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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue

Assembleia da República
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Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean

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THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

10.30 – 11.00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

11.00 – 11.30 OPENING SESSION

Opening addresses by:

Mr Eduardo FERRO RODRIGUES
President of the Parliament of Portugal

Mr René ROUQUET
Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Tomáš BOČEK
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees

11.30 – 13.00 DIASPORA CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

Keynote address by:

Mr William LACY SWING
Director General, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Debate

13.00 – 15.00 *Lunch offered by the Parliament of Portugal*

SESSION 1 RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

15.00 -16.30 Democratic participation of Diaspora

Moderator: Mr Carlos Alberto GONÇALVES
Member of the Portuguese Delegation to the PACE

Keynote Speakers:

Mr Eduardo CABRITA
Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Portugal

Mr Talip KÜÇÜKCAN
Chairperson of the Turkish Delegation to the PACE

Ms Kateryna YUSHCHENKO
First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010, Chairperson of the Supervisory
Board, Ukraine 3000 International Foundation

Debate

16.30 – 16.45 *Coffee-break*

16.45- 18.15 **Diaspora's impact on the development of the countries of origin**

**The case for a European Parliamentary Network on Diaspora
Policies**

Mr Andrea RIGONI
Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-
European countries of origin and transit of the Committee on
Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE

Moderator: Ms Olga COPTU
Head of the Bureau for Relations with Diaspora of Moldova

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Götz SCHMIDT-BREMME
Ambassador for the 2017-2018 Global Forum on Migration and
Development (GFMD)

Mr Filipe DE BOTTON
President of the Portuguese Council of Diaspora

Mr Jean-Christophe DUMONT
Head of the International Migration Department of the OECD

Debate

20.00 *Reception at the invitation of the Parliamentary Assembly*
Casa da Morna & Semba Restaurant
Rua Cozinha Economica 11, 1300—149 Lisbon
<http://restaurantecasadamorna.com/pt>

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

SESSION 2 RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRIES

9.00 – 10.30 Promotion of intercultural dialogue

Moderator: Mr António GAMITO
Executive Director
North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Keynote Speakers:

Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGNI'
Former member of the French National Assembly, representing the
French living abroad

Mr Júlio VILELA
Director General for consular affairs and Portuguese communities
abroad

Debate

10.30-10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45 – 12.15 Role of Diaspora in building cohesive societies

Moderator: Mr Jean Marie HEYDT
Chair of the Executive Committee of the North South Centre

Keynote Speakers:

Mr Armen ASHOTYAN
Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations,
National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Ms Amina KHALID
Vice-President of the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe

Debate

FINAL SESSION

12.15-13.00 Conclusions and adoption of the final Declaration

Chairperson: Ms Ana Catarina MENDES
Chairperson of the Portuguese Delegation to the PACE

Mr Andrea RIGONI
Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE

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