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FAREWELL CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION ON 28th OF SEPTEMBER 2021 IN CAIRO

The Anna Lindh Foundation has bidden farewell to its former President, Madame Elisabeth GUIGOU, who has finished her six year mandate and is welcoming HRH Princess Rym ALI of Jordan to this post

A reception has been held in Cairo on 28th of September to celebrate the handover ceremony between the former and new Presidents of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF), as well as the nomination of the new ALF Executive Director, M. Josep FERRÉ, who took up his functions earlier this month in the Headquarters of the Foundation, in Alexandria (Egypt).

Representatives of the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region and members of the civil society, as well as artists and academicians, attended this special event, such as H.E. Ambassador Hamdy Loza, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Ambassador Christian Berger, Head of the EU Delegation in Egypt, and Yousra, Egyptian Actress.

Welcome to HRH Princess Rym ALI, new President of the Anna Lindh Foundation

The new President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, HRH Princess Rym ALI, is the founder of the Jordan media Institute, with the ambition of creating an Arab Centre of Excellence for journalism education in the Arab world. She is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Royal Film Commission – Jordan and since 2018, she is also President of the Amman International Film Festival.

Prior to marrying her husband, HRH Prince Ali Bin AL HUSSEIN of Jordan, Princess Rym ALI was a journalist who worked as an international correspondent in Baghdad for CNN, covered the United Nations and worked in Washington DC for United Press International (UPI), as well as for the BBC radio and Radio Monte Carlo.

She is the recipient of the Alumni Award from Columbia University's school of journalism, of the French knight of the Légion d'honneur and the Portuguese Order of Prince Henri the Navigator for her efforts in the field of culture and intercultural exchanges.



Welcome to M. Josep FERRÉ, new Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation

The Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, M. Josep FERRÉ, from Spain, joins the Foundation with an extensive experience of more than twenty years promoting the Euro-Mediterranean relations, particularly in conceptualizing and leading policy-oriented research projects and a broad background in cooperation of development programmes and networks management. Before joining the Anna Lindh Foundation, he was Director-General of the European Institute of the Mediterranean, based in Barcelona. He has also a solid experience in multicultural and international cooperation and has served in various posts in those fields in Mauritania and Morocco, for the Spanish Government.

He steps into the position as the successor of the Dr. Nabil AL-SHARIF, who has not completed his mandate due to his untimely death in March of this year.

Bidding Farewell to Madame Elisabeth GUIGOU

The Foundation bids farewell to Madame Elisabeth GUIGOU, former President of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the Dialogue of Cultures and founder of the “Europartenaires” in France. Madame GUIGOU has held the portfolios of Minister of Justice and Minister of Social Affairs under President Jacques Chirac, and Minister of European Affairs under President François Mitterrand.

As former President of the Anna Lindh Foundation for six years, Madame GUIGOU launched the Programme of “Young Mediterranean Voices”, which included an award for ‘Best Intercultural Journalism”, and created the “EuroMed Forum for Women”, among many other achievements in her dedicated pursuit to foster and promote a dialogue between cultures in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Madame GUIGOU also steered the Foundation, through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic that shook the world, making sure that the Anna Lindh Foundation’s activities to promote dialogue in our region continued, despite lockdown and travel bans during her mandate. In this respect, she also led the publication of two “Intercultural Trends Reports” during her mandate. □

