



ROUND TABLE ON
MOROCCAN-SOUTH AFRICAN
RELATIONS



RABAT, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2019



PROGRAM

Friday, February 22, 2019

- 09H00 - 09H15: Registration of participants.

Opening

- 09H15 - 09H30: Opening speech by **Mr. Tawfik Mouline**, Director General of IRES, Rabat.
- 09H30 - 09H45: Allocution by **Dr. Greg Mills**, Director of the Brenthurst Foundation, Johannesburg.
- 09H45 - 09H50: Presentation of the session's programme by **Ambassador Mohammed Belmahi**, IRES Research Fellow and the Round Table's Coordinator, Rabat.

Theme 1: The Mutual Perceptions of the Respective Images of Morocco and South Africa.

Moderator: Ms. Sanusha Naidu, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Dialogue, Pretoria.

- 09H50 - 10H10: "The Perception of the Image of Morocco in South Africa", by **Mrs. Liesl Louw-Vaudran**, Senior Research Consultant, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria.
- 10H10 - 10H30: "The Perception of the Image of South Africa in Morocco" ", by **Pr. Mhammed Echkoundi**, Institut des Études Africaines, Université Mohammed V, Rabat.
- 10H30 - 11H00: Questions and answers.

Theme 2: Economic and Social Relations Between Morocco and South Africa.

Moderator: Ambassador Mohammed Belmahi.

- 11H00 - 11H20: "Economic Relations between Morocco and South Africa, a Moroccan Perspective", by **Dr. Brahim Benjelloun**, Group Executive Managing Director at BMCE Bank of Africa, Casablanca.
- 11H20 - 11H40: "Economic Relations between Morocco and South Africa, a South African Perspective", by **Mr. Paul Runge**, Director at Africa House, a business consulting firm, Johannesburg.

- 11H40 - 12H00: "Morocco and South Africa – Brothers from another Mother", by **Mr. Elmahdi Oummih**, Director at Astoria Values, New York; former Director, African Leadership Academy, Roodepoort, South Africa.
- 12H00 - 12H30: Questions and answers.

Lunch Break

- 12H45 - 13H45: Lunch to be served at IRES.

Theme 3: Cooperating within the African Union

Moderator: **Mr. Peter Fabricius**, Journalist, specializing in covering foreign affairs and Africa, Pretoria.

- 14H00 - 14H20: "Cooperating within the African Union, the view from South Africa", by **Mrs. Liesl Louw-Vaudran**, Senior Research Consultant, ISS, Pretoria.
- 14H20 - 14H40: "Cooperating within the African Union, the view from Morocco", by **Pr. Abdelaziz Barre**, Mohammed V University, Rabat and IRES Research Fellow.
- 14H40 - 15H10: Questions and answers.

Theme 4: Political and diplomatic issues between Morocco and South Africa

Moderator: **Dr. El Arbi Mrabet**, Professor of International Law, former Governor-Coordinator with the MINURSO and IRES Research Fellow, Rabat.

- 15H10 - 15H40: "Political and diplomatic issues between Morocco and South Africa, a South African perspective", by **Dr. Greg Mills**.
- 15H40 - 16H10: "Political and diplomatic issues between Morocco and South Africa, a Moroccan perspective", by **Ambassador Mohammed Belmahi**.
- 16H10 - 16H50: Questions and answers.

Synthesis and Recommendations

- 17H00 - 17H20: Synthesis and recommendations from the South African side, by **Mr. Na'eem Jeenah**, Executive Director of the Africa-Middle East Centre, Johannesburg.
- 17H20 – 17H40: Synthesis and recommendations from the Moroccan side, by **Dr. El Arbi Mrabet**.

Concluding Remarks

- 17H40 - 18H00: By **Mr. Tawfik Mouline**, Director General of IRES.