

Empowering Women's Climate Resilience Workshop

Day 1 Program: Orientation & Expert Talks

May 27, 2025 |  10:00 AM – 3:00 PM |  Virtual

◆ 10:00 – 10:15 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks from lead institutions:
 - Dr Issam Damaj, Cardiff Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
 - Dr Loubna Mekouar, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Morocco
- Introduction to the workshop goals, structure, and team.
- Ms Alexandra Balafrej, Country Director, British Council Morocco

◆ 10:15 – 11:00 AM

Keynote Session: Climate Resilience & Gender Equity:

- Talk 1: "**Approaches to Decision-making in Climate Resilience and Adaptation**"
Speaker: *Prof Carolyn Hales, Cardiff Met, UK*
- Talk 2: "**Climate Change in Morocco and Impacts**"
Speaker: *Prof Fatima Driouech, UM6P, Morocco*

Each speaker: 15 min talk + 15 min talk + 15 min Q&A

◆ 11:00 – 11:15 AM

Break

◆ **11:15 AM – 12:30 PM**

Expert Small Talks Panel

A series of short, engaging talks (15 min each) from invited experts working in climate action, innovation, and gender advocacy.

◆ **Proposed Topics & Speakers:**

1. **"Water and Energy Solutions for Enhancing Drought and Flood Resilience for Most Vulnerable Population in Arid Zones"** – *Prof. Dalila Loudyi (Mentor, Morocco)*
2. **"Climate Change and Food Safety"** – *Prof. Elizabeth Redmond (Mentor, UK)*
3. **"Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) for Advancing Climate Resilience and Gender Equality"** – *Dr. Fiona Carroll (Mentor, UK)*
4. **"Climate Change and its Impact on Human Health"** – *Prof. Rachida El Morabet (Mentor, Morocco)*

15 minutes each + 15-minute joint Q&A session

◆ **12:30 – 1:30 PM**

Lunch Break

◆ **1:30 – 2:15 PM**

Interactive Session: Innovation Landscapes

- Short presentation on innovation ecosystems in the UK and Morocco

◆ *Method:* Joint presentation with Q&A

- Associate Partners Speakers:
 - Environment Platform Wales (UK) – “Environment Platform Wales: Connecting Research, Policy, and Practice for Environmental Impact” – Mr Andrew Schofield
 - Moroccan Coalition for Climate Justice (Morocco) – "Citizen Voices Facing the Climate Emergency: The Experience of the MCCJ" – Dr Sanaa Moussalim
- *Speakers:* University of the West of England, Bristol (UK) – “Innovation Landscape in the United Kingdom” – Dr Mehmet Aydin

Each speaker: 10 min talk each + 15-minute joint Q&A session

◆ **2:15 – 2:45 PM**

Facilitated Group Discussion: Mapping Opportunities & Challenges (Closed Session)

- Participants reflect on the talks
- Small breakout groups

Facilitated by mentors and leads

◆ **2:45 – 3:00 PM**

Wrap-Up & Preview of Day 2 (Closed Session)

- Summary of key insights
 - Overview of group formation and Day 2 structure
 - Open floor for last questions
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