

## MAJALAT webinar

### *The renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood A new agenda for the Mediterranean The role of civil society*

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 13.00 CEST

## Speakers

Moderation: Sergio Bassoli, Vice-President, SOLIDAR

EU speakers:

- Henrike Trautmann, Acting Director Neighborhood South B, DG NEAR
- Carl Hallergard, Director, Deputy Managing Director Middle East and North Africa, European External Action Service

Civil Society speakers:

- Vincent Forest, Advocacy Director, EuroMed Rights
- Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)
- Sophie Duval, Advocacy Officer, Coordination Sud
- Mustapha Tlili, Executive Secretary, Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)

## Proposed agenda of the webinar

- Presentation of the Joint communication by Henrike Trautmann and Carl Hallergard (15min)
- Analysis of the joint communication by civil society:
  - ✓ How can civil society contribute to define partnership priorities? Ziad Abdel Samad (5 min)
  - ✓ What are the roles and possible inputs of civil society in the implementation of the Communication? Vincent Forest (10 min)
- Theme 1: How do CSOs intend to contribute in further enhancing human rights and rule of law as well as further empowerment of youth and civil society in the Southern Neighbourhood? Presentation by CSO representative (Ziad Abdel Samad – 10 min) and exchange of views with EU speakers (5 min)
- Theme 2: How does civil society see its role and contribution to the implementation of the new Communication: concrete suggestions? Presentation by CSO representative (Mustapha Tlili – 10 min) and exchange of views with EU speakers (5 min)
- Questions from the audience (30 min)
- Conclusions from the civil society (Sophie Duval – 15 min)



## Bios of panelists (mainly for the moderator)



**Mr. Sergio Bassoli, Moderator, Vice-President, SOLIDAR.**

Graduate in Political Science University of Bologna, Master in Human Rights University La Sapienza of Rome. He has worked from 1984/88 en Bolivia, 1991/93 en Chile. Since 1993 holds different positions in the areas of cooperation and international relations at the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL), Italy. Currently he is responsible for relations with unions in the regions of Latin America, North Africa and the Middle East, and is following specific topics as: Migrants, Peace and social movements, into the International Department of CGIL. Solidar member since 1999, Chair of International Committee (2006 – 2018), Board member and since 2018 Vice-President.



**Ms. Henrike Trautmann – Head of Unit, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission**

Ms. Henrike Trautmann is the Head of Regional Co-operation in the Southern Neighbourhood UNIT B2 and currently Acting Director for Directorate B, DG NEAR (Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations) of the European Union, in Brussels since January 2019. A historian by training, she has worked in the European Commission for more than 20 years, focussing on external relations. She has dealt with Common Foreign and Security Policy, communication, humanitarian assistance and civil protection, as well with a number of policy files related to resilience building in fragile countries.



**Mr. Carl Hallergard – Director, Deputy Managing Director Middle East and North Africa, European External Action Service**

Carl Hallergard took up his functions as Director, Deputy Managing Director Middle East and North Africa in June 2020. Between 2016 & 2020, Carl Hallergard was the Deputy Head of Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva. Between 2012 and 2016, he was Head of Political and Security Council Affairs at the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in New York. From 2006 to 2012 he served in the Cabinet of High Representatives Javier Solana and Catherine Ashton with responsibilities focusing mainly on Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans. Earlier assignments include service in the European Community Humanitarian Office from 1996, as well as in the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit at the Council of the European Union from 2000, which included a stint as Head of Cabinet of the EU Special Representative in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in 2001-2002. Mr Hallergard is married with two children and holds Master Degrees from the Stockholm School of Economics and the College of Europe in Bruges.





**Mr. Vincent Forest, Advocacy Director, EuroMed Rights**

Vincent Forest joined EuroMed Rights in September 2014 as Advocacy Director. Previously, he was the Head of the EU Office of Front Line Defenders for eight years, and Information Officer with the European Anti-Poverty Network and the Belgian francophone section of Amnesty International. He holds a Master degree in Journalism and Communication, and a Teaching Diploma for Secondary and High School.



**Ms. Sophie Duval, Advocacy Officer, Coordination Sud**

Sophie Duval is an advocacy officer at Coordination SUD, a platform for French NGOs working in international solidarity. After studying political science and international relations, she worked for a NGO supporting human rights defenders in Colombia. She also worked on forced displacement and led the advocacy in Brussels of a collective of European NGOs working on human rights and peacebuilding in Colombia. She now coordinates Coordination SUD's advocacy on migration, gender and European development policies.



**Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development**

Ziad Abdel Samad is the Executive Director of the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), Based in Beirut, since 1999 ANND brings together 30 NGOs and 9 national networks from 10 Arab countries, active in the protection of social and economic rights. Abdel Samad is engaged in many global and regional networks focusing in the Economic and Social public policies and targeting regional and global Institutions. He is also engaged with research institutions and active in electoral reforms and monitoring at the national and regional levels.



**Mr. Mustapha Tlili, Executive Secretary, Arab Trade Union Confederation**

Mr. Mustapha Tlili received the MBA degree in Political Science from university of Geneva and in International Public Law form the university of Tunisia. He is a former lawyer in Tunis Bar Association. He was a Tunisian Diplomat and a Member of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia in Geneva in charge of the relations with the International Labor Organization (ILO). Executive Director of the Maghreb Trade Union Confederation (USTMA) and later Advisor of the General Secretary of Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), he was since 2007 Director of EuropeAid Project in the South Mediterranean Region and he is currently the Director of the European Commission Project on Social Dialogue in the implementation in Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan. Since 2007, he was the Regional Director for the Arab countries in the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), and elected in 2014 as Executive Secretary of Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC). He was in 2011 a member of the National Tunisian Committee for the achievement of the objective of the revolution.

