

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PERSONAL DATA

The protection of personal data, an opportunity and an imperative for the region

Tunis, 1 June 2022, Hotel Laico Tunis

08h30 – 09h00 Registration

09h00 – 09h40 Opening

- **Mr. Francisco ACOSTA SOTO**, Deputy Head of Mission of the European Union Delegation in Tunis
- **Ms. Pilar MORALES**, Coordinator of the South Mediterranean Neighbourhood Policy, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis
- **H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Salah BEN AISSA**, Deputy Secretary General and Chairman of the League of Arab States Centre in Tunis
- **Mr. Chawki GADDES**, President of the Tunisian Personal Data Protection Authority (INPDP)

09h40 – 10h00 *Personal data protection - an opportunity and an imperative for the region*

Mr. Jean-Luc SAURON, State Councilor (Paris), Director of the GDPR DPO Programme of Paris Dauphine University and of the DPO Certificate of Tunis Dauphine University.

PANEL 1. WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT PERSONAL DATA AND THE TUNISIAN EXPERIENCE

151 countries in the world currently have a national legislation on personal data protection. It has become nevertheless obvious, in today's modern world, that such a real protection cannot be achieved without a strong co-operation between states. The international legal instruments provide a framework for such a co-operation. Furthermore, Tunisia, as pioneer in the field of personal data protection on the African continent will share its experience.

10:00 – 10:20 **Ms. Isabelle SERVOZ-GALLUCCI**, Head of the Data Protection Unit, Council of Europe

10:20 – 10:40 **Mr. Chawki GADDES**, President of the Tunisian Personal Data Protection Authority (INPDP)

Moderator:

10:40 – 11:10 Discussions

11:10 – 11:45 **Coffee break and family photo**

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PANEL 2. PERSONAL DATA, CYBERCRIME TARGETS

Cybercrime is an international scourge which, beyond digital development, affects the very functioning of our societies. It mainly affects personal data, which is a favourite target of cybercriminals at both national and international level and, knowing no borders, it challenges the sovereignty of states as much as it affects individuals. The universal standard in this area is the Council of Europe's Budapest Convention. 66 countries have signed up to it, demonstrating that this crime cannot be fought alone. States must cooperate to investigate, identify and punish criminals and thus protect citizens.

11:45 – 12:05 **Ms. Denise MAZZOLANI**, Programme manager, C-PROC, Council of Europe

12:05 – 12:25 **Ms. Caroline GOEMANS-DORNY**, Head of the data protection office, INTERPOL

Moderator: **Ms Catherine POZZO di BORGO**

12:25 – 13:00 Discussions

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

PANEL 3. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA AND DIGITAL IDENTITY

Digital identity is an important element in a digital society. It includes sensitive personal data that must be protected in order to secure exchanges on the networks but also in physical life. Personal identification procedures vary greatly, but techniques and tools are widely spreading through an international movement of mimicry where no time is taken to assess advantages and risks. While it enables to respond to legitimate concerns, resorting to biometric identification, but also to unique identifiers entail high risks for the empowerment of individuals and respect for their human dignity

14:30 – 14:50 **Mr. Omar SEGHROUCHNI**, President of the National Commission for control of the Protection of Personal Data of Morocco (CNDP)

Mr. Mouhcine YEJJOU, DGSN, Morocco

14:50 – 15:10 **Mr. Matthieu KEMPENERS**, General Directorate Identity and Citizens Affairs, SPF Interior, Belgium

Moderator: **Ms. Drudeisha MADHUB**

15:10 – 15:40 Discussion

15:40 – 16:10 **Coffee break**

PANEL 4. REGULATING TRANSBORDER FLOW OF PERSONAL DATA

In an increasing number of countries, personal data are protected by legislation and supervisory bodies. But the international digitalisation of the society, in all its human activities, makes data flows across state borders inevitable and necessary. This is of course the case for individual movements and communications. It is especially the case in the context of economic activities. The question is not preventing these flows - if that is even possible - but facilitating them within the framework of maximum protection of personal data and, therefore, of the rights and freedoms of individuals.

- 16:10 – 16:30** **Mr. Ignacio GOMEZ NAVARRO**, legal Officer, Secretariat of the European Data Protection Board (EDPB)
- 16:30 – 16:50** **Ms. Drudeisha MADHUB**, Data Protection Commissioner, Mauritius
- Moderator: **Ms. Catherine POZZO di BORGO**
- 16 :50 – 17:h30** Discussions

CLOSING SESSION

- 17:30 – 18:00** Conclusions, **Mr. Chawki GADDES**
- 18:00** End of the conference

The conference working languages will be French and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation