

## 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION OF SKHIRAT INTERNATIONAL FORUM

### INITIATIVE FOR AN ATLANTIC COMMUNITY

November 30 & December 1, 2012

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#### Day One - Friday, November 30

08h00 - 09h00 Registration

09h00 - 09h45 Opening session and Forum's introduction

- **Mr. Ahmed Lahlimi Alami**, High Commissioner for Planning
- **Mr. Jean-Claude Thébault**, Director General of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), European Commission
- **Message of President José Manuel Barroso**

09h45 - 11h30 **Session I: New Governance for the Atlantic Space? (Part 1)**

*Could the economic and financial crisis, the new agenda of sustainable development and all kinds of threats that affect regional security find in the Atlantic Space an appropriate framework for comprehensive responses?*

*In these conditions, super powers, regional unions and intercontinental alliances take into consideration all threats and undertake revisions of their strategic paradigms to better respond to new parameters of global security and international stability. What assets are available to the Atlantic bordering countries to make this space a suitable framework for common operational strategies to contribute to the restructuring of the global geostrategic multipolarity, the sustainability of growth, human development, and global security in the world?*

*Under these conditions, what are the opportunities and challenges of the ambitious Atlantic Community Initiative within the perspective of new regional governance based on shared interests, values, and responsibility?*

**President - Moderator :**

**His Excellency Mr. Victor Borges**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cape Verde

**Speakers :**

- **Mr. Pierre Vimont**, Executive Secretary General of the European External Action Service, European Union
- **His Excellency Mr. Hassan Abouyoub**, Former Minister of Agriculture, Ambassador of Morocco in Italy, Morocco
- **His Excellency Mr. Abdelouahed Radi**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Former President of the Chamber of representatives, Former Minister,

First Secretary of the USFP, Morocco

- **His Excellency Mr. Youssef Ouedraogo**, Former Prime Minister of Burkina Fasso and Special Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank
- **His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Stuart Holliday**, President of Meridian International Center, USA
- **His Excellency Mr. Jaime Gama**, Former President of the Republic Assembly, Portugal
- **His Excellency Mr. Aveledo S. Ramon Guillermo**, Executive Secretary of « *Mesa de la Unidad Democratica* », Venezuela

**11h30-11h45** Coffee Break

**11h45 – 12h45** **Session I: New Governance for the Atlantic Space? (Part 2)**

**President - Moderator :**

**Mr. Elles James**, Member of the European Parliament, EU

**Speakers :**

- **His Excellency Lopo Fortunato Ferreira do Nascimento**, Deputy at the Assembly, Former Planning Minister of External Trade and of Territorial Administration, Angola
- **His Excellency Mr. Luis Amado**, Former State Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Former National Defense Minister, President of the Administration Council of BANIF, Portugal
- **Admiral Mr. Jacques Lanxade**, President of the Mediterranean Foundation for Strategic Studies, France
- **M. Ahmed Ould Daddah**, President of “*Parti du Rassemblement des Forces Démocratiques*”, Mauritania
- **Mr. Babacar Diallo**, President of the Organization for the Alliance of African States Bordering the Atlantic, Director General of the Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies of Dakar, Senegal

**12h45-13h15** Debate (The floor will be given in priority to registered participants)

**Mr. Roel Van Der Veen, Mr. Abdellah Saaf...**

**13h15-15h00** Lunch

**15h00-16h30** **Session II: What economic agenda for the Atlantic Space?**

*Could the Atlantic Initiative constitute an appropriate framework for concerted action to address the global economy dysfunctioning and contribute to find a solution to the crisis through shared growth and sustainable and solidar development? Can it provide an opportunity to improve the economic and institutional framework of the corporate enterprise to meet the expectations of the private sector, integrate their investments and partnerships with the public sector in*

*the strategic agenda of the Atlantic Space and contribute to regional trade integration?*

*Should knowledge and know-how sharing become a structural factor of the regional development model? What are the opportunities to strengthen academic cooperation and promote research and consulting in the development of investments and technology, trade and services exchanges? By which dynamics can these opportunities contribute to a greater mutual knowledge among social and economic elites of the Atlantic space particularly private enterprises, youth, civil society and to a better use of its human resources?*

**President - Moderator :**

**Mr. Jorge Braga De Macedo**, President of “*Instituto de Investigação Científica Tropical*” (Tropical Scientific Research Institute), Portugal

**Speakers :**

- **His Excellency Mr. Roberto Lavagna**, Former Minister of Economy, Economist, Argentina
- **His Excellency Mr. Abdel Kader Ould Mohamed Ahmedou**, Former Minister of UMA, Mauritania
- **His Excellency Mr. Juan José Daboub**, Founding CEO of the Global Adaptation Institute, Former Managing Director of the World Bank, and Former Finance Minister, El Salvador
- **Mrs Miriem Bensalah-Chaqroun**, President of the *Confédération Générale des Entreprises du Maroc* (CGEM), Morocco
- **Mr. Mario Pezzini**, Director of the Development Center of OECD
- **M. Abdellatif Faouzi**, Director General of the Central Bank, Bank Al Maghrib, Morocco
- **Mr. Carlos Braga**, Director of the Evian Group, Professor at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Mrs Angela Liberatore**, Deputy Head of Unit - EU Neighbourhood, Africa and the Gulf, European Commission

**16h30-17h30** Debate (The floor will be given in priority to registered participants)

**Mr. Youssef Rouissi, Mr. Mohamed Larbi Messari, Mrs Claire Spencer, Mr. Wim Klooster, Mr. Alioune Sarr, ...**

**17h30-17h45** Coffee Break

**17h45-18h45** **Session III: For a responsible use of the common Atlantic heritage**

*Could the stakeholders in the Atlantic Space manage the Atlantic heritage through concertation and co-responsibility within the context of climate change? What are the common approaches to safeguard land and sea natural resources for future generations? Could we envisage common rules and disciplines for socially responsible*

*management of marine space, natural and water resources, and energy potential?*

**President - Moderator :**

**His Excellency Mr. Avelado S. Ramon Guillermo**, Executive Secretary of « *Mesa de la Unidad Democratica* », Venezuela

**Speakers :**

- **Her Excellency Mrs Assia Bensalah Alaoui**, Ambassador at large, Morocco
- **Mr. Dorval Brunelle**, Director, Institute of International Studies of Montreal, UQAM, Canada
- **Mr. Alfredo Valladao**, Professor at Sciences Po, President of Advisory Committee Association of *EU-Brasil*, Brazil
- **Mr. José Rodriguez Elizondo**, Lawyer, Professor, Expert in diplomacy and International relation, Chili
- **Mr. Giovanni Bidoglio**, Head of the Water Resources Unit at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
- **Mr. Armando Astudillo**, Adviser at the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries DG, European Commission

**18h45-19h45** Debate (The floor will be given in priority to registered participants)

**Mr. Reinaldo Figueredo, Mr. Roel Van der Veen, Dr. Jean Delors Biyogue-Bi-Ntougou, Mr. Papa Ndiaye, Mr. Aziz Mekouar, Mr. Victor Borges...**

## Day Two - Saturday, December 1

9h00 - 10h30

### Morning : Workshops

#### **Workshop A: What Energy Security for the Atlantic Space?**

*Is a coordinated response to energy security objective feasible? What will be the long-term impact of energy policies of Atlantic countries? Is a cooperative rather than competitive scenario possible for present and future energy resources? How Atlantic States and institutions can cooperate to promote clean energy? What are the opportunities of interregional cooperation in the field of energy? How to integrate the private sector in the implementation of an Atlantic strategy of energy security?*

#### **President - Moderator :**

**Mr. Bart Gordon**, Former Congressman, Chairman Science and Technology Committee US House, USA

#### **Speakers :**

- **Her Excellency Mrs Amina Benkhadra**, Former Minister, Director General of the National Office of Hydrocarbon and Mining (ONHYM), Morocco
- **His Excellency Reinaldo Figueredo**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Venezuela
- **Mr. Mustapha Bakkoury**, President of the Executive Board of the Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (Masen), Secretary General of the Authenticity and Modernity Party, Morocco
- **Mr. Jeroen Van Der Veer**, Former CEO of Royal Dutch Shell, Netherlands
- **Mr. Michael Köhler**, Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner of Energy, European Union
- **Mr. Antonio Carlos Lessa**, Editor of « Revista Brasileira de Politica Internacional, Brazil
- **Mr. Moubarak Lo**, Deputy Chief of Staff of the President of Senegal Republic

10h30-11h00 Coffee Break

11h00-12h00 Debate

#### **Workshop B: What Food Security for the Atlantic Space?**

*What is the relationship between food, agriculture and security? How can states and non-governmental stakeholders promote their cooperation in order to enhance food security? What is the impact of climate change on food security? How to mobilize private investment for agricultural production and food processing industry, in accordance with the sustainable use of natural resources?*

**President - Moderator :**

**Her Excellency Mrs Assia Bensalah Alaoui**, Ambassador at large, Morocco

**Speakers :**

- **Her Excellency Mrs Maria Laura Leguizamon**, National Senator, Argentina
- **His Excellency Mr. Roberto Lavagna**, Former Minister of Economy, Argentina
- **Mr. Antonin Dossou**, Director of the Prime Minister Office, Benin
- **Mr. Mohamed Ait Kadi**, Director of the National Council of Agricultural Development, Morocco
- **Mr. Mohamed Soual**, Chief Economist at the OCP (*Office Chérifien des Phosphates*), Morocco
- **Mr. Pacheco Joao**, Deputy Director General of Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- **Mr. Papa NDiaye**, Director of the Biologie and fish Ecology Laboratory, Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal

**10h30-11h00** Coffee Break

**11h00-12h00** Debate

**Workshop C: What new paradigms for a new regional security in a prospective approach?**

*In the present historical context, what are the inputs that an Atlantic community perspectives could offer to secure stability and development in the region and create the life conditions characterized by peace and well being for all its people.*

*How to secure the Atlantic Space, and under which conditions to enable it to face common threats and requirements of human security against violence, piracy, drugs, weapons and human trafficking, as well as against natural disasters?*

**President - Moderator :**

**Colonel Gueye Charles**, Special Adviser to the President of the Republic, Research Director of Strategy and Defence of CEDS, Senegal

**Speakers :**

- **Colonel Manuel Correia de Barros**, Vice-president of Executive Council of Centro de Estudos Estratégicos, Angola
- **Mr. Louis Gautier**, Advisor at la *Cour des Comptes*, President of Orion, France
- **Dr. J. Peter Pham**, Director of the Michael S. Ansari Africa Center, Atlantic Council, USA.
  
- **Admiral Mr. Jean Dufourcq**, Marine Academician and Editor in Chief of the magazine "*Défense Nationale*", France

- **Mrs Carina Perelli**, Security and Defense Network of Latin America, Uruguay
- **Mr. Mohammed Benhammou**, President of the Moroccan Center of Strategic Studies, Morocco
- **Mr. Patrice Cardot**, In charge of multilateral and regional issues at the General Council of Armaments, France
- **Mr. Yossef Bodansky**, Director of research, the international Strategic Studies Association, USA
- **Mr. Charles Saint-Prot**, Director of « l'Observatoire d'Etudes Géopolitiques », France

**10h30-11h00** Coffee Break

**11h00-12h00** Debate

**12h30 -14h30** Lunch

**14h30-16h00** **Session IV : Presentation of the draft of conclusions of the workshops and open debate**

**President - Moderator :**

**Admiral Mr. Jean Dufourcq**, Marine Academician and Editor in Chief of the magazine "*Défense Nationale*", France

- Presentation of the draft of conclusions of the Workshops by their President-Moderators
- Intervention of **Mr. Henri Guaino**, Deputy of Yvelines, Former Special Advisor to the French President Nicolas Sarkozy, France
- Open Debate

**16h00-16h30** Coffee Break

**14h30-16h30** **Meeting of the Committee in charge of drafting the forum's conclusions and updating the "Agenda for the Future" of the first edition of Skhirat.**

**16h30** **Closing Session**

- **Presentation of the Conference conclusions**
- **Agenda for the Future**