



Conference agenda

11:00 - 13:00 : FIRST SESSION (CLOSED SESSION)

- Conference opened by Anne-Marie IDRAC, Minister of State with responsibility for Foreign Trade (French Presidency)
- Presentation by Peter MANDELSON, EU Commissioner for Trade

In this session, the Ministers will review the advancement of ongoing negotiations, with an eye to finalising the EuroMed Free-Trade Area by 2010 based on the Barcelona Process. The Ministers will take stock of progress in the implementation, negotiation and conclusion of agreements between Mediterranean partners in order to strengthen economic and trade integration between southern countries.

They will set guidelines for the next steps in order to evaluate progress made at the next EuroMed Ministerial Conference in 2009.

13:15 - 14:45 : MINISTERIAL LUNCHEON (PALAIS DE LA BOURSE)

The Ministers will have lunch in the salon d'honneur of the Palais de la Bourse, along with private sector leaders.

15:00 - 16:30 : SECOND SESSION (OPEN SESSION)

This special session will be devoted to an exchange of views between the Ministers and five key figures from the Euro-Mediterranean business world, who will share their analysis of economic integration in the Mediterranean area, and what this means for the strategies of their groups. Presentations will be made by:

- Mustapha Bakkoury, Managing Director of the Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion
- Pekin Baran, Chairman of Denizcilik AS and vice-president of the Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (TUSIAD)
- Antonio Hernandez Callejas, President of the Ebro Puleva group
- Issad Rebrab, Chairman and CEO of the Cevital group
- Jacques R. Saade, President of CMA CGM

16:45 - 17:00 : CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS (CLOSED SESSION)

17:15 : PHOTO SESSION

17:30 - 18:00 : PRESS CONFERENCE

20:30 : DINNER (SALONS DE LA PREFECTURE)

The Ministers will dine with local officials and private sector leaders who will take part on 3 July in Med Business Days, organised by Business Europe, MEDEF (French Confederation of Business Enterprises) and the UMCE (Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprise).