



'EU Policy Perspectives' seminar series
Clingendael Research

The Arab Revolts: A European Awakening?

Policy seminar organised by the Clingendael Institute
in cooperation with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Huys Clingendael, Clingendael 7, The Hague

Programme of the seminar

Monday 30 January, 2012

Arrival of the participants at the Park Hotel, The Hague

19.00 Seminar Dinner at the Park Hotel, The Hague

Words of welcome

Prof. dr. Jan Rood, Senior Research Fellow at Clingendael

Mr. Gilles Beschoor Plug, Director North Africa and the Middle East, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote speech on 'The revolt in Egypt- causes and prospects'

Prof. Dr. Mustapha Kamel Al Sayyid, Professor of political science at the Cairo University and the American University in Cairo

Tuesday 31 January, 2012

08.30 Registration

09.15 **Words of welcome**

Prof. dr. Jan Rood, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute

Mr. Karel van Oosterom, Director General for Political Affairs, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9.30

Session 1- What does a European awakening entail?

Chair & Moderator

Mr. Michiel den Hond, Ambassador at Large, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Guest speakers

Mrs. Nabila Ramdani, Columnist for The Guardian

Mr. Peter Frisch, Senior Economist, Maghreb Division European External Action Service (EEAS)

Mrs. Kristina Kausch, Senior researcher of the Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE)

Roundtable discussion

10.45

Coffee break

11.00

Session 2 – Towards democratisation and the rule of law: where can the EU make a difference? (*two Parallel Workshop Sessions*)

Group 2A on Egypt and Tunisia

Chair & Moderator

Mr. Paul Aarts, Senior lecturer in International Relations at the Political Science Department of the University of Amsterdam

Guest speaker

Dr. Mazen Hassan, Lecturer at the Political Science Department of the Cairo University

Rapporteur

Mrs. Carola van Rijnsoever – European Correspondent, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Group 2B on Morocco and Jordan

Chair & Moderator

Prof. Dr. Maurits Berger, Senior Research Associate Clingendael Institute

Guest speaker

Prof. Abdelaziz Nouaydi, President of NGO Association Adala (“Justice”) and Professor of Constitutional Law and Human Rights at Mohammed V University, Morocco

Rapporteur

Mr. Herman Quarles van Ufford, Deputy Head of North Africa, Middle East and Gulf Department, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **Session 3- Towards shared prosperity in the region: what can the EU do?**

Group 3A on Egypt and Tunisia

Chair & Moderator

Mr. Pieter-Jan Kleiweg de Zwaan, Head of External Affairs Division European Integration Department, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Guest speaker

Mrs. Jane Kinninmont, Senior research fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme at Chatham House. Publicist The Economist.

Rapporteur

Mrs. Rana Abbawi, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Group 3B on Morocco and Jordan

Chair & Moderator

Mr. Emiel de Bont, Head of Forward Strategy Unit, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Guest speaker

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Rhazaoui, Professor at the African Governance Institute of the Al Akhawayn-university in Ifrane, Morocco

Rapporteur

Mrs. Stephanie de Geus, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15.00 Coffee break

15.30 **Session 4 – Conclusions and recommendations**

Chair & Moderator

Dr. Roel Meijer, Senior research fellow Clingendael Institute. Lecturer in modern Middle Eastern history at the Radboud University in Nijmegen

Conclusions of the workshop sessions by the rapporteurs

Roundtable Discussion

16.45 Drinks