



- **Message on Climate Change to World Leaders**

Jeff Sachs invites us all to **"Stand Up and Be Counted on Climate Change"**. Please consider signing on with leading scientists and climate expert.

- **Open Working Group, final document**

The final document adopted by the Open Working Group has been released. It proposes 17 goals and a large number of targets. The document strikes a good balance between the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, and it incorporates many of the recommendations from the SDSN.

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## Seminar on Mediterranean Climate Change

### *Adaptation of Australian Cities to Climate Extreme*

*Nigel Tapper, Professor of Environmental Science, Monash University - Siena, September 4, 2014*

In this presentation Nigel outlines the recent research from his research group that has shown critical temperature thresholds for Australian capital cities that are linked to increased death and illness in the urban populations.

Climate change is expected to increase dramatically the number of days each year that exceed these thresholds. Nigel's work shows the potential to save lives with relative small reductions in temperature that can be achieved through implementing green infrastructure and water sensitive urban design.

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## Now accepting contributions for the special issue of MED Solutions News!



**MED Solutions** is accepting contributions for a **special issue of MED Solutions News** focusing on food and water in the Mediterranean, in collaboration with our partner **Unimed**, to be published along with the regular September issue.

We are looking for your feedback on solutions and best practices on aspects related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focusing on food and water from a Mediterranean perspective. In particular, we are seeking your take on how these aspects are treated in the SDSN reports.

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<http://unsdsn.org>

The **deadline** for submitting your contribution is **September 10, 2014**. Please refer to our website [www.medsolutions.unisi.it](http://www.medsolutions.unisi.it) for instructions on how to submit your contributions.





## MED SOLUTIONS welcomes 18 new partners on board!

*Our new partners from the Mediterranean region!*

**MED solutions** recently received requests for membership from leading institutions in the area of sustainable development with expertise in key areas including energy efficiency, natural resource management, policy-oriented research, business-academia nexus, marine pollution, peace studies, sustainable development higher education and much more. We look forward to facilitating the identification and promotion of innovative solutions developed in conjunction with these institutions. Many more requests for membership are in the pipeline as our network is constantly expanding. **Interested in joining MED SOLUTIONS? Please visit our website [www.medsolutions.unisi.it](http://www.medsolutions.unisi.it).**



**Arab Network for Environment and Development RAED**  
Cairo, Egypt

**RAED** is a network of more than 250 NGOs, recognized by the League of Arab States, with 13 offices in the coordinating organizations countries. It has recently implemented Horizon 2020 capacity development activities to reduce marine pollution in the Mediterranean.



**Arab Union for Sustainable Development & Environment AUSDE**  
Cairo, Egypt

**AUSDE** is active in many Arab countries in the area of environment and sustainable development and is recognized by the League of Arab States.



**International Center for Climate Governance ICCG**  
Venice, Italy

**ICCG** fosters the debate on the latest topics of research on climate change issues through a multidisciplinary approach including law, politics, economics, finance, art, architecture, cinema, philosophy, ethics, communications and publishing.



**Istituto Affari Internazionali IAI**  
Rome, Italy

**IAI** is a non-profit organization which promotes the understanding of international politics through policy-oriented research, training, conferences and publications.



**LUM Jean Monnet University**  
Bari, Italy

**LUM** provides high quality superior education in the field of economics, management and law. Leveraging on its localization to create an academic network in the Adriatic Basin. It features the international Ph.D. program "The Economics and Management of Natural Resources".





**Politecnico di Milano**  
Milan, Italy

**Politecnico di Milano** is one of the leading universities in Italy with a strong presence in the MENA region, focusing its research on sustainable resource management and local development (energy, water, urban planning, preservation of cultural heritage).



**Roma Tre University**  
Rome, Italy

Its **Department of Political Sciences** has a strong multidisciplinary approach, both in terms of academic staff and primary objectives of programs and projects carried out therein.



**UNIMORE**  
Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy

**UNIMORE** provides courses for education, training, research, and in the field of Human Development and Sustainable Development Cooperation and Peace.



**Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro" - UPO**  
Novara, Italy

**UPO** is partner of several European research and education programs. At present, it is involved in about 20 European projects and hosts two European Research Council grants (a Starting Independent Researcher Grant and an Advanced Research Grant).



**Università degli Studi di Brescia**  
Brescia, Italy

Hosting: the UNESCO Chair on "Training and empowering human resources for health development in resource-limited countries"; the Core Course of the Troped European Master in International Health; and the Research Laboratory on appropriate technologies for environmental management in developing countries (CETAMB-LAB).



**Università degli Studi di Firenze**  
Florence, Italy

One of its long-established key fields of interest is tropical and subtropical agriculture, featuring the first dedicated degree course in Italy, and with specific reference to little and medium farms in less industrialized areas of the globe.



**Università degli Studi di Palermo**  
Palermo, Italy

Its **Department of Energy** promotes and coordinates research and teaching in the areas of: sustainable production and consumption strategies, energy assessment and environmental performances of products and services, production and management of renewable energy technologies, energy management and environmental resources.





**University of Bergamo**  
Bergamo, Italy

Its **Research Center on International Cooperation** aims at promoting international cooperation, projects and activities through the interaction with different scientific branches of the University, the UNESCO Chairs' network, international organizations, local and national institutions, political authorities and civil society.



**University of Milan**  
Milan, Italy

The **University of Milan** supports a stronger relationship between universities and the socio-economic context as the starting point for the utilization of research results, fostering the direct transfer of innovative solutions and technologies to the business world.



**University of Pavia**  
Pavia, Italy

For the past 20 years, its **Center for International Cooperation** (CICOPS) has been committed to human development and institution and capacity building in developing countries. CICOPS views university cooperation as a fundamental vehicle to disseminate knowledge as well as a powerful tool for dialogue and peace.



**University of Pisa**  
Pisa, Italy

The **Interdisciplinary Center Sciences for Peace** (CISP) is a reference point for professors and researchers of the University of Pisa who wish to perform research, educational teaching and professional development activities – or more generally a cultural promotion – connected to the building of a positive peace."



**University of Seville**  
Seville, Spain

Its Department of **Building Constructions II** conducts research on construction and renovation of buildings and urbanizations, including environmental assessment of construction processes.



**University of Turin**  
Turin, Italy

Key international cooperation projects include: **UNICOO**, providing future graduates with the opportunity to spend a period of up to six months in developing countries; 7 projects in the Mediterranean Area (Morocco and Egypt).



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