

MEM Summer Summit 2020 Forum

Online Edition

Programme

29 August, 09:00

Welcome and Opening Addresses

Boas Erez, Rector, Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland
Ignazio Cassis, Member of the Swiss Federal Council, Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

Interview

Monika Schmutz Kirgöz, Swiss Ambassador to Lebanon, Switzerland

Keynote Speech

Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, France

Panel 1 - From "Westlessness" to civil wars and social upheavals across the region: towards a new deal in the Geopolitics of the MENA region

Nassif Hitti, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon
Andrey Kortunov, Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC), Russia
Dimitrios Papachristou, Young change-maker
Moderated by Gilles Kepel, Professor and Scientific Director of the Middle East Mediterranean Freethinking Platform, Università della Svizzera italiana, PSL Paris Sciences et Lettres-École Normale Supérieure, France

Interview

Maha El-Adawy, MD and Director, Health Protection and Promotion, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt
Interviewed by Claudia Sosai, Young change-maker

Panel 2 - The Middle East Mediterranean area in the aftermath of rising tension and conflicts, COVID-19 and oil market crash: lessons from Libya

Mustafa Sanalla, National Oil Corporation, Libya
Patrick Pouyanné, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Total, France
Giampiero Massolo, President of Fincantieri, President of ISPI, Italy
Dimitrios Papachristou, Young change-maker
Moderated by Luca Fasani, Journalist, RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera, Switzerland

Interview

Pio Wennubst, Permanent Representative, Mission of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD, WFP in Rome, Switzerland
Interviewed by Sofia Volpi, Young change-maker

Keynote Speech

Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, France

Panel 3 - The challenging issues and opportunities of art and culture for the Middle East Mediterranean region

Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director, Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO, France
Ahmed Mater, Artist, Saudi Arabia
Rachid Koraichi, Artist, Algeria
Yasmin El Habak, Young change-maker
Moderated by Diana Segantini, Advisor for arts, culture, heritage and media, Switzerland
