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Electoral processes and democratic consolidation in the countries of the southern Mediterranean

*Inclusive electoral processes organised with integrity
as a step towards successful democratic governance*

15-16 September 2014
Ismaili Centre, Lisbon

Programme

Monday 15 September 2014

8:45 Registration of participants

9:30 Welcoming words

Nazim AHMAD, Representative of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)
Bruno MAÇÃES, Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs
Carlos Manuel CASTRO, Municipal Councillor, City of Lisbon
Jorge SAMPAIO, Former President of Portugal, Former President of Lisbon Forum

Opening and introduction to Lisbon Forum 2014

Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Fayçal GOUIAA, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Representative of the Government of Tunisia, President of Lisbon Forum 2014

10:15 Introductory statement

Gameela ISMAIL, Founding member of the Dostour (Constitution) Party, Egypt

10:45-11:15 Coffee-break

11:15 Round table: Laws and Electoral Bodies

Chairmanship: *Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe*
Rapporteur: *Snezana SAMARDZIĆ-MARKOVIĆ, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe*

- *Driss EL YAZAMI, President of the National Human Rights Council (NHRC), Morocco*
- *Emanuele GIAUFRET, Head of Division – Democracy and Electoral observation, European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union*
- *Manuel GONZALEZ OROPEZA, Judge to the Federal Electoral Tribunal of Mexico, Substitute Member of the Venice Commission*
- *Andreas GROSS, President of the Council for Democratic Elections, Venice Commission, Council of Europe, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*
- *Tinatin KHIDASHELI, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*
- *Refaat KOMSAN, Egyptian Prime Minister's advisor on Electoral matters*
- *Mohamed Chafik SARSAR, President of the Supreme Independent Electoral Authority (SIEA), Tunisia*

Speakers listed in alphabetical order.



13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:45 Round table: Parties, candidates, citizens

Chairmanship: *Ambar ZOBAIRI, Deputy Regional Director - MENA Region - IFES*

Rapporteur: *Andrew BRADLEY, Director of the Office of International IDEA to the European Union*

- *Nada ANID, Co-Founder of Women in Front (WIF), Lebanon*
- *Jaouar BEN MBAREK, Leader of the DOUSTURNA network, Tunisia*
- *Ali BOUABID, Researcher, Managing Director Abderrahim Bouabid Foundation, Morocco*
- *Vincent GEISSER, Researcher, Political commentator, France*
- *Christophe GUILHOU, Director, International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF)*

16:30-17:00 Coffee-break

17:00-18:00 Round table: Participation of women in electoral processes

Chairmanship: *Esther FOUCHIER, President of Mediterranean Women Forum, Head of Anna Lindh Foundation French Network*

- *Fouzia ASSOULI, President of the Euro-Mediterranean Women Foundation, and of the Federation of the Democratic League of Women's Rights, Morocco*
- *Jean-Marie HEYDT, President of the Conference of INGO of the Council of Europe*
- *Joelle ABOU FARHAT RIZKALLAH, Co-Founder of Women in Front (WIF), Lebanon*
- *Simone SUSSKIND, President of "Actions in the Mediterranean", Member of the Regional Parliament of Bruxelles-Capitale,*

19:45 Opening of the exhibition: **"Relations between Morocco and Europe: Six centuries in the Eye of the Other"** Mosteiro dos Jerónimos (Jerónimos Monastery) Praça do Império, Lisbon.

Tuesday 16 September 2014

9:00-10:45 Workshops 1 and 2

WORKSHOP 1	WORKSHOP 2
<p>Financing political parties, electoral campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairperson : <i>Nicolas KACZOROWSKI, IFES, Country Director, Tunisia</i> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Emad A. ALSAIAH, Chair of the Libyan Electoral Management Body</i>• <i>Yves-Marie DOUBLET, Evaluator of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), France</i>• <i>Waël RADY, Judge, Egyptian Court of Cassation</i>• <i>Evgeni TANCHEV, President of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria, Member of the Venice Commission</i>• <i>Alejandro URIZAR, Chief of the Electoral Observation section, Organisation of American States (OAS/DECO)</i>	<p>Electoral processes and ethics</p> <p>Chairperson : <i>Ons BEN ABDELKARIM, Secretary General of AL-BAWSALA, Tunisia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Hassan ARFAOUI, Managing Editor of the weekly « Réalités », Tunisia</i>• <i>Lauren GIMENEZ, Programme Manager, Sub-Directorate for Peace and Security, International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF)</i>• <i>Lamiaa KALAWI, Regional Coordinator, MENA Department, Transparency International</i>• <i>Israël MENSAH, Member of the Conference of the INGO of the Council of Europe</i>

10:45-11:15 Coffee-break

WORKSHOP 3	WORKSHOP 4
<p>International and national observation of elections: the role of civil society</p> <p><i>Chairperson: Andrew BRADLEY, Director of the Office of International IDEA to the European Union</i></p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David ALVAREZ, in name of the Director of Electoral Cooperation and Observation, Gerardo DE ICAZA, Organisation of American States (OAS/DECO) • Mohamed Hichem CHEBBI, Secretary General of ATIDE • Chawki GADDES, Secretary General of the Tunisian Association of Constitutional Law • Hesham KUHAL, Executive Director of the Electoral Management Body of the Palestinian Authority • Milena ZHERDII, International Secretary, Committee of voters of Ukraine 	<p>Elections and civil society: the role of parties, institutions, NGOs, international co-operation</p> <p><i>Chairperson: Haizam AMIRAH-FERNANDEZ, Senior Analyst, Mediterranean & Arab World, Elcano Royal Institute (Madrid)</i></p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah BEN NEFISSA, Political Expert, Researcher to Institute of research for Development (IRD) • Murat DAOUDOV, President of Middle East Development Network (MDN), Lecturer at Marmara University, Istanbul • Kamal LAHBIB, Representative of the Collective for Election Observation, Morocco • Adib NEHMEH, Consultant on Governance to the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) • Christophe ROUILLON, Mayor of Coullaines, Member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) of the EU and of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)

13:00-14:15

Lunch

14:15-16:15

Round Table: "Election and media: Influence or Inform?"

Chairmanship: *Jean-Michel DUFFRENE, Journalist, Media Neighbourhood Team Leader*

- **Pascal CHELALA**, Managing Director at TNS Opinion, Director of the Project EU Neighbourhood Barometer
- **Suzy EL GENEIDY**, Journalist, Alahram Alaraby Magazine, Egypt
- **Nassima OULEBSIR**, Journalist, EL Watan, Algeria
- **Mourad TEYEB**, Journalist, Assabah News, Tunisia
- **Fédoua TOUNASSI**, Journalist, CISS (International Co-operation South-South), Morocco

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Coffee-break

16:30-18:00

Presentation and adoption of conclusions and closing if the Forum

Chairmanship: *José LUDOVICE, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe*

- Presentation of the conclusions by **Jean-Marie HEYDT**, President of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- Summing-up of discussions in workshops and round-tables by respective chairpersons
- Discussion and approval of conclusions and recommendations
- Closing statements by:
 - **Ambassador Samir Al KASSIR**, Assistant Secretary General, League of Arab States (LAS)
 - **Fayçal GOUIAA**, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Representative of the Government of Tunisia, President of Lisbon Forum 2014
 - **Rui MACHETE**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal
 - **Jean-Marie HEYDT**, President of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe