



Welcome to the International Forum of Solidarity with the Sahrawi People and 5th Congress of UESARIO

📍 Sahrawi Refugee Camps — Tindouf, Algeria.

📅 Dates: 05 – 08 August 2026

*Facing the challenges... we build bridges of
solidarity*





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Introduction:

As part of strengthening dialogue, cooperation, and solidarity among peoples and international stakeholders, the International Forum in Solidarity with the Sahrawi People will be organized under the theme:

“Facing the Challenges... We Build Bridges of Solidarity”

from 05 to 08 August 2026 in the Sahrawi Refugee Camps in Tindouf, Algeria, in parallel with the 5th Congress of the Union of Students of Saguia El-Hamra and Rio de Oro (UESARIO).

This event aims to provide an international platform for exchange, dialogue, and partnership-building among participating organizations, institutions, and personalities through a diverse program combining thematic discussions, interactive sessions, field visits, and cultural activities, thereby fostering cooperation around issues of common interest.

Date and Venue of the Event

 Dates: 05 – 08 August 2026 /  Sahrawi Refugee Camps — Tindouf, Algeria.





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Background of the Event

In a rapidly evolving international context marked by increasing challenges affecting issues of justice, human rights, and solidarity among peoples, the organization of the International Forum in Solidarity with the Sahrawi People, held in parallel with the 5th Congress of the Union of Students of Saguia El-Hamra and Rio de Oro (UESARIO) from 05 to 08 August 2026, represents an important international platform for dialogue, exchange, and joint coordination.

This international event will bring together civil society organizations, political, human rights, and humanitarian institutions from different parts of the world with the aim of strengthening international solidarity and exchanging experiences and perspectives on issues of common concern, including political, legal, humanitarian, and media-related dimensions, while also fostering stronger cooperation and partnerships among international actors.

The forum aspires to become a collective platform for strengthening joint action and promoting the values of freedom, justice, peace, and peoples' right to self-determination, based on the belief that international solidarity remains an essential tool for positive change and for building a more just and equitable future.

Objectives of the Event

- Strengthening dialogue and exchange among participants and international organizations.
- Reinforcing partnerships and cooperation among youth and civil society actors.
- Sharing experiences and best practices regarding youth issues, human rights, and civic engagement.
- Promoting solidarity and cooperation around humanitarian issues of common concern.
- Providing insight into local experiences and community organization mechanisms.
- Supporting the role of media and civil society in awareness-raising and advocacy.
- Enhancing intercultural dialogue and rapprochement among participating delegations.
- Discussing shared development challenges, including water and sanitation issues.
- Developing recommendations and future prospects for continued international cooperation.





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Nature of Activities

The program includes a combination of political, academic, interactive, and cultural activities designed to strengthen exchange and interaction among participants while creating a space for dialogue and international solidarity.

The activities include:

Opening and Official Sessions: These include the official opening ceremony, formal addresses by participating delegations and organizations, as well as the presentation of political and organizational reports and outcomes of the event.

Thematic Lectures and Seminars: Sessions addressing issues of common interest from political, legal, humanitarian, and developmental perspectives, including the role of youth and students, African and international affairs, water and development, as well as civic and solidarity-based action.

Workshops and Interactive Meetings: Designed to facilitate the exchange of experiences and strengthen discussions among participants on political participation, social justice, media, and human rights.

Field Visits to Sahrawi National Institutions: Providing participants with direct insight into the reality of Sahrawi refugees, national institutions, and community organization mechanisms.

Official and Institutional Meetings: Meetings with representatives of Sahrawi state institutions aimed at strengthening dialogue, communication, and the exchange of perspectives.

Cultural and Recreational Activities: Including artistic evenings, sightseeing visits, and interactive programs intended to encourage cultural exchange and strengthen ties among participating delegations.

Closing Session and Adoption of Outcomes: Dedicated to evaluating the proceedings of the event, adopting recommendations, and strengthening mechanisms for future international coordination and cooperation.





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Who Will Participate?

Participants will include:

- Youth, student, women's, and labor organizations.
- African and international civil society organizations.
- Human rights activists.
- Journalists, media professionals, and influencers.
- Political and academic figures.

Working Languages

The official working languages of the event will be:

- Arabic
- Spanish
- English
- French

Logistical Arrangements

All internal logistical costs during the International Forum in Solidarity with the Sahrawi People will be fully covered by the organizers, including:

- Reception and welcoming services
- Meals and catering
- Accommodation
- Internal transportation (within the Sahrawi Refugee Camps)
- Interpretation and translation services
- Organizational assistance and accompaniment

What Participants Are Expected to Cover

- International round-trip flight tickets
- (from the point of departure to Tindouf city)





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Participation and Registration

- To confirm participation, participants are kindly requested to register through the following link: [Google form](#).
- Registration Deadline: **10 June 2026**.

Preliminary Programme

Day One – Wednesday, 05 August

11:00 – 12:00

Distribution of visas to conference participants and international delegations.

12:00 – 13:00

Welcome session dedicated to international delegations.

13:15 – 16:30 - Lunch Break & Rest Period

16:30 - Departure to the conference venue.

17:00 – 20:30 - Official Opening Ceremony of the Congress and International Forum:

- Appointment of the Congress Presidency and Moderation Committee
- Official addresses by participating delegations and organizations
- Presentation of the report on the work carried out by the outgoing leadership term.

20:30 – 21:30 - Dinner followed by a cultural and musical evening.





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Day Two – Thursday, 06 August 2026

10:00 – 11:30 – Lecture:

“The Sahrawi Cause in the African and International Context”

11:30 – 12:00 - Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30 - Workshop:

“The Effectiveness of Youth and Student Political Participation and Their Role in Achieving Social Justice”

14:00 – 17:00 - Lunch Break & Rest Period

17:00 – 17:45 Lecture:

“Water and Sanitation in Africa: Challenges and Solutions”

17:45 – 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 – 18:45 Lecture:

“The Experience of Sahrawi Civil Society in Solidarity Work and Community Organization”

20:00 - Touristic excursion to the sand dunes, followed by dinner and a cultural/music evening.

Day Three – Friday, 07 August 2026

09:00 – 13:00 - Institutional Visit – Rabouni camp

Visits to Sahrawi national institutions to gain direct insight into the reality of Sahrawi refugees and their institutional structures:

- The National Museum
- Headquarters of the Sahrawi Red Crescent
- Headquarters of the National Union of Sahrawi Women
- Sahrawi Cinema School

13:00 – 14:00 - Interactive Meeting with:

Activists and Influencers in Media and Human Rights

Theme: “The Role of Media in Advocating for Humanitarian Causes and Defending Civilian and Peoples’ Rights – The Palestinian Cause as a Case Study”

📍 Venue: UESARIO Headquarters

14:00 – 16:30 - Lunch Break & Rest Period

16:30 – 18:00 - Official Meeting With:

Representatives of Sahrawi state institutions

18:00 – 20:00 - Closing Session

- Closing remarks
- Adoption of the forum outcomes and recommendations.



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Day Four – Saturday, 08 August 2026

Morning: Touristic and cultural excursion.

Evening: Departure from Raed Faraj Airport – Tindouf.

Arrival and Transportation Information

In order to ensure smooth reception and logistical coordination for participants arriving from different parts of the world, participants are kindly requested to use one of the following international arrival airports:

Option 1: Houari Boumediene International Airport – **Algiers**

Option 2: Ahmed Ben Bella International Airport – **Oran**

Reception and Assistance

Upon arrival at one of the above-mentioned international airports, participants will be welcomed by members of the UESARIO External Relations and Protocol Team, who will be waiting inside the airport and can be identified through official signs bearing the name UESARIO.

The Organizing Team Will Be Responsible For:

- Welcoming delegations and participants and facilitating all necessary arrangements.
- Assisting participants until the scheduled domestic flight to Tindouf City.
- Coordinating domestic travel arrangements to ensure a smooth and secure transfer process.
- Receiving participants upon arrival at Raed Faraj Airport – Tindouf and providing dedicated transportation to the accommodation site accompanied by members of the organizing committee.





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Conclusion

We look forward to your participation in this important international event, driven by our shared belief in the importance of collective action and the promotion of the values of solidarity, freedom, and justice.

Together, we aspire to strengthen dialogue, deepen cooperation, and build lasting bridges of solidarity in the face of shared global challenges.

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