



# **Cyprus Government Initiative for Coordinating Climate Change Actions in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East**

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The Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME) region is **highly vulnerable** to the impact of climate change and is classified as one of the global “**hotspots**”.





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All EMME countries expressed their willingness to comply with the Paris Agreement.

EMME region is lacking:

- Detailed environmental observations and modeling
- Mitigation and adaptation strategies
- Coordinated policy actions, common projects and sharing of good practices



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Following the **International Conference on “Climate Change in the Mediterranean and the Middle East”** organized by The Cyprus Institute in May 2018, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, expressed his vision for Cyprus:

- to undertake an international initiative
- to assume a coordinating role in the efforts of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East region to ameliorate climate change and its impacts



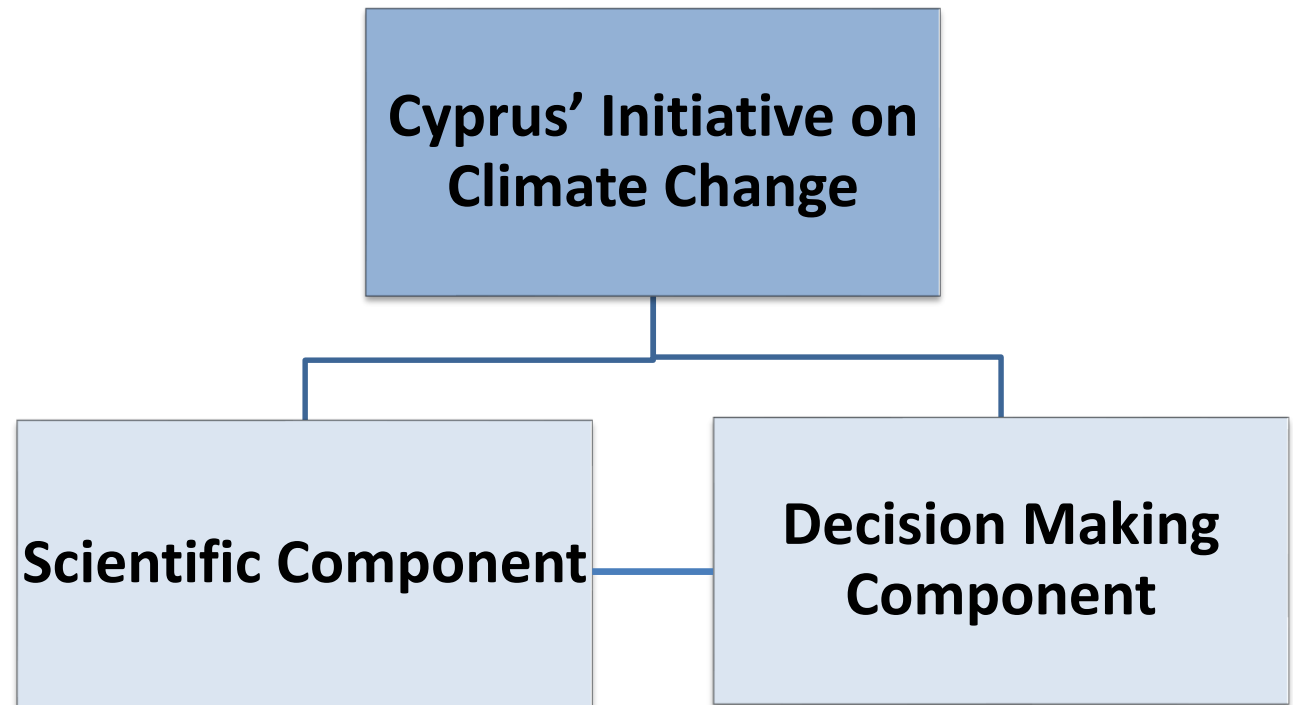
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## AIM

The Cyprus Climate Change Initiative aims at developing an Action Plan to address the specific challenges of the countries in the EMME region and to ameliorate the impacts of climate change through scientifically sound mitigation actions, in accordance with the Paris Agreement.



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## Work Programme





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## SCIENTIFIC COMPONENT

The scientific component of the Initiative has been assigned and coordinated by the **Cyprus Institute**.

Regional Task Forces were established, with the following scientific foci:

1. The Physical Basis
2. Energy Systems
3. Built Environment
4. Health
5. Water resources
6. Agroforestry and Food Chain
7. Marine Environment/Resources
8. Education and Outreach
9. Migration
10. Tourism
11. Enabling Technologies
12. Development of Green Economy and Innovation
13. Cultural Heritage



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2021 CLIMATE CHANGE  
in the Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East  
2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ONLINE AND IN CYPRUS: OCTOBER 13-14 | 2021  
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: OCTOBER 11-12 | 2021

[climatechange2021.org](https://climatechange2021.org)

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Presentation of the advanced thematic reports  
and recommendations prepared by each Thematic  
Task Force.

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## TENTATIVE TIMETABLE (Key Meeting Dates & Milestones)

Indicative of the timetable of the initiative are the following: milestones and key event.

1.	June 2019 - June 2021	Thematic Task Forces & Scientific Workshops - "Climate Change Impact, Mitigation and Adaptation in the EMME region"
2.	Sept. 23, 2019	NYC UN 2019 Climate Summit; Presentation of the Initiative
3.	Nov. 2019	EMME-CCI Presented at COP-25 (Madrid)
4.	Oct. 13 &14 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Int'l Conference " <i>Climate Change in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East</i> "
5.	Nov. 2021	Presentation of the initiative at COP-26 (Glasgow)
6.	Feb. 2 & 3 2022	Ministerial Meeting for finalization of the Regional Action Plan
7.	Fall 2022	Summit of Regional Leaders on coordination of Climate Change. Launching of the 10-year plan.



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## Support to the Cyprus Government Initiative

- ✓ Heads of State
- ✓ European Commission
- ✓ Union for the Mediterranean
- ✓ FAO
- ✓ World Meteorological Organisation

## The message from the Cyprus Government Initiative

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Only by acting collectively, decisively and  
sound scientific knowledge can we avoid  
consequences of climate change in our region





**Thank you**