

Biographies of Speakers

Opening remarks



Mr. Karim El Aynaoui

Karim El Aynaoui is Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University. He is also Managing Director of OCP Policy Center, a think tank based in Rabat and serves as advisor to the CEO and Chairman of OCP Group, a global leader in the phosphate sector. From 2005 to 2012, he worked at Bank Al-Maghrib, the Central Bank of Morocco. He was the Director of Economics and International Relations, where he provided strategic leadership in defining and supporting monetary policy analysis and strategy.



Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Mr. Loulichki is a Senior Fellow at OCP Policy Center who focuses on Diplomacy, conflicts resolution and Human rights. He has an extensive experience of 40 years in diplomacy and legal affairs. He assumed inter alia the functions of Head of the Department of Legal Affairs and Treaties in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Mr. El Habib Nadir

Secretary General of the Ministry Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs since 2014.

He is an Engineer in Process Engineering, graduated in 1990 from the National Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble. In 1994, he obtained a PHD in Sciences and Materials Engineering from the National Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble. Mr. Nadir began his career at the Ministry of Equipment as a Management Consultant (1995-2002), and then held the position of Head of the Central Communication Unit at the Secretariat of State in charge of Water (2003-2005).



Mr. Xavier Aragall Flaqué

Holds a degree in Political Science from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and studied Political and Social Science (PhD courses) at the Pompeu Fabra University. He has been Coordinator of the Migration Programmes in the IEMed and at present takes part of the scientific team of the Euromed Survey that assesses the progress, achievements and shortcomings of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

His fields of research and interest are comparative analysis of the EU-Mediterranean migration dynamics and policies, with specific focus on: external dimension of migration policies, border management, migration-development link.

Session I



Mr. Ahmed Driss

Ahmed Driss is the President-Director of the Centre of Mediterranean and International Studies. Until 2004, he worked as a Coordinator of the Programs at the Association des Etudes Internationales and he is a member of the governing council of the Académie internationale de droit constitutionnel since 2000. Ahmed Driss is also a Professor of International Relations at the University of Tunis El Manar and Université Centrale de Tunis. He holds a PhD degree in Law and Political Sciences.



Mr. Jamie Shea

Jamie Shea is a Fellow at Friends of Europe and has previously occupied a number of senior positions at NATO across a wide range of areas, including external relations, press and media, and policy planning. As NATO's Spokesman, he was the face of NATO during the Bosnia and Kosovo conflicts. He later worked as the Director of Policy Planning in the private office of former Secretary General Rasmussen during the preparation of NATO's 2010 Strategic Concept. Shea is also a regular lecturer and conference speaker on NATO and European security affairs.



Session II:

Mr. Abdelhak Bassou



Abdelhak Bassou is a Senior Fellow at OCP Policy Center who focuses on Security Studies and Strategies and Defense. He occupied several offices within the Directorate General of the Moroccan National Security where he was Borders' Division Chief from 1978 to 1993. He was the former Director of the Royal Institute of Police in 1998. He also served as the Chief of Regional Security (Errachidia 1999-2003, Sidi Kacem 2003-2005) and

Mr. Haim Malka



Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Middle East Program

Haim Malka is a senior fellow and deputy director of the Middle East Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., where he oversees the program's work on the North African Maghreb. His principal areas of research include drivers of radicalization, government strategies to combat extremism, religion and identity, violent nonstate actors, and North African politics and security.

Mr. Diop Mountaga



The Founder of Kirikou Association for Migrants cultural insertion in Morocco. Mr. Diop is a researcher in Law with a Master in "Humanitarian Law and Strategies (emergency, health and development)", by dedicating his thesis to the "Rights of Underage Sub-Saharan Migrants and Refugees in Morocco".

Session III



Mrs. Assia Bensalah Alaoui

Dr Assia BenSalah Alaoui, has a PhD in Law « The concept of Food Security » and a master in English Studies. Currently Ambassador at Large of his Majesty Mohamed VI, the King of Morocco, she is as well: * Vice-President of the Association of Moroccan-Japanese Friendship, and a Member of the BOT of a number of institutions among which “The Orientation Council of the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES), Rabat, Morocco; “The Moroccan-British Society”; “The International Advisory Board of The Bibliotheca Alexandrina and of the CITpax (Centro International de Toledo para la Paz; The Jury of the Hassan II World Prize for Water and the Board of « Leaders for Peace », Paris.



Mr. Bruno Tertrais

Senior Research Fellow, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS) (2001-2016) ; Assistant to the Director of Strategic Affairs, Defense ministry (1993-2001) ; Visiting Fellow, RAND Corporation (1995-1996) ; Director of the Civilian Affairs Committee, NATO Parliamentary Assembly (1990-1992) ; Research assistant, NATO Parliamentary Assembly (1989).



Mr. Gilles Pargneaux

Member of the European parliament - President Founder of EuroMedA Foundation. He is Vice-President of the Environment, Health and Food Safety Committee, a member of the Foreign Affairs, Budgetary Control and Security and Defense Committees. Sensitive to the stakes of cooperation between the EU, Maghreb and Mashrek countries, Gilles PARGNEAUX is chairman of the EU-Morocco friendship group, vice-president of the delegation for relations with Mashrek countries and member of the delegation for the relations with Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union in the European Parliament.



Mrs. Elina Ribakova

Elina Ribakova is a Visiting Fellow at Bruegel. Her expertise is in financial markets, emerging economies and central banking. She has an extensive career in finance at Citigroup, Amundi (a large European asset manager), Avantium (Emerging Markets dedicated hedge fund) and most recently as Managing Director of Research at Deutsche Bank.



Mrs. Haile Nigest

Nigest is an activist in the promotion of women in business, with particular focus to women exporters. She has 23 years experience working in the Ethiopian Ministry of Trade and Industry, at different capacities. In 2004, she founded CAWEE, a pioneer trade promotion organization working in the country, providing promotional and capacity building support service targeting women exporters.



Mr. Jean-Paul Tran Thiet

Lawyer, Senior Fellow at Institut Montaigne, Co-chair of the report Save the Right to Asylum - Institut Mont Jean-Paul Tran Thiet is the founder of the consulting firm JPTT & Partners. He moderated the energy taskforce of Institut Montaigne, and published extensively on energy policies and European issues. He chaired the taskforce "Climate Change & Nuclear Energy", published by Institut Montaigne in June 2016. He worked as a lawyer specialized in European economic law (competition, regulation, litigation). He was a partner at White & Case, and worked in multiple ministerial cabinets.

Session IV:



Mr. Ahmed Skim

Director of Migration Affairs. Engineer from the National Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble, France (1993) - Master of Business Administration (MBA) of the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris (2007) - Head of the Organization and Methods Division at the Directorate General of Hydraulics, Secretariat of State in charge of Water (March 2005-Dec. 2008) - Head of the Pilot Projects & Environmental Impact Studies Division, Secretariat of State in charge of Water and Environment (Dec. 2008-March 2011).



Mr. Steffen Angenendt

Since 2006 researcher at SWP, since 2015 Head of SWP's Global Issues Research Division. 2011-2014 »embedded researcher« within the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), migration adviser. 1993-2006 German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Managing Editor, Yearbook on International Relations, Head International Migration Program.



Mr. Emeka Iloh

Emeka Iloh currently works at the Politics and Governance Unit, African Heritage Institution. Emeka does research in International Security and Arms Control, Political Economy and International Relations. Their current project is 'World Trade Organization and the Politics of Food Security in West Africa'.