

# The South-North Mediterranean Dialogue Foundation



A SHARED VISION OF THE FUTURE

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## FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

A real dialogue of civilization inspired by the South and the North of the Mediterranean:

For a shared vision of the future,

Outside of state structures and current conflict,

This is the main goal of the South-North Mediterranean Dialogue Foundation.

The Foundation was created in 2011 by personalities on either side of the Mediterranean. These figures were initiators and organizers of the meeting of Malta in 2004 when European Movement learned about Alexandria Statement, Algiers Congress in 2006, Alicante Congress in 2009 and Tunis Congress in 2012.

In 2012, the South-North Mediterranean Dialogue Foundation was co-organizer of the third congress in Tunis on the theme “Civil Society and Public Authorities: What Partnership?”

The last nine years, South-North Mediterranean Dialogue promoted a regular debate between partners from the North and the South on fundamental issues which represent the Arab claims: political reform, education, professional training, academic exchange, migrations, employment (as main objective of cooperation), participation of civil society in the political and decision-making process.

The Foundation will continue to promote and organize this dialogue for a shared vision of the future between civil societies of Southern Mediterranean countries and Northern Mediterranean countries.

The Foundation acts independently without any political or philosophical interference.



## ALGIERS CONGRESS (FEBRUARY 2006)

Algiers Congress is entitled “South-North Mediterranean Dialogue: a shared vision of the future”, which is a founding element of a new process.

400 participants from the North and the South met in Algiers in February 2006.

Discussion and reflection focused on three main issues:

Issue A: Information – Education – Training

Issue B: Employment – Migration – Investments

Issue C: Participation – Ownership – Culture

Following the Congress, it was agreed:

- a) To continue the process under the name : “South-North Mediterranean Dialogue: a shared vision of the future”
- b) To promote Algiers Declaration
- c) To promote the Algiers Plan of Action
- d) To institute a Follow-up Committee of the Dialogue.



## ALICANTE CONGRESS (NOVEMBER 2009)

On the initiative of the European Movement International,  
The Bibliotheca Alexandrina,  
The Casa Mediterraneo (Alicante),  
and the National Committees of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia,  
the Second Congress of the South North Mediterranean Dialogue was  
organized in Alicante, on November 19, 20, 21, 2009.

This Congress brought together some 350 participants, representing 30  
countries from the South and the North from the Mediterranean who  
discussed the two themes at the core of the Mediterranean Dialogue:  
Education and Migration.

Alicante Congress was punctuated for three days by workshops, debates  
and ministerial interventions. The main conclusion led to : common and  
interdependent development, sharing of knowledge, mobility and gender  
equality.

The Congress represents a dialogue of equals and a partnership beneficial  
for the two shores, a partnership based on mutual understanding that  
reflects the wise words of Albert Camus:

*“Do not walk behind me; I may not lead you. Do not walk in front of me; I  
may not follow you. Just walk beside me and be my friend.”*



## TUNIS CONGRESS

(JUNE 2012)

Changes in the role of state, globalization of the economy and the finance, impact on new technologies of communication and information marked the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century. This has helped to highlight the importance of partnership between civil society and public authorities in order to strengthen democracy, development, and the rule of law.

This partnership has become crucial for the effective and efficient functioning of state structures and peoples' well-being. It is nourished and enriched by participation, dialogue, transparency and the account taken of cultural and ethnic diversity.

Tunis Congress has been working on this partnership and the role of civil society with the objective of continuing the action taken by organizations in the South and North of the Mediterranean. These organizations are in relationship with the governments of their countries and international organizations as the European Movement and Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

The South-North Mediterranean Dialogue Foundation was co-organizer of this congress which was held on the 7th, 8th and 9th of June, 2012 and whose theme was: "Civil Society and Public authorities: what partnership?"

You can **order by email:**

- Algiers Declaration for a shared vision for the future (48 pages) including a summary of the Congress and proposals for a joint action plan. Available in French.
- Alicante Declaration including a summary of the Congress (listing of ministerial interventions , keynote speech, preparatory note, synthesis of workshops, organizers' list). Available in French.
- Tunis Declaration for a partnership between the civil society and public authorities (36 pages) including a summary of the Congress, a keynote speech of Pr. Bichara Khader and quotes of Jebali and Choubani Ministers, key ideas and resolutions. Available in French, Arabic and English.
- The complete Act of Alicante Congress (200 pages) including the program, synthesis of workshops, ministerial interventions, preparatory reports, a photo gallery and the participants' list.
- The complete Act of Tunis Congress (70 pages) including the complete speech of Pr. Bichara Khader, the complete speech of Jebali and Choubani Ministers and the participants' list.

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