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Permanent Forum of Arab-African Dialogue  
on Democracy and Human Rights  
*2009 Edition*

## **Migrations in the Arab-African World**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**  
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Headquarters of the League of Arab States, Cairo, Egypt  
7 - 9 December 2009



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# Monday 7 December 2009

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**10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.**

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

**Boutros Boutros-Ghali**

President of the National Council for Human Rights of Egypt  
Vice-President of the Forum

**Irina Bokova**

Director-General of UNESCO

**Abdou Diouf**

Secretary General of La Francophonie and President of the Forum

**Ahmed Fathi Sorour**

Speaker of the Egyptian People's Assembly

**Aisha Abdel Hadi**

Minister of Manpower and Emigration of Egypt

**Federico Mayor**

President of the Foundation *Cultura de Paz*, Spain

**Julia Dolly Joiner**

Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission

**Bacre Ndiaye**

Director, Human Rights Council and Treaties Division  
Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights

**11.45 p.m. – 12.00 p.m.**

**PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Pierre Sané** (UNESCO)

Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

**12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Moderator

**Gertrude Mongella** (Tanzania)

African Women's Movement

**Aminata Traoré** (Mali)

Former Minister, essayist and Coordinator of the Forum for Another Mali (FORAM)

*Title: Living with Dignity and Moving Freely in the Arab-Muslim World:  
an Economic, Political and Cultural challenge*

**Debate**

*1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.*

*Lunch*

**3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

**STRATEGIES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

Moderator

**Pierre Sané** (UNESCO)

Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

**Julia Dolly Joiner** (AU)

Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission

*Title: Implementation of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance*

**Michel Forst** (France)

Secretary General, National Consultative Commission of Human Rights

*Title: The role of National Rights Human Institutions (NHRI) in States Parties of the  
African Union in the implementation by their government of the African Charter on  
Democracy, Elections and Governance*

**Debate**

# Tuesday 8 December 2009

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## **MIGRATIONS IN THE ARAB-AFRICAN WORLD**

### **Session 1: 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.**

Moderator

**Abid Hussain** (India)

Professor Emeritus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade – IIFT

**Paul de Guchteneire** (UNESCO)

Chief of the International Migration and Multicultural Policies Section, Social and Human Sciences Sector

*Title: Migration without Borders, Options for Future Policies*

**Jorge A. Bustamante** (Mexico)

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

*Title: Dialectics of International Migrations And Human Rights*

### **Debate**

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Pause

### **Session 2: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Moderator

**Pierre Cornillon** (France)

Honorary Secretary-General and former Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

**Toyin Falola** (Nigeria)

Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History and a Distinguished Teaching Professor, University of Texas at Austin, USA

*Title: Internal Migrations, Displacement and Refugees in Africa*

**Babacar Sall** (Senegal)

Sociologist, researcher and writer, editor of the collections "Alternatives rurales" and "Sociétés africaines et diaspora" at Harmattan

*Title: Impediments to the Protection of Migrant Workers' Rights in Several African Countries: Niger, Cameroon, Benin, Gabon and South Africa*

### **Debate**

12.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Lunch

## **MIGRATIONS IN THE ARAB-AFRICAN WORLD (CONTINUED)**

### **Session 3: 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

Moderator

**Alexei Vassiliev** (Russian Federation)

Director of the Institute for African and Arab Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Ayman Zohry** (Egypt)

Migrations expert

*Title: Taking Stock: A Review of the Existing Immigrant Communities in Egypt*

**Abdelhamid El Jamri** (Morocco)

Chairperson of the United National Migrant Workers Committee

*Title: New Forms of Regular Migration: Optimizing and Protecting Rights*

### **Debate**

### **Session 4: 4.30p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

Moderator

**Hugo Sada** (IOF)

International Organisation of La Francophonie

**Radhika Kanchana** (India)

PhD student at the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* in Paris

*Title: Indian 'Guest Worker' Entrepreneurs in UAE's Private Sector*

**Elena Ambrosetti** (Italy)

Researcher, UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations and Development,  
University of Rome "La Sapienza"

*Title: Respect of Borders, Respect to Borders in the Mediterranean Region*

### **Debate**

### **6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**

## **PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moderator

**Shahidul Haque** (IOM)

Representative of the International Organization for Migration in Cairo

**Bacre Ndiaye** (OHCHR)

Director, Human Rights Council and Treaties Division,  
Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights

**Paul de Guchteneire** (UNESCO)

Chief of the International Migration and Multicultural Policies Section, Social and  
Human Sciences Sector

# Wednesday 9 December 2009

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**10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

**PLENARY SESSION**

Moderator

**Pierre Sané**

Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

**DISCUSSION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE  
MIGRATIONS IN THE ARAB-AFRICAN WORLD**

*1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.*

*Lunch*

**3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FORUM**

Statute, future themes, logistical aspects and Forum 2010

Moderators

**Boutros Boutros-Ghali**

President of the National Council for Human Rights of Egypt

Vice-President of the Forum

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**Pierre Sané**

Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

*5.00 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.*

*Pause*

**5.15 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY**

Adoption of the Cairo Declaration