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Queen Rania of Jordan and Jorge Sampaio to receive Council of Europe North-South Prize

Date: 16 March 2009

Location: Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament, Palácio de S. Bento, 1249-068 Lisbon

Organised by the Council of Europe North-South Centre and the Portuguese Parliament.

Description: Rania Al-Abdullah, Queen of Jordan, and Jorge Sampaio, former President of Portugal, High Representative of the United Nations for the Alliance of Civilisations will receive the Council of Europe North-South Prize .

The Prize is awarded each year to two people, one from the North and one from the South, in recognition of work protecting human rights and strengthening North-South relations.

The President of Portugal Anibal Cavaco Silva, the President of the Portuguese Assembly Jaime Gama, Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, the President of the Council's Parliamentary Assembly Lluís Maria de Puig, and the President of the North-South Centre, Claude Frey, are due to take part in the ceremony.

In 2008, Simone Veil, former President of the European Parliament, and Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations, received the Prize for their contribution to the defence and the promotion of the human rights throughout the world.

Practical information

The award ceremony is open for the media. Journalists will follow the ceremony from the specially designated seats in the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament.

Photo opportunities will be limited in time. Times for press points will be announced later.

For on-the-spot accreditation and one-to-one interviews with participants, please contact the press officer below.

Photos and a short video summary (professional quality) of the ceremony will be available at around 21.00 CET. Requests for these images should be sent to ulvi.akhundlu@coe.int by 16.00 on 16 March.

More information: All [winners](#) of the Prize since 1995

[Council of Europe North-South Prize](#)

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