



The Chairman

Prime Minister Costas Simitis

Former Prime Minister of Greece



INVITATION TO SPEAK

MEDAYS 2012 THE SOUTHERN FORUM

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Dear Prime Minister,

The Amadeus Institute will organize the fifth edition of the international MEDays Forum in Tangier, Morocco, from November 14th to 17th, 2012.

As a think tank, the Amadeus Institute specialises in contemporary geostrategic issues, including governance in the South and North-South cooperation. The Institute has become an important player in the Moroccan, Arab and African public debate, by bringing up innovative ideas and fostering ground-breaking projects.

After four successful editions, the MEDays Forum is now considered a unique strategic meeting place for global players involved in the geostrategic, political, economic and social spheres in Africa, but also the South at large.

MEDays strives to stimulate North-South and South-South dialogue by organising debates, as well as to raise the world leaders' awareness to the South's development and stability. We encourage partnerships and cooperation between the private sector, governments and civil society and act as an operational platform promoting political, economic, social and cultural dialogue among countries from both the South and the North.

The Forum has been conceived as a topical venue for informal exchange. Better understanding amongst nations and people is key to fostering a fruitful and progressive dialogue between the developed and developing worlds, in an attempt to tackle the great challenges that the international community has failed to resolve. Addressing climate change, reforming multilateral institutions, reviving trade negotiations, maintaining global peace and security and reinforcing the "global partnership for development" are truly global challenges that we need to address together.

This year's overarching theme will address "**the imperative of a new world order for Southern countries**". The year 2011 has already allowed a certain rebalancing in global governance in favour of developing countries. For the year ahead, most issues that remain on the international agenda - the Arab Spring, moderate Islamists' power takeover in North African countries, the electoral agenda in Africa, the Palestinian bid to the UN, Iran and the European debt crisis - will require the involvement of Southern partners.



The Chairman

Given the interest that you have expressed in the topics discussed at our Forum, I would be delighted and honored if you accepted to join us and participate as a speaker in the following plenary session:

**“The Arab Spring and crisis of representation in Western democracies: Towards a world revolution?”
on Friday November 16, 2012 at 3:00PM.**

In addition to the speakers, we are expecting over 2,000 participants including policymakers, business leaders, academics, and representatives from the civil society.

Endowing Africa and Morocco with a forum of this magnitude has proven to be a real opportunity; an opportunity to facilitate consultation, debate and experience-sharing among ourselves and with the North.

I am convinced, dear Prime Minister, that your participation will represent an incredible asset to our discussions. I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

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