

Assemblée des Citoyens et
Citoyennes de la Méditerranée

Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly

مجلس مواطني ومواطنات المتوسط



Programme

Second Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly

Crises and changes in the Mediterranean : citizenship in movement

Tunis, Tunisia, 1 to 4 of December 2011

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Thursday, 1st December

Arrival of the participants and registration at the hotel.

Friday, 2nd December

8.30 – 9.00 Welcome of the participants and registration

9.00 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony

Speakers:

- **Vicent Garcès**, membre of the MCA Consultative Council, former MEP
- **Yolanda Parrado**, Director of the Casa Mediterraneo, Spain
- **George Abisaleh**, Administrator and Member of the Executive Bureau – Euromed Non-Governmental Platform
- **Denis Huber**, Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and Director of the North/South Center
- **Mercedes Bresso**, President of ARLEM and of the Committee of the Regions of the EU
- Euro-Mediterranean Economic and Social Council (tbc)
- **Pirka Tapiola**, Senior Advisor, European External Action Service
- European Commission (tbc)
- Ambassador **Saad Eddine Taïb**, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference
- League of Arab States (tbc)
- A representative of the Constituent Assembly of Tunisia (tbc)

11.00 – 11.15 coffee break

11.30 – 13.30 beginning of 4 geographical agoras **“Diagnoses of the crises in the Mediterranean”**

Allow participants the chance to exchange their own experiences and establish a common diagnosis from political, economic, social and cultural viewpoints from both shores of the Mediterranean. Taking into consideration the recent events both in the North, South and the East of the Mediterranean, participants will be invited to express their personal experiences and their analyses.

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 Continuation of the 4 geographical agoras **“Diagnoses of the crises in the Mediterranean”**

17.00 – 17.15 : Coffee break

17.15 – 19.15 Continuation and end of the 4 geographical agoras **“Diagnoses of the crises in the Mediterranean”**

20.30 Departure from the Hotel by bus for the dinner

23.00 Return by bus to the Hotel.



Saturday, 3rd December

09.30 – 10.45 Presentation-discussion of the conclusions of the 4 geographical agoras **“Diagnoses of the crises in the Mediterranean”**

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.30 Start of the 4 thematic agoras **“Changes and Future in the Mediterranean ”**

Allow for an open, rich and plural dialogue between the participants of each agora with the aim of elaborating collectively concrete propositions for the future of the Mediterranean peoples. The dialogue will be organised around the following four themes:

- Agora 1: Citizen democracy: what political perspectives?
- Agora 2: Citizen democracy: what economic perspectives?
- Agora 3: Citizen democracy: Equality and participation
- Agora 4: Citizen democracy: cultural and religious dialogues

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.45 – 16.45 Continuation of the 4 thematic agoras **“Changes and Future in the Mediterranean ”**

16.45 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 19.00 Continuation of the 4 thematic agoras **“Changes and Future in the Mediterranean ”**

20.30 Departure from the Hotel by bus for the dinner

23.00 Return by bus to the Hotel.

Sunday, 4th December Closing session

09.15 – 9.45 Special Speech of M. **Edgar Morin**, member of the Consultative Council of the MCA.

09.45 – 11.00 Presentation-discussion of the conclusions of the 4 thematic agoras **“Changes and Future in the Mediterranean ”**

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.15 Closing Ceremony

Speakers:

- **Vicent Garcès**, member of the MCA Consultative Council, former MEP
- **Joseph Chilengi**, Chairman of the African Union Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Steering Committee
- **Katérina Stenou**, Director Cultural Policy Division UNESCO
- **Joseph Mifsud**, President of the Euro-Mediterranean University
- **Jean Marie Heydt**, President IONG Conference Council of Europe
- **Henry Marty Gauquié**, Director, Representative of the European Investment Bank Group in France and the Mediterranean
- **Moez Sinaoui**, Political Advisor, office of the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean
- **Sergio Piazzi**, Secretary General Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly
- Representation of the PLO (tbc)
- Presidency Pan-African Parliamentary Assembly (tbc)
- Tunisian Government (tbc)

13.30 Lunch



The first Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly, which took place in Valencia in July 2010, underlined the need to push for the emergence of a Mediterranean community of peoples, anchored in a Mediterranean political space and in a Mediterranean citizenship. Since 2011, the developments both in the North and South of the Mediterranean have demonstrated the citizens' determination to make a strong mark on the life of the City.

Thus, the nature and scope of the changes taking place in the South of the Mediterranean in 2011 are considerable. Whatever will be the outcomes of the shockwaves that started in Tunisia, there is no doubt that the face of this geographical area will have changed for good. Egypt has underlined the all but insignificant character of these events, and all the Mediterranean countries are expressing today, at different degrees, the depth of the gestations already in motion.

These dynamics can also be felt to the North of the Mediterranean, where a conjunction of factors has also reinforced the strong affirmation of citizenship in reaction to the political crisis. This same determination highlights the depth of their faith in a possible and profound improvement of their perspectives.

This second Assembly, which will be held in Tunis, will bring together 150 citizens from all countries of the Mediterranean, including representatives of various institutions and public entities present in the region.

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