



**Ninth Meeting of the
Association of the Mediterranean Ombudsmen - Malta
9 - 10 March 2016**

“The Ombudsman – a key player for Good Governance”

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday 8th March 2016

- 6:00pm - 7:30pm** **AOM Executive Meeting**
Westin Business Centre - Westin Dragonara Resort, St. Julians
- 8.00pm - 9:30pm** **Tour of the new Parliament Building followed by a reception hosted
by the President of the House of Representatives**
House of Representatives - Valletta

Wednesday 9th March 2016

Westin Dragonara Resort - St. Julians

- 8:30am - 08:50am** **Registration**
- 9:00am - 10:00am** **Opening Ceremony**

Speeches:

Introductory comments
by Chief Justice Emeritus Joseph Said Pullicino, Parliamentary Ombudsman - Malta

Dr Igli Totozani, President of the AOM and Ombudsman of Albania

The Hon. Angelo Farrugia - President of the House of Representatives

H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca - President of the Republic of Malta

- 10:00am - 10:30am** *Coffee Break*

10:30am - 12:30pm Plenary Session 1 - *The Ombudsman's dual function - defending the citizen and promoting the right to good public administration.*

Chairman

Dr Igli Totozani, President of the AOM and Ombudsman of Albania

Panel

Chief Justice Emeritus Joseph Said Pullicino, Parliamentary Ombudsman of Malta

Ms Ronit Zandberg, Deputy Legal Advisor, Ombudsman - Israel

Ms Gundi Gadesmann, Head of Communications, European Ombudsman

Interventions

Mr Hilmi Jashari, Ombudsman of Kosovo

12:30pm - 2:00pm *Lunch*

2:00pm - 3:15pm Plenary Session 2 - *Strengthening the Ombudsman Institution through international cooperation, training opportunities and advanced academic studies on Ombudsmanship and good governance.*

Chairman:

Mr Abdelaziz Benzakour, Honorary President of the AOM and Ombudsman of Morocco

Panel:

Chief Justice Emeritus Joseph Said Pullicino, Parliamentary Ombudsman of Malta

Mr Marc Bertrand, President of the AOMF and Ombudsman of Wallonia and of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, Belgium

Interventions

Mr Idjet Memeti, Ombudsman of Macedonia

Ms Najet Gharbi Kadri, Director General, Mediator Administratiff, Tunisia

Ms Geraldine Guille, FRA – NLO Network Co-ordinator

Ms Gundi Gadesmann, Head of Communications, European Ombudsman

Mr Abdelaziz Benzakour, Honorary President of the AOM and Ombudsman of Morocco

3:15pm – 3:30pm *Coffee Break*

3:30pm – 5:30pm **Plenary Session 3** - *The role of the Ombudsman in protecting Human Rights in times of political and economic crisis, terrorism and irregular migration.*

Chairman

Mr Jacques Toubon, Defender of Rights of France

Panel

Dr Igli Totozani, President of the AOM and Ombudsman of Albania

Ms Soledad Becerril, Ombudsman of Spain

Mr Mohammed Khattech, Director General, Mediator Administratiff, Tunisia

Interventions

Mr Idjet Memeti, Ombudsman of Macedonia

Mr Jaume Saura, Deputy Ombudsman of Catalunya

Dr Monica Borg Galea, Head of Investigations, Malta

Mr Markus Jaeger, Head of Unit, Council of Europe

8:30pm – 10:00pm **Official Dinner**
Verdala Palace, Verdala

