

Europe and the Arab World

Connecting Partners in Dialogue

Joint Initiative of Austria and the League of Arab States

Vienna, 17 - 19 December 2008

Programme

Wednesday, 17 December

- 12:00** **Opening Panel** (venue: Zeremoniensaal)
H.E. Michael Spindelegger, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, Austria
H.E. Amre Moussa, Secretary General of the League of Arab States
Mrs. Yousriya Loza Sawiris, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, Cairo, Egypt
Mr. Gilles Kepel, Professor for political science at CERI/CNRS, Paris, France
H.R.H. Prince Turki Al Faisal, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Saudi Arabia
- 13:00** **Lunch for Workshop Participants** hosted by H.E. Michael Spindelegger (venue: Galerie)
- 14:30** **Workshops** (venues: Gartensaal, Forum, Trabantenstube)
Three parallel workshops on expert level
Workshop 1: Strengthening Women in Society, Public Life and Dialogue
Workshop 2: Development of Civil Society, Pluralism and Diversity Management
Workshop 3: Promoting Inter-Cultural Dialogue and Youth Participation in Politics and Society
- 19:00** **Informal dinner** (venue: Heuriger Mayer, 1190 Vienna, Pfarrplatz 2)

Thursday, 18 December

- 9:30** **Workshops continued**
- 13:00** **Informal lunch** (venue: Galerie)
- 14:30** **Workshops continued**
- 16:30** **Joint Concluding Session of all three workshops** (venue: Prinz Eugen Saal)
- 18:00** **Reception for Workshop Participants and Delegations**
(venue: Palais Pallavicini, 1010 Vienna, Josefsplatz 5)

Friday, 19 December

- 9:00** **Arrival of the Participants of the Ministerial Round Table**
- 9:30** **Ministerial Round Table: “Europe and the Arab World – Connecting Partners in Dialogue”**
Discussion by Ministers from the European Union, Turkey and the League of Arab States and Guest speakers (venue: Festsaal)
Chair: H.E. Michael Spindelegger, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, Austria
Co-Chair: H.E. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the Arab League
- 13:00** **Press Conference** (venue: Galerie)
- 13:30** **Working Lunch for Round Table Participants** hosted by H.E. Michael Spindelegger
(venue: Zeremoniensaal)
- 15:00** **End of the conference**