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**ARE ORGANISING**  
**A CONFERENCE ON SUB-SAHARAN MIGRANTS IN TRANSIT IN MOROCCO**  
**UNDER THE THEME**  
**‘MIGRATION & HUMAN RIGHTS:**  
**‘THE WAR AGAINST MIGRANTS AT EU NEW BORDERS’**  
**IN LONDON ON 1ST APRIL 2008**  
**AT THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION CENTRE**

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ABCDS is a non-governmental organisation based in Oujda, Morocco. For the past three years, the organisation has been active in providing humanitarian and legal assistance to sub-Saharan migrants in transit in north-eastern Morocco.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together academics, NGOS, policy-makers, the media and members of civil society with the aim of:

- informing British civil society as well as the Moroccan and sub-Saharan diaspora about the situation of sub-Saharan migrants;
- advocating on behalf of migrants in regard to their fundamental human rights;
- creating a Euro-African network and a forum for productive dialogue between sub-Saharan Africa, the Maghreb and Europe, which in turn will contribute to finding sustainable solutions to the current challenges of migration.

This is the first time ever in London that a Moroccan grassroots organisation will be voicing up their experience on the ground, looking to build social solidarity from the bottom up.

Please kindly note that places are **limited** so early registration is recommended. See registration form for details.

## PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/CONTRIBUTOR & TITLE	LENGTH
09:00	Registration		30 mins
09:30	Opening	<b>Don Flynn</b> , Director Migrants Rights Network (MRN) <b>Fatiha Hajjat</b> , Coordinator ABCDS - London	10 mins
	Keynote speech	<b>Speech by MEP Jean Lambert</b>	10 mins
09:50	Speaker 1	<b>Dr Hein de Haas</b> , International Migration Institute, Oxford University 'The myth of invasion: The inconvenient realities of African migration to Europe'	30 mins
10:20	Film projection film no 1	Current situation of sub-Saharan migrants in Morocco	30 mins
10:50	Tea break		30 mins
11:20	Speaker 2	<b>Mr Hicham Baraka</b> - President of ABCDS Morocco 'Sub-Saharan migration in transit in Morocco from the viewpoint of ABCDS through their experience on the field'	40 mins
12:00	Q&A		20 mins
12:20	Lunch break		
14:00	Speaker 3	<b>Ms Souad Talsi</b> , Representative of the Moroccan community in the UK (tbc)	15 mins
14:15	Speaker 4	<b>Victoria Brittain</b> , journalist and former associate foreign editor of the Guardian (tbc)	15 mins
14:30	Speaker 5	<b>Sylvie Aboa-Bradwell</b> , Coordinator of the International Office Centre for Democracy and Development (tbc) 'Aspirations and challenges of the UK West African Diaspora'	30 mins
15:00	Film projection film no 2	Testimonials and pictures of migrants trapped at the Moroccan/Algerian borders	30 mins
15:30	Speaker 6	<b>MP Jeremy Corbyn</b> 'The situation of migrants in the UK and the British policy with regards to the entry and the stay of foreigners and migrants'	30 mins
16:00	Debates	<b>Panel of discussion – Moderator Don Flynn Hicham Baraka, Fatiha Hajjat, Dr Hein de Haas, MP Jeremy Corbyn, Souad Talsi (tbc), Victoria Brittain (tbc), Sylvie Aboa-Bradwell (tbc)</b>	45 mins
16:45	Tea break		30 mins
17:15	Conclusions & recommendations	Gathering of notes taken during the conference. Conclusions and recommendations.	30 mins
17:45		End of the conference	
18:45		Dinner with speakers	

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