chair, CDD, Netherlands

Mr Saad AZZAOU

Director of Asset Management and ESG, MANAGEM Group, Morocco.

11:15 - 12:00

HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC PLENARY

Environmental Diplomacy, Finance and Climate Justice

MODERATOR**Mrs Kholoud KAHIME**

ESTE, Cadi Ayyad University; President of CI2RC

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS**H.E. the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany****H.E. the Ambassador of Norway****H.E. the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium****Mr Mohamed BENYAHYA**

Director General, AMEE

12:00 - 14:00

 LUNCHBREAK

14:00- 16:00

CLOSING PANEL**Financing the Transition: Carbon Finance for Morocco's Sustainable Transformation****MODERATOR****Mrs Kholoud KAHIME**

ESTE, Cadi Ayyad University; President of CI2RC

SPEAKERS**H.E. Mr André AZOULAY**

Counsellor to His Majesty King Mohammed VI

Minister in charge of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco**Minister in charge of Trade and Industry, Kingdom of Morocco****H.E. the Ambassador of Switzerland to Morocco****Representative of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)****Representative of the KliK Foundation****Representative of SR500****Representative of the Föhn Project****Representative of the New Casablanca Landfill Project in Mediouna (to be confirmed).**

16:00 -16:45

RESEARCH GRANTS & YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**MODERATOR****Mr Mustapha ZAHIR**

CI2RC, ESTE, Cadi Ayyad University

- HACKATHON 0 CARBONE SOLUTIONS
- Awarding of research grants
- Presentation & Acknowledgments

Closing Remarks by Mrs Kholoud KAHIME & Mr Stéphane POUFFARY

ESTE, Cadi Ayyad University; President of CI2RC

Founder and CEO, ENERGIES 2050

- Presentation of the Congress Conclusions
- Reading of the Letter of Allegiance