

## **Closing the Global Forum on Migration and Globalization in Fez**

**The Forum calls for the protection of migrants' rights and the easing of visa procedures for access to the Northern countries**

The curtain fell on the Global Forum on Migration and Globalization, held in Fez, 13 days to 15 January. Over the past three days, participants reviewed the current policy of migration to deal with migration and social pressures, including illegal immigration and the rights of migrants and the integration of migrants in economic development and social, to promote cooperation between experts and policy makers, civil society organizations in the South and North.

The final day was devoted to two workshops on "Migration and development" and "cooperation Morocco - Italy, to promote dialogue between governments and civil society and develop fair and consistent policies on migration and sustainable development.

The Forum made the following recommendations:

- 1 - Provide the necessary resources to the countries of the southern Mediterranean to deal with migration, particularly irregular migration
- 2 - To help the South to restructure their economies and achieve sustainable development
- 3 - Consider cultural diversity as a means of integration of migrants
- 4 - Adopt a co-development approach with the problems of migration, taking into account the human, cultural, social and economic
- 5 - To reform the education system in the southern and northern countries focusing on youth needs and problems of modern society
- 6 - To encourage foreign companies and multinationals to invest more in the South
- 7 - To consolidate cooperation and increase exchanges between the countries of origin and host countries

8 - Ease the visa procedure for access to the North