

Democratic governance in the Southern Mediterranean. Time for a new start?

Launching event, “Towards strengthened democratic governance in the Southern Mediterranean “ (South Programme II)

Draft Agenda

10 April 2015

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe

8:30 Registration of participants

9:00-9:30 Plenary Session, Palais de l'Europe (Room 1)

Welcoming words

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Jari Vilén, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe

*Raouf Chatty, Director General for Europe and the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia*¹

Mourad Issaad, Deputy Director, Partnership with the European Union, Directorate General Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

Karima Kabbaj, Director for European Union and Mediterranean processes, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Morocco

Maen Khreasat, Head of European Institutions Division, Deputy Director, European Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Affairs, Jordan

¹ Participants appear by alphabetical order in the programme

Opening Session

9:30-10:45 **Round table: Is strengthened democratic governance a silver bullet for more accountable societies in the Southern Mediterranean?**

Moderator:

Patrick Leusch, Head of international affairs, Deutsche Welle Akademie

Key note speaker:

Mohammed Tozy, Director of Economics and Governance School of Rabat and President of The Citizenship School of Political Studies, Morocco

Participants:

Samir Annabi, President of the National Instance for the Fight against Corruption (INLUCC), Tunisia

Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Council of Europe

Asma Khader, Commissioner, Independent Election Commission, Jordan

Mohamed Yatim, 1st Vice-Chairman of House of Representatives, Parliament of Morocco

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Working Session ²

Working group I: Supporting constitutional processes and the creation of new legal frameworks and democratic governance instances in the Southern Mediterranean (Room 16)

Moderator:

Zoltan Taubner, Director of External Relations, Council of Europe

Presentations:

Serguei Kouznetsov, Head of the Neighbourhood Co-operation Division, Venice Commission, Council of Europe

Markus Jaeger, Head of Division, Cooperation with International Institutions and Civil Society, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

² The three working groups will be running in parallel.

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Participants:

Khalaf Alraqqad, Justice, member of the Constitutional Court, Jordan
Omar el Khattab Abdallah Marawan, Secretary General of the Supreme Electoral Commission, Egypt

Mohamed Hachi, Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights, Morocco

Nouri Lajmi, High Independent Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HAICA), Tunisia

Amina Lemrini El Ouahabi, President of the High Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HACA), Morocco

Mohamed Yatim, 1st Vice-Chairman of House of Representatives, Parliament of Morocco

Exchange of views

Working group II: Advancing good governance through the prevention of corruption and money laundering (Room 17)

Moderator:

Ivan Koedjikov Head of Action against Crime Department and Anti-terrorism Coordinator, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Presentations:

Ardita Abdiu, Head of Economic Crime and Co-operation Unit, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Igor Nebyvaev, Administrator, Economic Crime and Co-operation Unit, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Participants:

Samir Annabi, President of the National Authority for the Fight against Corruption (INLUCC), Tunisia

Abdul Hadi Alawin, Vice President and Board Member of Jordan Anti-Corruption Commission, Jordan

Yassir Chokairi, Director, Partnership and Development Pole, Central Authority for the Prevention of Corruption (ICPC), Morocco

Exchange of views

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Working group III: Strengthening capacities through inter-parliamentary co-operation, human rights training and local democracy (Room 13)

Moderator:

William Massolin, Head of Office, Coordinator of activities of the Council of Europe in Tunisia

Presentations:

Alessandro Mancini, Deputy to the Head of Division, Parliamentary Projects Support Division, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Denis Huber, Head of Department Co-operation, Administration, External Relations, Congress of Local and regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Caroline Martin, Legal Adviser, Neighbourhood Co-operation Division, Venice Commission, Council of Europe

Tatiana Termacic, Head of Unit, Human Rights National Implementation Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Participants:

Mohamed Benabdelkader, Director of Cooperation and of school teaching promotion, Ministry of National Education, Morocco

Amal Hadaddin, Legal Counsellor, National Commission for Women, Jordan

Salma Nanous, Deputy Director, Directorate General of Co-operation with the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia

Sidi Mohamed Loukili, Advisor to Secretariat General of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Morocco

Exchange of views

12:30-14:00

Buffet lunch: "Salon Bleu" Restaurant, Council of Europe

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14:00-15:30 Working Session³

Working group IV: Development /Consolidation of a common legal space between Europe and the Southern Mediterranean (room 16)

Moderator:

Karima Kabbaj, Director for European Union and Mediterranean processes, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Morocco

Presentation: Creation of common legal space- conventional activities in the South Programme

Katerina Markovova, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Participants:

Sana Bhar, Officer- in- charge, International co-operation, Ministry of Justice

Gianluca Esposito, Head of Equality and Human Dignity Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Naser Al Nasour, Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Jordan

Ana Gómez Heredero, Head of the Treaty Office Unit, Directorate of Legal advice and Public International Law, Council of Europe

Karima Saqui, Programme Manager External Relations, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, Directorate General European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), European Union

Exchange of views

Working group V: Fostering a better democratic governance in the Southern Mediterranean through justice reform (room 17)

Moderator:

Hanne Juncher, Head of Justice and Legal Co-operation Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Presentations:

Muriel Décot, Deputy Head of the Division for the independence and efficiency of justice, Co-Secretary to the CEPEJ, Council of Europe

Clementina Barbaro, Head of the Co-operation Unit of the CEPEJ, Responsible for the CEPEJ co-operation with Morocco, Council of Europe

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Muriel Iseli, Administrator, Responsible for the CEPEJ co-operation with Tunisia and Jordan, Council of Europe

Participants:

Mohamed Al-Nsour, Director of Human Rights and family affairs department, Ministry of Justice, Jordan

Raja Boussema, President of Chamber 29, Tribunal of First Instance, Tunisia

Abdelilah Lahkim Bennani, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice and Liberty, Morocco

Exchange of views

Working group VI: building networks and exchanging experience: Schools of Political Studies, Lisbon Forum, Intercultural Cities, Pompidou Group (Room 13)

Moderator:

Mehdi Remili, Head of Office, Coordinator of activities of the Council of Europe in Morocco

Presentations:

Irena Guidikova, Head of Division, World Forum for Democracy, Intercultural cities programme manager, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Florence Mabileau, Head of Unit, Research, Mediterranean Cooperation – Secretariat of the Co-operation Group to combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs (Pompidou Group), Council of Europe

Michael Remmert, Deputy to the Director of Policy Planning, Responsible of the Schools of Political Studies network of the Council of Europe

Participants:

Ahmed Driss, Director of the Tunisian School of Politics, Tunisia

Jean-Marie Heydt, President of Executive Committee, North South Center of the Council of Europe

Youssef Laaraj, Director of the Moroccan Citizenship School of Political Studies, Morocco

Nabil Ben Salah, Director General, Ministry of Health, Tunisia

Ilya Subbotin, Directorate of External Relations, Council of Europe

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15:30-15:40 Coffee-break (served in front of Room 1)

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15:40-16:00

Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations (Room 1)
Verena Taylor, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes

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