

Draft Programme (as of May 10, 2007)

EuroMeSCo-Senior Officials Meeting

„Governance, Reform and Human Rights in the Euromed Region“

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin, May 30/31 2007

Wednesday, 30 May

19:30 **Welcome Dinner at the International Club, Federal Foreign Office**

Keynote address by Günter Gloser, Minister of State for Europe,
Federal Foreign Office
“German Priorities in the Med-Region during the Presidency and Beyond”

Thursday, 31 May

09:00-9:30 **Opening Session - Introductions**

Volker Perthes, Director, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP),
Berlin
Horst Freitag, Commissioner for Near and Middle Eastern Affairs
and the Maghreb, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
Álvaro de Vasconcelos, EuroMeSCo; Director, EU Institute for
Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

9:30-11:00 **Governance, Reform and Human Rights in the Euromed Region**

Chair: Muriel Asseburg, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
Berlin

- *Where do we stand?*, Tobias Schumacher, EuroMeSCo, Lisbon
- *Building on earlier EuroMeSCo Workshops*, Abdallah Saaf, Centre des Études et de Recherches en Sciences Sociales (CERSS) (tbc), Rabat / Salam Kawakibi, Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center (KDTC), Paris
- *Comments from a Southern Perspective*, N.N.
- *Comments from a Northern Perspective*, N.N.

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 Elections and Election Monitoring

Chair: Meliha Altunisik, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

- *Internationally Agreed Standards in the Conduct of Elections*, Renate Schimkoreit, Head of Division Euro-Mediterranean Partnership/BMENA, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
- *The OSCE-Model*, Lena Kolarska Bobinska, Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), Warsaw
- *Election Monitoring: Pitfalls and Challenges*, Karam Karam, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS), Beirut
- *What role for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP)?* N.N.

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 Benchmarking: Pros and Cons

Chair: Álvaro de Vasconcelos, EuroMeSCo; Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

- *Benchmarking as a Way to Promote Good Governance?*, Risto Veltheim, Euromed-Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Helsinki
- *Benchmarking as a Way to Promote Human Rights?*, Ahmed Driss, Association des Etudes Internationales (AEI), Tunis
- *Elaborating a Framework for Benchmarking – Some Proposals*, Raffaella Del Sarto, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
- *The Copenhagen Criteria: The Turkish Experience*, Ahmet Doğan, Chief of Department, EU Secretariat General, Ankara
- *Evaluating Progress in Human Rights and Democratic Development*, Azzam Mahjoub, University of Tunis

16:00 Coffee and Farewell

Please note, that the conference language will be English, but, of course, contributions in French are just as welcome!