

A common vision for a progressive Arab world Listening to the Progressive Mediterranean initiative

Cairo, 19-20 January 2013

Draft programme

Saturday 19 January 2013: GPF Conference "Progressives Together for Social Justice and Human Rights"

- 09.00 - 10.00 **Opening**
Chaired by Ms. ESDP Women
Mr. Sergei Stanishev, President, Party of European Socialists
Mr. Hannes Swoboda, President, S&D Group in the European Parliament
Mr. Mohamed Abulghar, Chairman, Egyptian Social Democratic Party
- 10.00 - 11.30 **First plenary: "Empowering people through a decent welfare system - equal opportunities for women and men"**
Chaired by Mr. Libor Roucek, Vice President of the S&D Group
Mr. Neven Mimica, Deputy Prime Minister, SDP Croatia
Ms. Suzan Afifi, Member of the Preparing Committee, JSDP Jordan
Mr. Husam Zomlot, Dep. Commissioner for International Relations, Fatah Palestine
Ms. Emer Costello, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group
Mr. Karim Baloul, Member of Parliament, International Secretary, FFS Algeria
- 11.30 - 13.00 **Second plenary: "Youth unemployment - progressive solutions"**
Chaired by Ms. Madder Wafa, Member of the Political Bureau, FDTL Tunisia
Mr. Ian Lucas, Shadow Minister for Middle East and Africa, MP, LP UK
Ms. Carmen Romero Lopez, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group
Mr. Urban Ahlin, MP, Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs, SAP Sweden
Mr. Kristian Vigenin, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group
Mr. Rhmani Jamal, Member of the Political Bureau, USFP Morocco
- 13.00 - 15.00 **Lunch Break**
- 15.00 - 16.30 **Third plenary: "Progressive proposals for social and economic development"**
Chaired by Mr. Conny Reuter, Secretary General, SOLIDAR
Mr. George Sabra, Party Leader and President of the SNC, SDPP Syria
Ms. Ana Gomes, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group
Mr. Hassan Hakimian, Director of the London Middle East Institute, SOAS UK
Mr. Nasser Zafer, Secretary General, PSP Lebanon
Ms. Shazia Ilimi, Spokesperson, India Against Corruption movement
- 16.30 - 17.00 **Adoption of Commitment Declaration**
Chaired by Ms. Jan Royall, Vice-President, Party of European Socialists
Report first plenary: Ms. Signe Brudeset, International Secretary, DNA Norway

Report second plenary: Ms. Maisoon Qadoomi, Member of the Youth Leadership, Fatah Palestine

Report third plenary: Ms. Kirsten Meijer, International Secretary, PvdA Netherlands

17.00 - 17.30

Public Closing

Mr. Hamdeen Sabbahy, Former Presidential Candidate, Egypt

Mr. Jean-Christophe Cambadélis, Vice President, PES

Ms. Veronique De Keyser, Vice President, S&D Group in the EP

19.30 - 22.00

Dinner – Reception

Mr. Massimo D'Alema, President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Sunday 20 January 2013: "Arab Social Democratic Forum"

09.00 - 09.45

Opening

Chaired by ESDP Women

Mr. Mohamed Abulghar, Chairman, Egyptian Social Democratic Party

Mr. Mustapha Ben Jaafar, President of the Constituent Assembly, FDTL Tunisia

Mr. Nabeel Shaath, Commissioner for International Relations, Fatah Palestine

Mr. Hamdeen Sabbahy, Former Presidential Candidate, Egypt

09.45 - 10.00

Keynote speech: Mr. Massimo D'Alema, President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

10.00 - 11.30

First plenary: "*Identifying the common challenges*"

Chaired by Mr. Emad Gad, Deputy Chairman for Foreign Affairs, ESDP Egypt
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Ms. Messaadi Sihem, Member of the National Council, FDTL Tunisia

Mr. Mohamed G. A. Alsaqladi, Member of the Political Bureau, SP Yemen

Mr. Abdulrazak Aziz Mirza, Head of Foreign Relations, PUK Iraq

Mr. Mustafa Barghouthi, Secretary General, PNI Palestine

11.30 - 13.00

Second plenary: "*Towards a united progressive movement*"

Chaired by Ms. Nihaya Altelbani, Gaza Strategic Planning Representative, Fatah Palestine

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Mr. Wahid Qarmash, Member of the Preparing Committee, JSDP Jordan

Mr. Chafaa Bouaiche, Member of Parliament, FFS Algeria

Ms. Carina Hägg, Member of Parliament, SAP Sweden

13.00 - 14.00

Closing session