



## 9.30 A.M.: OPENING CEREMONY SPEECHES

**Ms Irina Bokova**

Director-General of UNESCO

**Mr Nickolay Mladenov**

Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghali**

Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Mr Nassif Hitti**

Ambassador, representative of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States

**Mr Abdou Diouf**

Secretary General of La Francophonie

## 10 A.M.: SESSION – DEBATE I

DEBATE MODERATED BY PASCAL BONIFACE, DIRECTOR OF THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC RELATIONS INSTITUTE (IRIS)

**Democratic transitions around the world: other times, other places • Women's rights: the other much-needed revolution • Ethics and founding institutions • Transitional justice, reconciliation and renewed confidence • Public domain, civil society and democratic participation • Religion and politics**

### PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order)*

**Robert Badinter**, Senator, lawyer, academic, essayist, former Minister of Justice, France – **Amal Basha**, Chairperson of the Arab Sisters Forum for Human Rights, Yemen – **Abdel Basset Ben Hassen**, President of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (AIHR) – **Dominique Baudis**, President of the *Institut du monde arabe* (Arab World Institute), France – **Alya Chérif Chamhari**, lawyer and Executive Director of the *Collectif 95 Maghreb Égalité*, Tunisia – **Anders B. Johnsson**, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) – **Chérif Khaznadar**, President of the *Maison des cultures du monde* (World Cultures Institute), France – **Latifa Lakhdar**, Vice-President of the High Authority for the Achievement of the Revolution Objectives, Political Reform and Democratic Transition, Tunisia – **Reem Maged**, Journalist, Egypt – **Joseph Maïla**, Director of the Forecasting Directorate, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France – **Said Sadek**, Professor of Political Sociology and Political Communication, Egypt – **Leonardo Valdés Zurita**, President Councilor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), Mexico.

## 3 P.M.: SESSION – DEBATE II

DEBATE MODERATED BY ALI BENMAKHOUF, PHILOSOPHER

**Human rights: democratic values • Forging and strengthening a culture of democracy • Development and social justice: an essential interaction • Communication technologies: potential and challenges • Democratic transitions: points of view • Arab youth: the key player**

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**Haila Al-Mekaimi**, Professor of Political Science, Kuwait – **Rana Al-Sabbagh**, Executive Director of Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism (ARIJ), Jordan – **Abdel Basset Ben Hassen**, President of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (AIHR) – **Mahmoud Ben Habib Ben Romdhane**, University Professor in Economics, Tunisia – **Alya Chérif Chamhari**, Lawyer and Executive Director of the *Collectif 95 Maghreb Égalité*, Tunisia – **Mohamed Larbi Chouikha**, Member of the National Authority for Information and Communication Reform, Tunisia – **Aly Elsamman**, President of the International Union for Jewish-Muslim-Christian Dialogue and Peace Education, Egypt – **Nader Fergany**, Director of the Almishkat Centre for Research, lead author of the United Nations Development Programme Arab Human Development Report 2004, Egypt – **Chérif Khaznadar**, President of the *Maison des cultures du monde* (World Cultures Institute), France – **Latifa Lakhdar**, Vice-President of the High Authority for the Achievement of the Revolution Objectives, Political Reform and Democratic Transition, Tunisia – **Reem Maged**, Journalist, Egypt – **Antony Todorov**, Professor of Political Science, Bulgaria – **Leonardo Valdés Zurita**, President Councilor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), Mexico.

**5.15 P.M.: REVIEW AND OUTLOOK****Mr Joseph Maila**Director of the Forecasting Directorate,  
French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs**5.45 P.M.: CLOSING****Ms Pilar Álvarez-Laso**Assistant Director-General for Social  
and Human Sciences, UNESCO

**D**emocracy in the Arab world: what are the **hopes** and what has been achieved?  
Historical perspective: democratic resources within the **Arab world**; The **experiences**  
of democratic transitions in Eastern Europe and Latin America: what practices should be  
continued and what pitfalls avoided?

**E**ducation and awareness of the principles of democracy in changing Arab societies;  
**State**, public space and societies in movement: constitutional and political **challenges**  
ahead; **The question of religion** or religion in question; Free justice, combating corruption,  
rule of law: indicators of democracy

**M**obilisation for democracy in the Arab world: unity or diversity?; **Arab women** need  
democracy and democracy needs Arab women...; Role and **influence** of the diaspora

**O**pening new avenues for democracy: what are the deadlocks? What are the possible  
solutions?; Understanding the changes in Arab societies or how to **overcome**  
**stereotypes**; Arab **youth** is writing and forging its future; Transitional **justice**, should the  
past be dismissed in order **to build** a democratic future?

**C**apacity building, education for human rights, **universal values**, UNESCO's **ideals**,  
freedom of expression, fight against discrimination, gender equality, science policies: How  
can the democratic achievements be **sustained**?

**R**evolution through ICTs: metamorphosis of democracy?; Free, independent, pluralistic  
and professional media: a prerequisite for democratic transition; **Independent media**:  
a regulatory role for good governance

**A**rab spring in the era of globalization: what are the effects and repercussions? Economic  
prosperity and the development imperative: a requirement for democracy? Popular  
**aspirations** for democracy: how to meet expectations?

**C**itizen participation: free access to information, social networks, public space, civil  
society actors, critical thinking, social inclusion

**Y**outh, women's rights, access to **knowledge**, intellectual **solidarity**, sciences  
for development, cultural diversity, culture of **peace**, tolerance, **dialogue**, mutual  
understanding, international cooperation, social and environmental challenges...

EQUALITY PARTICIPATION

INTERNET  
INFLUENCE  
ESPACE PUBLIC

ESPOIRS  
DIVERSITÉ  
YOUTH DÉPASSER  
LES STÉRÉOTYPES

ELECTIONS COOPÉRATION  
INTERNATIONALE

DÉMOCRATIE

MONDE ARABE DÉFIS SOCIAUX  
ET ENVIRONNEMENTAUX

RENOUVEAU

LIBERTÉ CITOYENNETÉ  
TOLÉRANCE COMMUNICATION

FREEDOM SOLIDARITÉ  
MÉDIAS INDÉPENDANTS RENFORCEMENTS DES CAPACITÉS

MAN RIGHTS PROSPÉRITÉ  
ÉCONOMIQUE

DEVOIRS UNIVERSELLES

RIGHTS PRINCIPES  
DÉMOCRATIQUES

PRINTEMPS ARABE

DIALOGUE DIASPORA