

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



*Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Subcommittee on Human Rights*

**Meeting 2 June 2010 (17.30h-18.30h)**

**Programme**

## **Hearing on Reform in the Arab World**

This hearing is held in cooperation with the NGO freedom House.

Three invited experts will deliver their analysis by focusing in particular on recent trends in issues of elections, women's rights, and freedom of expression.

**Biographies and further background can be found in the meeting dossier**

Speakers:

- Anwar Sadat will provide updates on the recent vote to continue Emergency Law in Egypt, as well as heightened repression in Egypt related to upcoming elections.
- Fodil Boumala will discuss conditions for activists and journalists in the Maghreb, particularly related to recent and upcoming elections.
- Amal Basha will present testimony regarding recent violence and government backlash in Yemen, as well as trends for women's rights in Yemen and the Gulf region.
- Amir Motahari, Desk Officer, Euromed and regional issues, European Commission, RELEX