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Progressive Alliance and Social Democratic Forum in the Arab World Joint Meeting

Understanding the Crisis and Charting Pathways to Peace
26-27 April 2024 in Amman, Jordan

Program Schedule

25 April 2024, Thursday

Arrivals and Check-in for ASDF Delegates

26 April 2024, Friday

9:00 - 12:00 hrs -

Social Democratic Forum in the Arab World (ASDF) Closed Door Organizational Meeting

14:00 hrs - Arrivals and Check-in for Progressive Alliance Guests

14:00 - 17:00 hrs -

Social Democratic Forum in the Arab World International Forum with Jordanian Government Representatives

19:00 hrs - Welcome Dinner with the Progressive Alliance at the Hotel

27 April 2024, Saturday

9:00 hrs - Welcome and Opening

Ayman Safadi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Government of Jordan

9:15 hrs - **Understanding the Crisis: Implications to the Region and Beyond**

Mohammad Ishtayeh
Former Prime Minister of Palestine
Fatah Palestine

Ayman Safadi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Government of Jordan

Farid Zahran
President
Egyptian Social Democratic Party

Zafer Nasser
Secretary General
Progressive Socialist Party Lebanon

Agus Maulana
Member of Parliament
Nasdem Indonesia

Moderator:
Jamil Nemri
Senator of Jordan, Jordanian Social Democratic Party

11:00 hrs - **Middle East Crisis: Charting Pathways to Peace**

Where does the two-state solution stands now? How do we reinforce the idea of this as a lasting political solution amidst ongoing conflict and deep distrust?

What are immediate steps to take and long term strategy for political solution and sustainable peace?

What role does political parties and actors within the Middle East play? What role does political parties and actors outside the Middle East play?

How do we break the impasse in dialogue and cooperation in relation to the crisis?

Perspectives from Fatah, Palestinian National Initiative, Popular Struggle Front

Perspectives from Arab Social Democratic Forum

Perspectives from Sister Parties from Europe

Perspectives from Network for Social Democracy in Asia

Perspectives from International Union of Socialist Youth

Moderator: Nabih Abderrazzak

Member of Political Board, Jordanian Social Democratic Party

12:30 hrs - Lunch Break

14:00 hrs -

The shifting sands in the Middle East: Lessons that shape our current work

Each reporter is given 6 minutes each:

What are the top issues confronting your country today and what are stark lessons in the past 5 years that can inform us of the new dispensation?

*How has your party been fighting back and coping as a movement of change?
What are your current priorities moving forward?*

Walid Hicham Zannabi
National Secretary
Socialist Forces Front Algeria

Basem Kamel
Secretary General
Egyptian Social Democratic Party

Feryal Kader
Leadership Council Member
Patriotic Union of Kurdistan Iraq

Abdulfattah Mohammed
Member of Parliament
Somali Social Unity Party

Moderator:
Moez Ben Dhia
Coordinator, Arab Social Democratic Forum

15:00 hrs - Break

15:15 hrs - **Continuation of discussion**

Zaher Raad
Vice President for International Relations
Progressive Socialist Party Lebanon

Lhoussaine El Housni
National Council Member
Socialist Union of Popular Forces Morocco

George Sabra
National Secretary
Syrian Democratic People's Party

Hella Ben Youssef
Vice President
Democratic Forum for Labour and Liberties Tunisia

Mohammad Al Mekhlafi
Deputy Secretary General
Socialist Party of Yemen

Moderator:

Freddy Elbaiady
Member of Parliament, Egyptian Social Democratic Party

16:15 hrs - **Revitalizing the Social Democratic Forum in the Arab World in Times of Crisis**

Progressives are facing similar challenges both from external political environment and within our parties and movements. What are concrete areas where we cooperate that strengthens solidarity and prevent polarization within the regional group? How do we take back spaces where collective voices of progressives in the region are heard and amplified? How do we shape a rebuild the forum for progressives in the region?

PA Board Members:

Feryal Kader
Leadership Council Member
Patriotic Union of Kurdistan Iraq

Mohammad Ishtayeh
Former Prime Minister of Palestine
Fatah Palestine

Bahia Amra
International Secretary
Palestinian National Initiative

Khelil Ezzaouia
President
Democratic Forum for Labour and Liberties Tunisia

Lhoussaine El Housni
National Council Member
Socialist Union of Popular Forces Morocco



Hend Mgaieth
President
International Union of Socialist Youth

Moderator:
Machris Cabrerros
Coordinator, Progressive Alliance

17:30 - **Closing Speeches**

Moez Ben Dhia
Coordinator
Social Democratic Forum in the Arab World

Jamil Nemri
Senator of Jordan
Jordan Social Democratic Party

Nils Schmid
Member of the German Bundestag
Parliamentary Group Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, Social Democratic
Party of Germany

Ann Linde
Former Foreign Minister of Sweden, Swedish Social Democratic Party
Board Member, Progressive Alliance

End of Program