Welcome Address by Yiannis Armeftis, Mayor of Limassol
8th MedCLIVAR Conference: "The Mediterranean Climate: Variability, Change & Regional Futures"
Panos Solomonides Cultural Centre, Limassol
Monday, 21 September 2026 – 5.30 a.m.

Esteemed scientists, and members of the MedCLIVAR community,

Distinguished guests,

It is a great honor to welcome you to Limassol for the 8th MedCLIVAR Conference and, as Mayor, to be part of this conference. Our city is proud to place this vital international gathering under its auspices and to host your deliberations at the Panos Solomonides Cultural Centre.

This conference aligns with Limassol's ambitious goal as part of the EU Mission for 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030. We are currently in the process of transitioning our urban environment through the implementation of green mobility, energy efficiency, sustainable infrastructure and of course the use of digital technologies. All the above targets to one and only goal: to build long-term resilience for our citizens' benefit.

As our presentation will follow later on, allow me now to wish you all a highly successful conference and an enjoyable stay in Limassol.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to The Cyprus Institute, its CARE-C Center, and all the organizers for bringing this vital platform to our city.

Thank you!