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BETWEEN EUROPE AND MIDDLE  
EAST/NORTH AFRICA (MENA)



# Reflections from the Young Scholars' Forum

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# The Young Scholars Forum: Reflections

32 scholars + 10 countries + 3 intensive  
days

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- Fruitful, inclusive, constructive, replete
- Interdisciplinary, multi-cultural
- Well-appreciated by the participants
- A mini “ think tank”

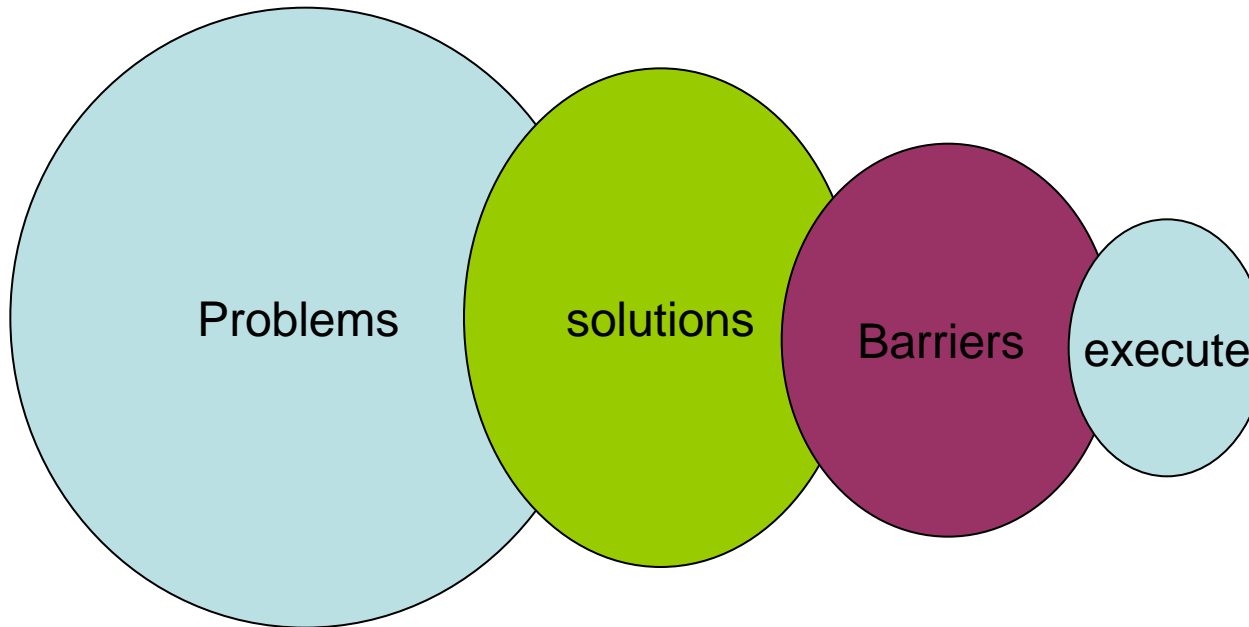
# YSF “road map”

- Formalized
- Mobile
- Annual/ Biennial
- Pre-defined and secured funding
- Encompasses EURO-MED-MENA

# MENA ↔ EU

- Clean Energy
- Labor Force (skilled and vocational)
- Tourism
- Culture exposure, history of ancestors
- Food and agricultural products
- Investment Opportunities
- Economy Boost

# Circles of Actions



**Climate change**

**Water**

**Energy**

**RES-TECH**

**Efficiency**

**Financing**

**Public support**

**“Hot-How” vs Cold-How**

**Geopolitics**

# Cyprus Declaration I

- A macro “**think tank**” is missing in the region to convey clear messages to contentious policy makers and politicians
- The YSF proposes.....
- “MENA Regional Center for Development and Cooperation” **MERCEDEC**

# Cyprus Declaration II

- “ MENA University of Applied Sciences” initiative (**MEUAS**)
- Offer Master’s and PhDs in Re-energy, water, and environmental sciences
- Several campuses in MENA with HQ in Cyprus
- Several Institutes ( *The Pyramids Institute, The Peace Institute, The Dead Sea Institute..etc*)
- Funding: regional, GS, EU, WB, UN, FAO...



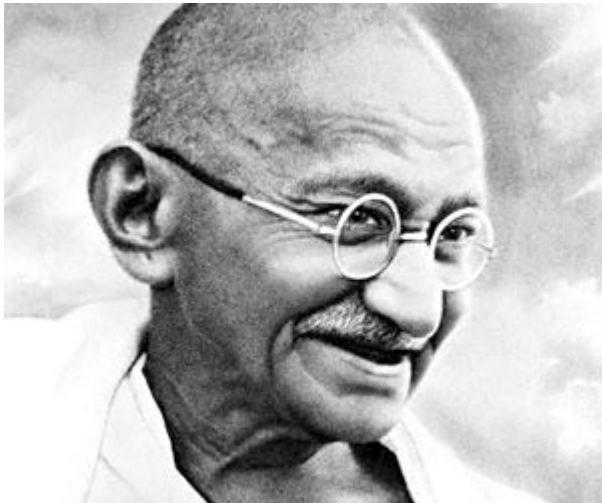
# Benefits of MEUAS and MERCEDEC

- Science exchange, collaboration, joint-programs
- Reverse Brain-Drain
- Regionally-oriented internationally inspired research arena
- Know-how solutions for contemporary challenges
- Cultural exchange
- Harmonization and building trust and bridges
- Science Diplomacy

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“The Earth provides enough for everyone’s need but not for everyone’s greed”



Mahatma Gandhi