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The International UNESCO Centre for the Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves (CRBMed) is based on an agreement between the National Parks Autonomous Agency (OAPN) of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Abertis Foundation committed to engage in support of UNESCO's strategic programme objectives.

As a unique Category 2 Centre created by a public-private agreement, CRBMed renders technical assistance in areas of UNESCO's competence through capacity-building and training, research, networking, knowledge-sharing and exchange of information in relation to Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves. In addition, it carries out actions in support of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, the Spanish Network, and also regional and subject area networks of the MAB Programme in which Spain participates.

The challenges that have been assumed by CRBMed are described in the following strategic guidelines:

- **Strengthening relations between Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves** and establishing strong links, networks and cooperation between BR from both coastlines of the Mediterranean, thus promoting joint research about the main socio-environmental issues in the region.
- **Communication, training and environmental education:** to support and to contribute in the organization of communication, dissemination, environmental education and training programs.
- **Documentation Centre:** to create a space for the compilation, query, attention and information exchange in relation with the Biosphere Reserves Network.
- **Strengthening links between academy, society and companies:** to promote projects related to key issues in the Mediterranean area, especially those concerning global change, bioeconomy, water management, biodiversity and sustainable tourism.



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UAB Campus of Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves

29 September 2016: 10h – 13.30h

International UNESCO Centre for the Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves

Castellet Castle – Castellet i la Gornal (Barcelona)

Program

- 8.45h Meeting point: UAB, Monument of Four Columns (in front of ICTA building)*
- 10h Welcome and presentation**
- Mr. Josep Ma. Coronas, Secretary General of Abertis Foundation
 - Ms. Jordina Belmonte, Director of ICTA-UAB
- 10.30h International UNESCO Centre for the Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves**
- Mr. Martí Boada, Researcher ICTA-UAB and scientific director of UNESCO Centre
 - Ms. Roser Maneja, Researcher ICTA-UAB and coordinator of UNESCO Centre
- 11.30h Coffee Break**
- 12.00h Conference: *Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves: empowering the cooperation and capacity building opportunities.***
- Mr. Maher Mahjoub, North Africa Programme Coordinator. Mediterranean Cooperation Centre IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
- 13h Closing session**
- Ms. Georgina Flamme, manager Abertis Foundation
- 13.30h Depart to ICTA-UAB**

* The bus will depart punctually at 9h

** Estimated arrival time to ICTA-UAB: 14.30h