

## EU-Arab Civil Society Dialogue

# TAKING STOCK FOR A REVISED EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD POLICY (SOUTH)

**When:** Brussels, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Where:** European Endowment for Democracy

9:00 – Coffee and Registration	
<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Moderator: Maurice Claassens, CONCORD EPAN Working Group	
9.15-09.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irene Mingasson, Head Of Unit- Regional Programs Neighbourhood South DG DEVCO<sup>TBC</sup></li> <li>Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director European Endowment for Democracy (EED)</li> <li>Ziad Abdel Samad, Director of ANND</li> <li>Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary General of ALDA- The European Association for Local Democracies and Chair of the EPAN working Group of CONCORD.</li> </ul>
<b>Session One (10.00-13.00)</b> <b>Promoting Policy Coherence for Development as part of the European Neighborhood Policy</b> Moderator: Olivier Consolo, Freelance Activist Rapporteur: Marina Sarli, CONCORD Greece	
10.00-10.20	<p><b>Strengthening the rights-based approach in the EU development model (and the role of private sector) towards the region,</b> <i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Larabi Jaidi, ANND Delegate from Morocco</li> <li>Sabine Terlicki, Head of Policy CONCORD<sup>TBC</sup></li> <li>Carlos Cabo, Board Member CONCORD</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers (20 minutes)</i></p>
10.40-11:00	<p><b>Reinforcing trade and investment policies with Arab Countries</b> <i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Samir Aita, ANND Delegate from Syria</li> <li>Anelia Stefanova, Program Director CEE Bankwatch Network</li> <li>Marc Maes, Chair Trade and Development Task Force CONCORD<sup>TBC</sup></li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers (20 minutes)</i></p>
11.20-12.00	<p><b>Enhancing the social dimension of EU policies to tackle rising, wide-spread inequalities</b> <i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ahmad Awad ,ANND Delegate from Jordan</li> <li>Ashraf Hussain, ANND Delegate from Egypt</li> <li>Rachid Malaoui, President of SNAPAP and CGATA from Algeria.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deidre De Burca, World Vision International</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Answers (20 minutes)</p>
12.20-12.45	<p><b>Building solidarity within the EU Immigration and Asylum Policy</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predo Narro, European Economic and Social Committee</li> <li>• Giovanna Tanzarella, EuroMed Platform</li> <li>• CONCORD Italy<sup>TBC</sup></li> <li>• Abdeljelil Bedoui, ANND Delegate from Tunisia</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Answers (15 minutes)</p>
<p><b>Lunch Break (13.00-14.00)</b></p>	
<p><b>Session Two (14.00-16.30)</b>  <b>The Role of Civil Society in the partnership: prospects and challenges</b>  Moderator: Ziad Abdel Samad, Director of ANND  Rapporteur: Maurice Claassens, Convener CONCORD EPAN Working Group</p>	
14.00-14.30	<p><b>Civil society dialogue in the region: cases from Egypt, Palestine and Lebanon</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magdy Abdel Hameed, ANND Delegate from <b>Egypt</b></li> <li>• Mohsen Ramadan, ANND Delegate from <b>Palestine</b></li> <li>• Samer Abdallah ANND Delegate from <b>Lebanon</b></li> </ul>
14.50-15.10	<p><b>Mechanisms for a Structured Regional Dialogue between Civil Society, Authorities and the EU</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas McGrath and Peter Gebert, EEAS</li> </ul>
15.20-15.40	<p><b>Defining new priorities for the Civil Society Facility</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jose Luis Vinuesa-Santamaria &amp; Karima Saqui, Human and Social Development, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG NEAR</li> <li>• Zahra Bazzi, ANND Delegate from Lebanon</li> </ul>
16:00-16:15	<p><b>ENP Progress Monitoring Process 2015</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Seiler, European Neighbourhood Policy Division European External Action Service (EEAS)</li> </ul>
16:15-16:40	<p><b>Wrap up and final remarks</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ziad Abdel Samad, Director ANND</li> <li>• Seams Jefferson, Director CONCORD</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>	

**Session Three: Concluding Policy Recommendations and Strategic networking between European and Arab CSOs**

**Moderator: Antonella Valmorbidia, Secretary General of ALDA - The European Association for Local Democracies and Chair of the EPAN working Group of CONCORD.**

17.00-18.00 **Defining common Advocacy points “Taking Stock for a revised European Neighborhood Policy” (South)**

*Speakers:*

- Marina Sarli, CONCORD Greece
- Maurice Claassens, CONCORD EPAN Working Group
- Ziad Abdel Samad, Director ANND
- Roland Biache, Euromed Platform

*Discussion and follow up*

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