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What are the prospects for North Africa?

Arab Uprisings – 5 years on



The political upheavals of 2011 have set in motion a lengthy and uncertain transition process in North Africa. Free elections and new constitutions are positive signs. However, past experience has shown that periods of social upheaval can last decades.

The 2011 uprisings have brought about freedom for change. Since then, various social forces have been fighting to identify their visions for the future. Our panel consists of four high profile speakers, some of which have been active in this struggle since the very beginning. So, what are North Africa's prospects compared to other transition processes?

How far is the transition process in Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco and Libya five years after the Arab uprisings? What are the prospects for the future?

TRAVERSE wants to shed light on this, and the panel will discuss the following questions:

- What patterns shape historic transition processes, and what are the key elements for success or failure?
- What are the reasons behind the different trajectories of the individual North African countries?
- Which role do external actors play and what is the scope for international cooperation?

We are looking forward to a lively debate!

Registration by 3 February 2016 at traverse@eda.admin.ch. Free of charge, limited number of participants; simultaneous translation English-French-German. For further information: www.deza.admin.ch/traverse