



**"Forum for the Future 2007 – Partnership for Development and Progress"**

**Subministerial Meeting in Berlin (October 23, 2007)**

***Agenda***

Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

07.00 pm Dinner for all participants at the invitation of Germany, at the Kaisersaal/Potsdamer Platz

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

8.30 – 9.30 am Registration

**9.30 – 9.45 am** **Opening address by Mr. Andreas Michaelis, Director General for Near and Middle Eastern Affairs and Maghreb, German Federal Foreign Office**

**9:45 – 11:15 am** **First Panel Session: "Democratic Reform"**  
**Panel Discussion followed by discussion with all participants**

- Presentation by Saad Eddin Ibrahim, Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies
- Reply by ASS Dan Fried, USA
- Reply by Iad Barghouti, Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies
- Open discussion moderated by Minister Al-Dhabbi, Yemen

11:15 – 11.30 am Coffee break

**11:30 am – 1 pm** **Second Panel Session: "Women's Empowerment"**  
**Panel Discussion followed by discussion with all participants**

- Presentation by Mr. Mensur Akgun, TESEV
- Reply by Ambassador Orhun, Turkey
- Reply by Lamis Nasser, Human Forum for Women's Rights
- *Open discussion moderated by Ambassador Amrani, Morocco (tbc)*

1.00 – 3.00 pm Lunch for all participants at the invitation of Germany, hosted by the Director General for Near and Middle Eastern Affairs and Maghreb, Mr. Andreas Michaelis

**3.00 – 4.30 pm**

**Third Panel Session: "Education"**

**Panel Discussion followed by discussion with all participants**

- Presentation by Mohsen Marzouk, Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center
- *Reply by government representative (tbc)*
- Reply by Hoda Chalak, Civil Action Coalition
- Open discussion moderated by Director General Michaelis, Germany (*tbc*)

4.30 – 4.45pm

Coffe Break

**4.45 – 5.15 pm**

**Time reserved for NGO representatives for presentation on initiatives planned for the future.**

- On the way to the Civil Society Parallel Forum - Aden 2007: Civil Society Preparation by Ezzedin Al Asbahi, HRITC
- Democratic Reform: Civil Society Perspective by Dr. Ebtessam bin Howaiden, UAE University / UAE Society for Human Rights

**5.15 – 5.30 pm**

**Concluding remarks by the co-chairs Yemen and Germany**