

**The South North Center (Fès, Morocco) and The Spirit of  
Fès Foundation  
Organize in collaboration with Lugano University  
(Switzerland)  
an  
International Conference on  
  
MIGRATION AND GLOBALIZATION  
and a workshop on “Migration and Development”  
13-15 January 2009  
Fès, Morocco**

**PREAMBLE**

The South North Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Migration Studies (Morocco) and the Spirit of Fès Foundation ), organize in collaboration with Lugano University (Switzerland) on January 13th-15th 2009 an international conference on the theme “Migration and Globalization”, bringing together scholars, policy makers and journalists from Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the US.

The Mediterranean region is of strategic interest for migration policies and cultural relations. It is an area of integration and is considered a border, being increasingly fortified as European policies also aim at exclusion.

Globalization might be considered a process going on for centuries, as illustrated by the examples of the historian Ibn Khaldoun and the explorer Ibn Battouta; however, it has been gaining momentum since the final decades of the last century: technically and economically, but also politically with the end of the bi-polar systems and power concurrence.

Since the 1970s, consciousness-raising over environmental issues brought the world closer, giving way to the notion of “citizen of the world.”

However, the factors that had the deepest impact on (e)migration are certainly the development of the information, communication, and transport technology: e.g. satellite television, mobile telephone and

internet. Globalization allows exchange and multiculturalism to become a living reality, but also reinforces old restrictions and creates new forms of exclusion.

The conference will focus on migration in the Mediterranean and the impact of globalization. Migration and globalization have become crucial issues at a time when mismanagement of economic problems, cultural differences and migration are sources of misunderstanding and conflict.

The conference will deal with the following sub-themes:

- 1- Migration and development in North Africa: prospects for the future
- 2- Migration, youth and social reform
- 3- Migration South-North, Integration, and Euro-Arab Relations
- 4- Migration, Media(s) and Human Trafficking
- 5- Migration South-North and brain drain, a challenge for the future?
- 6- Migration, gender, and human rights
- 7 -Actors, action plans and strategies: e.g. UN, ILO, IOM, EU, Attac

The conference aims to review plans of action and policy instruments addressing current migration flows and pressures, in order to promote a better management of migration issues, based on the collaboration of experts, policy makers, and civil society organizations from North African countries and the European Union.

The conference will also debate the different means which can allow an interdisciplinary global and integrative approach of the question of trafficking and human rights in the debates.

The conference will be a good opportunity to establish a network of experts with the aim to develop common research projects fully integrated in the world wide migration issues.

## **Workshop on “Migration and Development”**

On the last day of the conference, a workshop will be devoted to the topic of “Migration and Development”. The aims of this workshop are to

- encourage a dialogue between the governments, civil society, and the academic world to reach a better understanding of the interrelationship between migration, development and diplomacy and to develop more sustainable policies and solutions.
- enhance and broaden the understanding of the North Mediterranean countries of the nexus between migration and development, and the North and South Mediterranean its implications for diplomacy and inter-state relations.

### *Timing*

*-Abstracts to be sent by participants by October 30th, 2008*

*-Notification of acceptance of abstracts by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

*-Conference takes place on 13th-15th January, 2009*

### **Logistics**

The conference will cover registration fees as well as board and lodging for the speakers, but cannot afford to pay for the transportation. If your institution cannot cover the transportation cost, please let us know.

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