



UfM Stakeholder Conference on Blue Economy
Naples, 29-30 November, 2017 *Dr. Emad Adly*

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 preparation for the Earth Summit of Rio de Janeiro.

RAED aims at enhancing the role of Arab Civil Society Organizations to be considered a key partner among all relevant stakeholders, through developing their internal and external capacities in order to play a greater role in preserving the environment and achieve sustainable development.



BLUE ECONOMY



The Blue Economy is envisaged as an integration of short & long term economic activities and development following principles of social inclusion, environmental sustainability and innovations considered and concentrated on and around the sea

Sustainable Development Goal 14

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CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE
OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Challenges

- ❖ lack of vision, policies and strategies for blue economy
- ❖ Lack of awareness which leads to weak community participation
- ❖ Weak governance which prevents the engagement of all relevant stakeholders in designing and implementing policies and strategies.
- ❖ Rapid population growth and accelerated socio-economic development are associated with the increase in consumption patterns.

key principles

- Information Disclosure
- Coordination and Collaboration
- Good Governance
- Participation & Stakeholders Engagement
- Effective Partnerships
- Capacity Building
- Legislations



Role of Civil Society



- *Advocate*
- *Service provider*
- *Capacity builder*
- *Citizenship champion*
- *Solidarity supporter*
- *Representative*

SWIM-HORIZON 2020 SM



- Monitoring and Assessment of Marine Litter in the Egyptian Mediterranean Coastline, Alexandria, 19-20 September, 2017
- Training on Strengthening Participatory Coastal Management for the Reduction of Marine Litter, Tangier, Morocco, 19-20 October, 2017
- Characterizations of Marine and Coastal litter on 14 coastal Ilaya and support for the development of a national management plan for coastal waste and marine litter, Algeria, 7-8 November, 2017
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- The main objectives of these activities are to support the countries to develop a national action plan on sustainable management of Marine Litter.
- SWIM-H2020 provides Capacity Building to different stakeholders; government, local authorities, media, NGOs, youth , etc...
- Disseminate information through a strong media network.
- Engagement of civil society organizations



ODYSSEA



RAED is one of 28 partners from 14 countries around the Mediterranean working on the ODYSSEA project (OPERATING A NETWORK OF INTEGRATED OBSERVATORY SYSTEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA).

ODYSSEA is developing an online platform which will provide data and information services to policy makers, marine planners and managers, commercial and recreational users, to support the sustainable development and conservation of the Mediterranean Sea.

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- The platform will integrate data from a range of sources, as well as filling key gaps in data through a network of:
 - coastal observatories
 - in situ marine sensors
 - oceanographic modelling; and
 - citizen science apps.



