



# ***MED Talks: fostering dialogue between north and south shores***

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## RAED - Arab Network for Environment and Development

- Is an Arab network with more than 300 NGOs members from Arab Countries, in North Africa and West Asia. It was established in 1990 during the preparations for the Earth Summit of Rio de Janeiro .
- The main objective of RAED is to enhance the role of Arab Civil Society Organizations to be considered key partners among all relevant stakeholders.
- RAED develops their internal and external capacities in order to play a greater role in preserving the environment and achieving sustainable development.





## CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND THE GREEN TRANSITION IN THE SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURHOOD:

***Civil society organizations in southern Mediterranean countries often lack essential adaptive management capacity to become effective agents for coordinated and long-term development processes.***

*The new Agenda for the Mediterranean offers some opportunities for new partnerships on strategic priorities of green and digital transition and is based on the conviction that sustainable prosperity and resilience can only be built in strong partnership across the Mediterranean.*



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## MAIN CHALLENGES FACING SOUTHERN COUNTRIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION RELATED TO NATURAL HERITAGE

- ***Unsustainable use of natural resources***
- ***Climate change*** increasing challenges, which affect water, food, energy and ecosystems.
- ***Disaster risks*** (desertification, droughts, heat waves, etc..)
- ***Lack of awareness raising***
- ***Environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity***
- ***Pollution of land, water and air***
- ***Unsustainable consumption and production patterns***
- ***Unsustainable solid wastes management and marine litter***



# AREAS OF POTENTIAL INTERVENTIONS TO ENHANCE NORTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

- Support to **biodiversity education, awareness and capacity development.**
- Support the **conservation and sustainable management** of natural resources
- Support to have **good governance and accountability** mechanisms.
- Support the conservation and **sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems**, including forests, oceans, coastal areas, river basins and other ecosystems.
- Support **green, circular, and blue economies**
- Sustainable **production and consumption.**
- Support **Digital transformation, research and innovation**
- Resource efficiency, including **water and waste management.**



# Thank YOU !

# Any questions?

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