



**The gap between narratives and practices.
Darfur: the responses from the Arab world**

*Laico Tunis Hotel, Avenue Mohamed V, Tunis.
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PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2009

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Taïeb Baccouche, President, Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR)
Pierre Schori, Director, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE)
Mariano Aguirre, Director, Norwegian Peacebuilding Center (NOREF)

09.30 – 11.00 **PANEL 1: Arab approaches towards human rights crisis: the case of Darfur**

I. Darfur and Arab Public Opinion: Strategies for Engagement

- **Jacob Hoigilt**, Middle East Researcher, FAFO Institute for Applied International Studies, Oslo.

Commentaries by:

- **Mohamed Kadry Said**, Military Advisor, Al- Ahrum Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Al-Ahram Foundation, Cairo.

Debate moderated by:

- **Haggag Nayel**, Secretary General of the Arab Coalition for Darfur, Cairo.

11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 – 13.00 **PANEL 2: Arab states' political responses towards the conflict in Darfur**

I. Darfur: Response from the Arab world

- **Noha Bakr**, American University of Cairo

Commentaries by:

- **H.E. Ambassador Dr. Mahmoud Farghal**, Director of Training and Programs, Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA).

Debate moderated by:

- **Theodore Murphy**, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva.

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 – 17.00 **PANEL 3: Regional organizations: African Union and Arab League. Policies and practical capacities in conflict management and mediation.**

I. The AU and the Darfur Crisis: A Regional Response to an International Problem

- **Sarjoh Bah**, Senior Fellow, and Coordinator, African Security Institutions, Center on International Cooperation, New York University.
- **Khalid Mustafa Medani**, Assistant Professor Political Science Department and the Islamic Studies Institute McGill University, Montreal.

II. Bridging the gap between narrative and practices: The role of the Arab League in Darfur

- **Annette Weber**, Middle East and Africa Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP, Berlin.
- **Samir Hosni**, Ambassador, Head of Africa and Afro-Arab Cooperation Department, Arab League of States.

Debate moderated by:

- **Pierre Schori**, Director, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE)

17.00-17.30

BREAK

17.30-18.00

Intervention (Security Council Resolutions under Chapter VII):

- **Pierre Schori**, Director, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE)

20.00

Dinner

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 2009

09.00 – 11.00

PANEL 4: Responses from the European Union and the United States

I. Realigning US Foreign Policy with Reality in Darfur: Formulating a Whole-of-Sudan Policy

- **Allison Rohe**, Independent Consultant, NY.
- **Amir Osman**, Senior Director, Policy and Government Relations, Save Darfur Coalition, Washington D.C.

II. The EU's role towards the Darfur crisis since 2003 until today

- **Giji Gya**, Executive Director, International Security Information Service (ISIS Europe), Brussels, Belgium.
- **Ambassador Torben Bryllie**, European Union's Special Representative for Darfur

Debate moderated by:

- **Mariano Aguirre**, Director, Norwegian Peacebuilding Center (NOREF)

11.00 – 12.15 **PANEL 5: The United Nations**

I. UN response to the Darfur crisis

- **Joanna Weschler**, Research Director, Security Council Report, NY.
- Commentaries by:
- **Ahmed Rufai Abubakar**, Senior Political Affairs Officer, UNAMID
 - **Michael Gaouette**, Team Leader, Sudan Integrated Operational team, UN, NY.

Debate moderated by:

- **Caroline Baudot**, Director, Crisis Action, Paris.
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12.15– 12.30 **Coffee break**

12.30– 13.30 **PANEL 6: Voices from the field, a roundtable on practical needs**

- **Albaqir Mukhtar**, Director, Al Khatim Adlan Center for Enlightenment and Human Development, Khartoum.
- **Hala Abdelhaleem**, Lawyer and President of the New Forces Democratic Movement (HAQ), Khartoum

Debate moderated by:

- **Meredith Preston McGhie**, Project Manager- Africa. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Nairobi.
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13.30- 14.30 **PANEL 7: Opportunities and challenges for an international engagement in Darfur that guarantees protection**

I. International engagement in the Darfur conflict: protecting civilians?

- **David Lanz**, Swiss Peace, Bern.

II. Darfuri Diaspora: Protection of Refugees and IDPs

- **Ashraf Milad**, Coordinator of the Arab Coalition for Darfur, Cairo.

Debate moderated by:

- **Taïeb Baccouche**, President, Arab Institute for Human Rights
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14.30 – 14.45 **CONCLUSIONS**

14.45 **Lunch**

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