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Arab Organisation of
Persons with Disabilities

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**“EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES”
22nd-23rd November 2013**

**Hotel Confortel Suites Madrid
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08:00 – 09:00 *Arrival and registration of participants*

09:00 – 10:00 *Opening*

CHAIR: **Jahda AbouKhalil**, Executive director AOPD

- **Yannis Vardakastanis**, President of the European Disability Forum
- **Nawaf Kabbara**, President Arab Organisation of Persons With Disabilities
- **Luis Cayo Pérez Bueno**, President Spanish Committee of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities
- **Mercedes Jaraba**, Deputy Director of the General Directorate of Policy Disability Support
- **Alberto Durán**, First Executive Vice-President, Fundación ONCE
- **Laura López de Cerain**, Director of Multilateral, Horizontal and Financing Cooperation of Spanish Agency for Cooperation and Development

10:00 – 11:00 ***Challenges for Euro Mediterranean cooperation on disability***

CHAIR: Javier Güemes, Deputy Director of European Disability Forum

- **Nawaf Kabbara**, President of Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities
- **Yannis Vardakastanis**, President of the European Disability Forum

11:00 – 11:30 ***Coffee break***

11:30 – 13:30 ***Conditions and best practices for Euro Arab cooperation in the Mediterranean***

CHAIR: Jean Luc Simon, President of DPI Europe

- **Alfredo Camerini**, Italian Network on Disability and Development
- **Philippe Miet**, French Council of Disabled People for European Affairs
- **Abed Makni**, Collective for the Promotion of Persons with Disabilities
- **Enric Roig Tió**, Director of Humanitarian Aid, Education for Development and increasing sensitivity, Foundation of Social Promotion for the Culture

13.30 – 15.00 ***Lunch***

15:00 – 17:00 ***Round table: Situation of disability movement on the Arab Countries***

CO CHAIR: Hussein Ismail, Director of the Learning Centre for the Deaf & Vera Bonvalot, Executive Committee member of EDF

- **Mouffaq Khafaghi**, First Vice-President of AOPD, Iraq
- **Abdullah Banyan**, Second Vice-President of AOPD, Yemen
- **El Khawad Ibrahim**, Executive Committee member of AOPD
- **Mustafa Al Rawashdeh**, President of the Jordanian Coalition of Persons with Disabilities, Jordan
- **Ossama Taiea**, Member of the Egyptian Union of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, Egypt
- **Ibrahim Abdallah**, President of the Lebanese Council of Persons with Disabilities
- **Wadad Kreem**, Federation of Organisations in the Field of Disability, Lybia
- **Mai Abu Lebda**, Musawa II Coordinator in Palestine territories
- **Meki Hzami**, National Federation of Blind Persons in Tunisia

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09:00 – 10:00 ***Good practices of active participation of persons with disabilities in political change***

CHAIR: Mouffaq Khafaghi, First Vice-President of AOPD

- **Pilar Ramiro**, expert of Women Commission from CERMI
- **Celia Agulló**, Research Area on Humanitarian Actions, Study Institute for Conflicts and Humanitarian Actions
- **Mervat Abd El Hady**, Egypt Union of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities

10:00 – 10:45 ***Persons with disabilities and the European Union asylum policies***

CHAIR: Vera Bonvalot, Executive Committee member of EDF

- **Joaquín Tamara**, Deputy Director General of Asylum

10:45 – 11:30 ***Euro-Mediterranean agenda for the post 2015 development framework***

CHAIR: Yannis Vardakastanis, President of EDF

- **Abdallah Bunian**, Second Vice-President of the Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities
- **Javier Güemes**, Deputy Director of European Disability Forum

11:30 – 12:00 ***Coffee break***

12:00 – 13:30 ***Strategies on implementation of UN CRPD in the Union for the Mediterranean***

CHAIR: Nawaf Kabbara, President of Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities

- **Jahda Abou Khalil**, Executive Director of the Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities
- **Yannis Vardakastanis**, President of EDF
- **Atika El Mamri**, President of the Algerian Federation on Human Rights
- **Soumia Amrani**, National Council of Human Rights of Morocco

13.30 – 15.00 ***Lunch***

15:00 – 16:30 ***Involvement and empowerment of organisations run by persons with disabilities on decision making and capacity building***

CHAIR: Ibrahim Abdallah, Chair of the Lebanese Council of Disabled People

- Representative AOPD (TBC)
- **José Antonio Romero**, manager of CERMI Castilla la Mancha

16:30 – 17:00 ***Adoption of Madrid Declaration and closing***

- **Yannis VARDAKASTANIS**, President of the European Disability Forum
- **Nawaf KABBARA**, President of the Arab Organisation of People With Disabilities

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