



Call for Expressions of Interest

Participation in Training on Sustainable Tourism OR Food Systems for Mediterranean Civil Society Organisations (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia, Egypt, Lebanon)

Summary Information

IUCN-Med invites civil society organizations from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia, Egypt and Lebanon to nominate trainees for two specialized training sessions focused on sustainable tourism and food systems. These trainings aim to strengthen the capacity of local actors to implement nature-based solutions and contribute to biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable livelihoods in their communities.

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Background

The Tamkeen Project, implemented under the framework of the IUCN-Med [Mubadarat](#) Strategy and supported by AECID (Spanish Cooperation Agency), aims to strengthen the capacities of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and local actors in North Africa and West Asia. The project promotes Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to enhance resilience, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable employment.

As part of its capacity-building efforts, Tamkeen invites CSO personnel from targeted countries to participate in two upcoming trainings on:

- **Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism** – focused on strategies for implementing sustainable tourism models that balance environmental conservation with economic and social benefits.
- **Food Systems and Biodiversity** – covering sustainable agricultural and fishing practices to enhance ecosystem resilience and food security.

Dates and Locations

- **Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism Training**
 - Location: TBD, Tunisia
 - Tentative Date: 17 to 19 June 2025
- **Food Systems and Biodiversity Training**
 - Location: TBD, Spain

- Tentative Date: 17 to 19 June 2025

Dates are subject to change, but on-site training sessions will be held in June. Selected participants will be informed of the final dates and logistics closer to the training sessions.

Eligibility Criteria

Interested organizations must meet the following criteria:

- **Type of Organisation:** Have legal status as a non-profit association or cooperative recognized by the competent administration
- **Location:** Based in one of the targeted countries (**Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon**). CSOs from other Mediterranean or Masar Al'an countries may be considered.
- The training topic must be relevant to the region in which the CSO operates.
- **Commitment to Capacity Building:** Willingness to engage in both online and in-person learning, including interactive modules, webinars, and practical applications.
- **Potential for Project Development:** Capacity to develop and submit project proposals for relevant funding opportunities, such as IUCN Mubadarat, CEPF, GEF-SGP, or other conservation and development funds.
- **Nomination of a Trainee:** Each applicant organization must identify the trainee who will attend the training and submit their CV as part of the application. The trainee must have working knowledge in English or French, and ability to travel (i.e. have a valid passport until the end of 2026).
- **Willingness to Share Knowledge:** Commitment to disseminate acquired knowledge within the organization and local communities.

Training Methods

Preparatory work: Trainees must be available and commit to undertake online pre-training modules and attend a preparatory webinar.

3-day in-person training sessions: which will cover theoretical knowledge, practical tools and approaches and action planning (development of concept notes/project proposals).

Follow-up support: Access to mentoring and proposal development support to apply for funding opportunities via a webinar in Autumn 2025.

How to Apply

Interested organizations should complete the [Expressions of Interest Form](#). **Deadline to apply: April 14, 2025 at 11:00 PM** (Central European Time – CET). Selected participants will be notified of the results of the process via email by 30th April.

Important: Organizations wishing to participate in both trainings must submit two separate application forms, one for each training.

Please note: Selected organizations and trainees will receive further instructions regarding travel arrangements and pre-training materials.

Selection Criteria

Up to 24 trainees will be selected to participate in the training. Only top-ranking applicants will be selected for each training. The selection process will consider **age and gender balance**. All applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

Criterion	Description	Weight (%)
Country Eligibility	Organisations will be selected prioritizing the targeted countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon), ensure a balanced representation of countries and regions.	N/A
Profile of Trainees	Trainee cohorts will be selected considering a balance of age and gender. Women and young professionals are especially encouraged to apply.	N/A
Relevance of the Organization	Demonstrated involvement of the organisation in the field of the training: sustainable tourism and ecotourism OR food systems and biodiversity. The topic needs to be relevant in their local context.	50%
Capacity of the Nominated Trainee	Background, expertise, and potential of the trainee to apply the training knowledge within their organization and develop future projects. Language skills in English or French.	40%
Commitment	Clear commitment to engage in online learning, attend the full training, and integrate knowledge into their organization's activities, including project development.	10%

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Created in 1948, IUCN is now the world's largest and most diverse environmental network, harnessing the knowledge, resources and reach of more than 1,400 Member organisations and around 15,000 experts. It is a leading provider of conservation data, assessments and analysis. Its broad membership enables IUCN to fill the role of incubator and trusted repository of best practices, tools and international standards.

IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples organisations and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development.

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