

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE 2008 MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE OSCE
APPROACH TO REGIONAL SECURITY — A MODEL FOR
THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 27 and 28 October 2008

I. Indicative agenda

Monday, 27 October 2008

8.30–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants

9.15–10 a.m. Opening ceremony

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office

- Representative of the host country
- Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
- Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
- Secretary General of the OSCE

10–10.30 a.m. Coffee break

10.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m. Session 1: Politico-military aspects of security

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Furthering co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners in countering terrorism, including the 2008 Follow-Up OSCE Conference on Public-Private Partnerships in Countering Terrorism (Vienna, 15 and 16 September 2008);
- The OSCE experience on CSBMs — relevance and opportunities for the Mediterranean region.

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

12.45–3 p.m.

Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.

Session 2: Linkages between the environment and security in the Mediterranean region

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Promoting co-operation and dialogue in the Mediterranean region on managing water scarcity and combating land degradation, desertification and soil contamination in the Mediterranean region;
- Assessing the environmental impact of economic activities in the Mediterranean region, including the loss of livelihoods and enhancing border management co-operation.

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 28 October 2008

9.30–11.30 a.m.

Session 3: The OSCE's human rights and tolerance commitments and their relevance to the Mediterranean region

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Applying OSCE commitments on combating intolerance and discrimination to promote mutual respect and understanding;
- Inter-cultural dialogue, including as a conflict prevention tool in the Mediterranean region;

- National human rights institutions and the role of civil society in the protection of human rights, with special focus on migrants;
- The role of civil society in supporting reforms, economic, social, and cultural development and the democratic process, exchange of views on the experience of the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation.

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12 noon

Coffee break

12 noon–1 p.m.

Concluding session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office

Reports by session rapporteurs

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative of the OSCE
Chairman-in-Office

1 p.m.

End of Conference

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference:

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment

Bank, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South East European Co-operation Process, United Nations, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Bank.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening ceremony) on Monday, 27 October 2008, and end at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 October 2008.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the Chairman-in-Office.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The working language will be English. At the request of several participating States interpretation will be provided from and into French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

On the eve of the Conference, a side event on “Co-operation with Mediterranean civil society and NGOs in promoting tolerance and non-discrimination” for Mediterranean NGOs will be held.

A report from the side event will be produced and presented by the Chairperson before the start of the third session.

Side event(s) will be chaired by a representative of an OSCE participating State or institution.

Other rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

Rooms for additional ad hoc meetings will be made available to participants. Such meetings will be held without interpretation.