



SPEAKERS' BIOS: 21st July Conferenza **Protecting coastal cities from sea level rise**

MODERATOR

Pierpaolo Campostrini

Pierpaolo Campostrini is Director General of **CORILA**, the scientific institution that coordinates and conducts research related to the Venice lagoon system.

He represents Italy in a number of European research committees, such as the JPI Oceans initiative and the Knowledge Hub on Sea Level Rise. He was founder of Lagunet and EUROMEDLAG, the Italian and European networks for research on lagoon systems.

He is coordinator of several European projects concerning sea and coasts, including "ecological restoration" and climate change adaptation actions.

He was from 2015 to 2020 Procurator of St. Mark's, responsible for the maintenance of the Basilica, and he received the Manageritalia Award for managerial excellence in scientific research.

Since 2000, he has dedicated his professional activity mainly to the preservation of his city and its natural, artistic and cultural heritage.

SESSION I - Experience of Venice

Francesco Trovò

Francesco Trovò is an architect, RTD B researcher at University of Venice since 2021 (ICAR 19 - Architectural Restoration) carrying out research and teaching activities. He has been an official at the ABAP Superintendency for the Municipality of Venice and the Lagoon taking on various roles in restoration work on public buildings in Venice. He has participated in national and international conferences and is the author of over one hundred scientific publications on historic buildings in Venice, cultural heritage and climate change.

He holds a PhD in Conservation of Architectural Heritage from the Politecnico di Milano.

Andrea Razzin

Andrea Razzini has been General Manager of **Veritas S.p.A.** since 2007, a multiservice environmental company controlled by the Municipality of Venice and 50 other municipalities in the metropolitan area for the management of urban waste and the integrated water service.

He is a member of the Environment Directorate of the National Federation of Public Utilities, Utilitalia, and President of the Bilateral Solidarity Fund for Income Support for Environmental Services Sector Personnel at Inps. He is also a member of the board of directors of 'Rete Ambiente Veneto', Confservizi Veneto and Consorzio Viveracqua scarl.

From 2005 to 2007, he was deputy director of Vesta. From 2004 to 2005 he developed the national project of Rete Autostrade Mediterranee S.p.A., as General Manager, in Rome at Sviluppo Italia and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport. From 2003 to 2004, he was Managing Director of Venezia Terminal Passeggeri S.p.A. From 1996 to 2004, he served two terms as Secretary General of the Venice Port Authority, ensuring the complete achievement of the objectives set by the reform law. From 1992 to 1995, he worked on industrial reconversion in Veneto, Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta.

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Francesco Lanza is an architect of **Thetis S.p.A.** engaged since 2018 in the development of the hydraulic protection project of St. Mark's Square and acts as the director of works for the securing and defence of the Basilica and the first phase of the interventions to safeguard the square currently underway.

In the course of his activities for Thetis S.p.A., he has applied himself to the themes of environmental sustainability and adaptation to climate change by participating in the European project Brigaid - Bridging the Gap for Innovations in Disaster Resilience (2016-2020) and by supporting the company M9 District s.r.l. in the LEED certification process of the M9 Museum in Mestre.

He graduated in architecture from the IUAV University of Venice in 2004. Since 2005, he has worked for Consorzio Venezia Nuova (2005-2013) and Thetis S.p.A. (2013-present), coordinating and developing complex projects aimed at safeguarding the Venice lagoon and its territory, with particular focus on the redevelopment of the Arsenal compendium, the recovery of the historical heritage of the lagoon islands, and the environmental and landscape redevelopment of the lagoon inlets.

SESSION II - Global problem, local solutions: how to deal with rising sea levels rise in cities

Filipe Araújo

Filipe Araújo is deputy **mayor of Porto** and municipal councillor for Environment, Climate, Innovation and Digital Transition. Among his numerous positions, he is president of Águas e Energia do Porto (Porto's municipal water and energy company); president of Porto Ambiente (Porto's municipal waste collection company); president of the board of directors of AdePorto (Porto's Energy Agency); president of the Porto Digital Association (supports Porto's Municipality in the development of e-government projects and online services); and president of the Eurocities Environmental Forum (2018-2023).

He was an invited professor at the Faculty of Science of the University of Porto between 2007 and 2011 and a Porto Municipal Deputy between 2005 and 2009. Other prominent executive positions include service manager in a telecommunications company and board member of the Youth Foundation.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering (Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto) and a master's degree in Telecommunications (UMIST - University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Manchester, UK).

Maidier Arosteguy

Maidier Arosteguy has been **mayor of Biarritz** since July 2020. She is also Vice-President of the Agglomeration Community of the Basque Country, responsible for the blue economy, sewerage and rainwater. Since 2021, she has been a Member of the Regional Council of New Aquitaine. From 2015 to 2021, she was Councillor of the Department of Pyrénées Atlantiques.

Born in 1964, she has 30 years of experience in advising private and public companies worldwide.

Folayinka Dania

Folayinka Dania is the Chief Resilience Officer of **Lagos State** and the Chief Executive Officer of the Lagos State Resilience Office (LASRO). She coordinates the implementation of the Lagos Resilience Strategy and other resilience building initiatives, in collaboration with ministries, departments and agencies of the state government, with the overall objective of ensuring that the state continues to thrive, adapt and grow sustainably.

Dr Dania holds a bachelor's degree in medicine from the University of Lagos and a Master's degree in Public Health from Imperial College London.

Janelle Kellman

Janelle Kellman served as **Mayor of Sausalito**, California, in 2022 and was elected to her first four-year term on the City Council in November 2020. Previously, she was a member of the Sausalito Planning

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Commission for ten years, first from 2002 to 2008, serving as chair in her last term, and then again from 2016 to 2020, again serving as chair in her last term.

He has proven to be a national leader on issues related to coastal resilience and ocean health. She serves on the BCDC Bay Adapt Regional Task Force of Local Elected Officials, the Steering Committee of BayWAVE, the Marin County Sea Level Rise Planning Committee, the Marine Exchange of San Francisco's Sea Level Rise Awareness Team, the Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors, and was recently appointed as Marin County's Second Vice President for the League of California Cities.

She currently advises companies on electrification, decarbonisation and ocean health, and is an advisor and mentor to Climate Tech Startups for the German Accelerator. He launched the non-profit Center for Sea Rise Solutions in 2021 to raise awareness of sea-level rise adaptation and identify viable benefits for local decision-makers in achieving long-term coastal resilience goals.

SESSION III - Together we win. The experiences of city networks and institutions

Yaser Abunnasr

Yaser Abunnasr is an associate professor of landscape architecture and environmental planning in the Department of Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management at the **American University of Beirut (AUB)**, Lebanon. He is trained as an architect, landscape architect and planner and holds degrees in all fields.

He also lectures locally, regionally and internationally and advises on design and planning issues. His research focuses on urban regions and opportunities for climate change adaptation and mitigation using nature-based solutions to achieve resilience in large territories. He is co-author of the book 'Planning for Climate Change: A Reader in Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Design for Resilient Cities' and has published in top-tier journals on climate change topics.

Alessandra Antonini

Alessandra Antonini works at the **European Committee of the Regions**, where she leads the team responsible for energy, climate and Green Deal policies. She joined the European institutions in 2018 as an administrator. Previously, she worked in Italy and Spain as a researcher, consultant and entrepreneur.

Born in Italy and an architect by training, Alessandra holds a PhD in sustainable development from the UNESCO Chair on 'Sustainability, Development and Humanism' in Barcelona.

Sachin Bhoite

Sachin Bhoite is the Director of Climate Resilience at C40, leading the work on climate resilience through its networks and programmes on water, heat and urban nature. Prior to C40, Sachin worked at Arup, implementing urban master plans and resilience programmes, including leading the City Resilience Index.

Sachin has experience working with international development organisations (bilateral, multilateral, UN), city networks, urban local authorities, NGOs and private philanthropies to improve the inclusion and resilience of cities. He has worked in over 20 countries worldwide, in developing and developed regions.

He was born in India and currently lives in London. Sachin holds a BA in Urban Design from Harvard University and an Urban Research Fellowship from the University of Mumbai.

Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy

Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy is the founder of **Precovery Labs**, a hub focusing on island resilience, resilient cities, indigenous community development, as well as a documentary filmmaker and photographer. He is also a member of the Ocean Fellows team at the Center for Ocean Policy and Economics at the Northeast Maritime Institute, a steering committee member and partner at the Ocean Sewage Alliance, Senior

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Advisor to the Global Island Partnership and other organisations also related to the protection of marine environments.

He was Global Director for Policy and Investment of the Resilient Cities Network, the evolved, city-led network of the 100 Resilient Cities Programme (100RC).

He holds degrees and certifications in international business, foreign languages, corporate social responsibility, conservation and environmental science. He is currently a guest lecturer at the International University of Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain, and at Kent University in the UK.

Maryke van Staden

Maryke van Staden is the director of **ICLEI's carbonn Climate Centre**, where she oversees ICLEI's global strategies and the implementation of integrated climate, sustainable energy, access to finance and research actions. She collaborates with multidisciplinary experts in Bonn at the ICLEI Global Secretariat and with ICLEI's 24 offices around the world to collectively serve ICLEI's global network of more than 2,500 local and regional governments in 125 countries.

She is a senior expert on climate resilience, adaptation and mitigation (integrated climate action); multi-level governance and multi-level action; accountability and transparency through public reporting; access to finance for local action; and science- and context-informed decision-making.

FOCUS - The MOSE system

Hermes Redi

Hermes Redi has been General Manager of the **Consorzio Venezia Nuova** since January 2023, the concessionaire of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport - Provveditorato per le Opere pubbliche per il Veneto, Trentino-Alto Adige, and Friuli Venezia Giulia for the implementation of interventions to safeguard Venice and its lagoon.

He was appointed by the Ministry of the Environment to design and implement the program to safeguard the coastline and the backwaters of wetlands of international importance in the metropolitan area of Cagliari. Former Vice President of the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) Natural Resources and Coastal Zone Management Group.

He founded the engineering firm HMR Srl in 1989, specializing in Construction Management and Safety Coordination during design and execution. Over time, continuing in DL and CSE activities, he expanded the company's activities to the design of river and marine hydraulic works and works related to the integrated cycle.

He graduated in hydraulic engineering from the University of Padua in the year 1979 at the Institute of Maritime Construction and Geotechnics, discussing a thesis on the regime and protection of shorelines.

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