

Lisbon Forum 2022 – 28th Edition

International Order: What future and ramifications?

Voices for peace, co-operation, and solidarity

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09h00-09h30

Arrival of participants and registration

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Rua Sacramento à Lapa 21, Lisbon

09h30-10h15

Opening of the Lisbon Forum 2022

- **Video message from João Cravinho, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal**
- **Driss El Kaissi**, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Consul General of Morocco in Strasbourg
- **Pilar Morales**, Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis and Senior Coordinator of Activities of the North-South Centre, Council of Europe
- **Pascal Odul**, Head of Sector Good Governance and Security in the MENA region, DG NEAR, European Union (online)

10h15-10h45

Keynote Speech: Global challenges and their impacts in uncertain times

Haizam Amirah-Fernández, Senior Analyst for the Mediterranean and Arab World at Real Instituto Elcano (online)

The war in Ukraine is adding pressure to multilateralism and challenging international co-operation in a wide range of critical areas of interdependence, such as migration, refugee flows, health, hunger, the fight against climate change or the digital transition. Its economic impact is also contributing to the deepening of inequalities worldwide.

Unlike what happens with conflicts in other regions, the dimension of this conflict has pulled most countries and public opinion together in a rare display of unity against the aggression of Russia to Ukraine.

Can we overcome political antagonisms and display similar unity to cooperate on pressing issues of interdependence? Do repeated crises have a weary effect on international mobilisation for peace? How can organisations and

actors that continue to raise their voice for peace, co-operation, and solidarity be more impactful in such fragile contexts?

10h45-11h15

Coffee-break

11h15-12h45

A new world order: consequences for the Mediterranean

Over the last decades there was a common will to develop North-South relations and co-operation priorities in the Mediterranean basin with the aim to turn it into an area of dialogue, exchange, and co-operation, guaranteeing peace, stability, and prosperity. European and Southern Mediterranean partners designed strategies to act together, recognizing their growing interdependence, to act in partnership.

This regional integration agenda suffered many setbacks along these years and despite many positive developments, the region is still in turmoil. The war in Ukraine and its ramifications seem to be generating even more conflicts and divisions in an already turbulent region. Co-operation priorities and resources are shifting at a time when a “Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood: a New Agenda for the Mediterranean”¹ aimed to address common challenges, take advantage of shared opportunities, and unlock the region's economic potential for the benefit of its people.

By focusing on the specific impact of the current crisis on the regional co-operation with the Southern Mediterranean, this session intends to highlight the lessons learnt from the international shift that paved the way for the Neighbourhood priorities, to look at the gaps that might appear with today's shift of priorities, and to identify the cornerstones that need protection to mitigate the impact of the current crisis on North-South relations.

Moderator: **Pilar Morales**, Council of Europe Coordinator of Neighbourhood Policy South, Head of Tunis office and Senior Coordinator of Activities of the North-South Centre, Council of Europe

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Manuel Montobbio**, Chair of the Rapporteur Group for External Relations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Permanent Representative of Spain to the Council of Europe (online)
- **Rasmus Alenius Boserup**, Executive Director, EuroMed Rights

12h45-14h00

Lunch

14h00-15h30

How to protect human rights, democracy, and the Rule of Law in fragile contexts

The disruptions and repercussions of the recent global crisis and other ongoing conflicts should not derail efforts towards upholding international commitments and protect human rights, democracy, and the Rule of Law. Conflict, post-conflict, and, in general, fragile contexts, tend to undermine those values. Identifying the specific groups of population that are more exposed than others to the violation of their rights in post-conflict situations and/or fragile contexts, needs to go hand in hand with the setting of a frame

¹ More information [here](#)

for dialogue, mutual trust, and reconciliation as part of the solution to build bridges towards peaceful and inclusive societies.

This session will examine measures that proved effective to pave the way to build and/or restore peaceful and inclusive societies and to protect human rights and democracy in conflict, post-conflict, and fragile contexts.

Moderator: **Ahmed Driss**, Director of the School of Political Studies in Tunis, Council of Europe

Speakers:

- **Christoph Spreng**, Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGO) of the Council of Europe
- **Liliane Maury Pasquier**, Honorary President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Saadia Wadah**, lawyer at the Bar of Casablanca, President of the Casablanca Regional Human Rights Commission and Member of the Moroccan Association against Violence against Women (AMVEF)
- **Kataryna Shalayeva**, author of the North-South Centre's brief on "Gender, good governance, and human rights in fragile contexts. Factors of stronger resilience, social cohesion, and peace" (online)

15h30-16h00

Coffee-break

16h00-17h30

What role for the youth in this unpredictable future?

The world's youth not only need to be equipped to thrive in complex world with many challenges that threaten their prospects to live in peaceful and inclusive societies, but they also need to be involved in the mechanisms and channels to converge and cooperate globally for a better future for all.

This session will discuss the relevance of education systems for learners to engage with the world as empowered global citizens but also the role of youth as peacebuilding agents.

Moderator:

Miguel Silva, Global Education Programme Manager at the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Speakers:

- **Adélaïde Hirwe**, African Union Diaspora Youth Initiative
- **Armine Movsesyan**, Member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe leading the portfolio on Youth, Peace, and Security
- **Leila Benabdallah**, Mediterranean Youth Council
- **Rares Voicu**, Board Member of the Organising Bureau of School Student Unions (OBESSU)

17h30-17h45

Closing remarks

Adelino Silva, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe