PROGRAM

Friday, February 22, 2019

- 09H00 - 09H15: Registration of participants.

Opening

- 09H15 - 09H30: Opening speech by Mr. Tawfik Mouline, Director General of IRES, Rabat.
- 09H30 - 09H45: Allocution by Dr. Greg Mills, Director of the Brenthurst Foundation, Johannesburg.
- 09H45 - 09H50: Presentation of the session’s programme by Ambassador Mohammed Belmahi, IRES Research Fellow and the Round Table’s Coordinator, Rabat.

Theme 1: The Mutual Perceptions of the Respective Images of Morocco and South Africa.

Moderator: Ms. Sanusha Naidu, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Dialogue, Pretoria.

- 10H30 - 11H00: Questions and answers.

Theme 2: Economic and Social Relations Between Morocco and South Africa.

Moderator: Ambassador Mohammed Belmahi.

- 11H40 - 12H00: “Morocco and South Africa – Brothers from another Mother”, by Mr. Elmahdi Oummilh, Director at Astoria Values, New York; former Director, African Leadership Academy, Roodepoort, South Africa.

- 12H00 - 12H30: Questions and answers.

**Lunch Break**

- 12H45 - 13H45: Lunch to be served at IRES.

**Theme 3: Cooperating within the African Union**

**Moderator:** Mr. Peter Fabricius, Journalist, specializing in covering foreign affairs and Africa, Pretoria.

- 14H00 - 14H20: “Cooperating within the African Union, the view from South Africa”, by Mrs. Liesl Louw-Vaudran, Senior Research Consultant, ISS, Pretoria.

- 14H20 - 14H40: “Cooperating within the African Union, the view from Morocco”, by Pr. Abdelaziz Barre, Mohammed V University, Rabat and IRES Research Fellow.

- 14H40 - 15H10: Questions and answers.

**Theme 4: Political and diplomatic issues between Morocco and South Africa**

**Moderator:** Dr. El Arbi Mrabet, Professor of International Law, former Governor-Coordinator with the MINURSO and IRES Research Fellow, Rabat.


- 15H40 - 16H10: “Political and diplomatic issues between Morocco and South Africa, a Moroccan perspective”, by Ambassador Mohammed Belmahi.

- 16H10 - 16H50: Questions and answers.

**Synthesis and Recommendations**

- 17H00 - 17H20: Synthesis and recommendations from the South African side, by Mr. Na’eem Jeenah, Executive Director of the Africa-Middle East Centre, Johannesburg.

- 17H20 – 17H40: Synthesis and recommendations from the Moroccan side, by Dr. El Arbi Mrabet.

**Concluding Remarks**

- 17H40 - 18H00: By Mr. Tawfik Mouline, Director General of IRES.