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**DRAFT PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (as of 29 May 2026)**

<b>19 June</b>	
<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>10.00 – 13.00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>High-Level Opening ceremony</i></b></p> <p>Opening Address by H. E. Hon. Mohamed Ould Er-Rachid, President of the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco, President of the Association of Senates, Shoura and Equivalent Councils of Africa and the Arab World</p> <p>Opening Address by H.E. Hon. Giulio Centemero (Italy), PAM President</p> <p>Address by H.E. Hon. Rachid Talbi El Alami, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco (TBC)</p> <p>Address by H.E. Hon. Mehdi Tazi, President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)</p> <p>Address by H.E. Sen. Suhair Al-Ali (Jordan), PAM Vice-President and President of the PAM 2nd Standing Committee – Former Minister of Planning of Jordan</p> <p>Keynote addresses by High-Level Representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (TBC)</p> <p>Keynote addresses by Presidents of PAM Parliaments (in person)</p> <p>Keynote addresses by High-Level speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Hon. Rodrigo Gamarra, MERCORSUR-PARLASUR Parliament President</li> <li>- H.E. Hon. Karla Lisbeth Gutiérrez Herrera, PARLACEN President</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. René Daniel Camacho Quezada, PARLANDINO</li> <li>- Speakers of the African Senates and National Assemblies</li> <li>- Vice President of the PARLATINO tbc</li> <li>- Senior Representative of the International Financial Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group</li> <li>- H.E. Amb. Prof. Abdulsalam AlMadani, Chairman of PAM Centre for Global Studies (CGS)</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of the outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> PAM Plenary Session (Budva, Montenegro) by Hon. Dejan Djurovic, Head of the Montenegro Delegation to PAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FAMILY PHOTO</p>
<b>13.00 – 14.20 Light Lunch</b>	

<p><b>14:30-15:50</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 1:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Global Challenges to Economic Integration, Free Trade and Public Debt</i></b></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Hon. Giulio Centemero, PAM President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Marco Elio Rottigni, Director General, Italian Banking Association (ABI)</li> <li>- Mr. Brett Rayner International Monetary Fund (IMF)</li> <li>- H.E. Hon. Maryam Bin Theneya (UAE), President of the Women Parliamentary Forum (WPF), Second Deputy Speaker of the UAE Federal National Council (FNC)</li> <li>- Ms. Violeta Gonzalez, Counsellor, World Trade Organization (WTO)</li> <li>- Representative of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)</li> </ul> <p>Debate</p>
<p><b>16:00 – 17:30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 2:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Fostering Investment in Artificial Intelligence and the Creation of a Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf AI Hub</i></b></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Sen. Suhair Al-Ali (Jordan), PAM Vice-President and President of the PAM 2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Committee – Former Minister of Planning of Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Yusuke Shimizu, Head, Global Parliamentary Engagement, World Bank Group – former Google</li> <li>- Mr. Salim Salameh, Director of the Digital Transformation Unit - Prime Ministry, Member of the Jordan National Council of Future Technology</li> <li>- Ms. Sanae Lahlou, Country Representative, Morocco, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</li> <li>- Ms. Sara Rendtorff-Smith, Head, Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Digital Technologies Division. OECD</li> <li>- Representative of Amazon Web Services</li> <li>- Mr. Lorenzo Maternini, CEO, Perspective AI, Board member, CDP Venture Capital</li> <li>- Representative of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)</li> </ul> <p>Debate</p>
<p><b>18.00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conclusions Day 1</b></p>
<p><b>18.15</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Transfer to the Official Dinner kindly hosted by the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco</b></p>

<b>20 June</b>	
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<p><b><u>Special Session on Africa:</u> “<i>The AfCFTA and the Connectivity of Euro-African Value Chains: Towards an Integrated Space for Co-production, Investment and Economic Resilience</i>”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction by Mr. Lahcen Haddad, Vice-President of the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco and Member of the Pan-African Parliament</li> <li>- Address by H. E. Hon. Mohamed Ould Errachid, President of the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco, President of the Association of African Senates</li> <li>- Address by H.E. Hon. Giulio Centemero (Italy), PAM President</li> </ul> <p>Debate</p>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>MoU Signature between PAM the African Senates on Euro-Mediterranean and African Parliamentary Cooperation</b>
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 3A:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Stimulating Job Creation through the Blue Economy</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Tatjana Hema, Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme -Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP MAP) tbc</li> <li>- Dr. Massimo Deandreis, Director, SRM Study Center, Intesa Sanpaolo Group</li> <li>- Mr. Jan Pachner, Secretary General, One Ocean Foundation</li> <li>- Mr. Hasan Ozkoc, Director, MEDREG</li> <li>- Representative of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)</li> </ul>
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 3B:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>SMEs and Start-ups as a Driver of Innovation and Youth Employment</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Joseph Sanctaureu, President, ASCAME</li> <li>- Mr Stiven Muccioli, Founder and CEO, BKN301, SM Capital</li> <li>- Mr. Khalil Haddad , Chief Executive Officer, Oasis500</li> <li>- Mr Alessandro Tommasi, CEO, Future Proof Society</li> <li>- Representative of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)</li> </ul>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>MoU Signature between PAM and ASCAME</b>

<p><b>12:30-13:30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 4:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MEP César Luena (Spain), Member of the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) - European Parliament</li> <li>- Hon. Jean Leonard Touadi, Special Coordinator of Parliamentary Networks Team, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</li> <li>- Hon. Gabriel Amard (France), PAM Rapporteur on the Right to Water and Sanitation</li> <li>- Ms Lauren Lee, Policy Analyst, OECD</li> <li>- Mr Simone De Battisti, Feel Think Tank</li> <li>- Representative of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)</li> </ul> <p>Debate</p>
<p><b>13.30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conclusions of the Forum by the PAM Presidency</b></p>
<p><b>14:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Light Lunch &amp; Cultural Program</b></p>