

Libya: the way forward

Exploring paths towards democracy and human rights

Speakers

Panel I

José Antonio SABADELL



José Antonio SABADELL is the Ambassador Head of the European Union Delegation to Libya since September 1st 2020.

He has been a Spanish diplomat since 1993. He served as Director of Policy Planning at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2018 - 2020) and as Ambassador Head of the European Union Delegation to Mauritania (2013 – 2017). He has also served in a number of other capacities including in Afghanistan, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (politico-military affairs), Guatemala, Ecuador and Riyadh.

He was Fellow at Harvard University Belfer Center between 2017 and 2018, where he wrote a Policy Paper entitled “Anger Management. The Politics of Frustration in the Arab World and its Implications for the West”. He remained an Associate of the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard Kennedy School until 2019.

Emadeddin BADI



Emadeddin Badi is a scholar and independent consultant who has worked with multiple development and international organizations in the fields of research, political risk and development. He specialized in governance, post-conflict stabilization, organized crime, hybrid security structures, security sector reform and peacebuilding, with a geographic focus on the North African and Sahel regions. Emad is currently a Senior Analyst at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, and a

Nonresident Senior Fellow with the Middle East Program at the Atlantic Council, where he focuses primarily on U.S and European policies towards Libya and the wider geopolitical implications of the conflict.

Jazia SHAYTEER



Jazia Shayteer is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Benghazi, the Head of the Law Department at the Libyan Academy of Benghazi and Deputy Director of the Center for Law and Society Studies, University of Benghazi.

She cooperated with many universities, national and international organizations. Jazia has many researches and articles published on issues like women, corruption, people with disabilities, terrorism, and the constitution.

Jazia Shayteer is a withdrawn member of the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum. She worked in the legal field: consultations, trainings and articles.

Ibtisam IBHIH



Dr. Ibtisam Ahmed Ibhieh is Member at the Faculty of Law - Benghazi University and a member of the Libyan Constitution Drafting Assembly. She is an activist in the field of human rights and transitional justice.

Panel II

Ramadan AL AMAMI



Ramadan AL Amami is a co-founder of Adala for All which seeks to ensure legal guarantees to a fair trial for detainees, and guarantees of access to justice for victims and to raise the legal community's awareness of the guaranteed rights under the binding International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law Conventions. He founded with others the Libyan Organization for Judges, which focused on improving the rule of law in the country to ensure an effective remedy for human rights abuses. He worked with the World Organization against Torture (OMCT) where he trained lawyers and advised partners on legal avenues for addressing human rights violations in the country. In 2014, Ramadan and his team were forced to relocate to Tunisia due to security concerns. Ramadan co-founded the Defender Network for Human Rights, a Libyan organization, based in Tunis that helps human rights defenders and monitors the human rights situation in Libya.

Ramadan worked with the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), where he coordinated the field and advocacy activities for the Libyan human rights coalition, known as "The platform". In November 2019, Ramadan left CIHRS to work with the Defender Network for Human Rights, the organization he co-founded in 2015.

Marwan TASHANI



Marwan Tashani is a Judge and former President of the Nepalese Commission for Cairo, Commissioner-General of the International Commission of Jurists ICJ and Executive director of the Center for Human Rights.

He is a legal researcher and human rights expert specializing in human rights and judicial justice issues.

Asma KHALIFA



Asma Khalifa is a Libyan activist and researcher who has worked on human rights, women's rights, and youth empowerment since 2011. She has spent her career contributing to the building of Libya's civil society and has worked on peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the country. For her efforts, Khalifa received the 2016 Luxembourg Peace Prize during the World Peace Forum in the European Parliament and, in 2017, she was named one of the "100 Most Influential Young Africans" by the Africa Youth Awards. Khalifa is also the co-founder of Tamazight Women's Movement, a think/do tank that is working on gender equality and research on the indigenous women of Libya and North Africa. She is also the co-founder of Khalifa ihler institute, khalifahiler.org

Nermin SHARIF



Nermin Sharif is the Secretary General of the General Union of Libyan Syndicates since 2011. She is well known for her tireless work in support of human, workers' and women's rights in Libya, in the Arab region, and globally.

Panel III

Amera MARKOUS



Amera Markous is a humanitarian researcher focusing on migration. She previously worked with several international organizations, including recently with the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) North Africa, where she researched the impact of COVID-19 on EU Mediterranean Migration Policies, with a focus on Libya.

Amera has a master degree, where she won the Swiss Humanitarian Award for her thesis titled: "Humanitarian Action and Anti-migration Paradox: A case study of UNHCR and IOM in Libya".

Tarek LAMLOUM



Tarek Khalil Lamloum works as a researcher in the issues of immigrants and asylum seekers since May 2012 in Libya.

He worked in awareness and training issues in partnership with a number of municipalities in Libya, as a collaborator at the International Center for Migration Policy Development and as a researcher with the American Legal Association on vulnerable groups.

Currently, Tarek works as a researcher with the Libyan Network Against torture and a researcher at the destruction of the platform at the Cairo Center.

He contributed to the publication of a book on vulnerable groups under the auspices of the Defender of Human Rights Center and also to many research papers on the detention of minors and the conditions of women inside detention centers in Libya with a number of local organizations. He also participated in governmental sessions on immigration issues, including the Ministry of Interior and Foreign Affairs

Hassan KADANO



Hassan Kadano is a Co-founder of Aman Organization Against Discrimination (AAD) and an active member since 2011. AAD is a human rights organization that monitors human rights violations in Libya, especially discriminatory violations. Since 2020 he has been working for the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies as a coordinator of the Libyan Platform Coalition for Human Rights which consists of 16 human rights organizations all around the country.

Marwa MOHAMED

Marwa Mohamed works as the Head of Advocacy and Outreach at Lawyers for Justice in Libya, with an expertise in human rights, refugee protection and migration.

Film screening

Sara CRETA



Sara Creta is an award-winning documentary filmmaker. She has spent the last decade bearing witness to the world's most urgent humanitarian and human rights crises. Traveling to the most remote corners, she has captured through her lens not only war and injustice but also humanity, dignity, and resilience. Her work has appeared in The NYT, Al Jazeera, Euronews, ARTE, ZDF, The New Humanitarian, and others. She is the winner of the Simon Cumbers Media Fund and the Migration Media Award, among others. Her latest investigation in Libya came runner-up at the 2022 European Press Prize in the investigation category.