

Closing Plenary of the Common Space

14:45-15:30, June 30, 2017

Amb. Omar Hilale

*Permanent Representative of Kingdom of Morocco
to the UN in New York*

Ambassador Omar Hilale is Morocco's Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations in New York since he was appointed in this position in April 2014.

Beginning in November 2008 until his latest appointment, Mr. Hilale was Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva. He previously served as Secretary-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Rabat from 2005 to 2008.



He was Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva from 2001 to 2005, and Ambassador to Indonesia, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand between 1996 and 2001. He also held several positions in the Foreign Ministry, including that of Minister Plenipotentiary and member of the Office of the Secretary of State, from 1993 to 1996.

From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Hilale headed the Ministry Section responsible for the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council and International Organizations. He was Deputy Ambassador in Monrovia, Liberia, from 1979 to 1980; First Secretary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 1976 and 1979; and Second Secretary in Algiers, Algeria, from 1975 to 1976. He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1974.

Mr. Hilale received a degree in political science from Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco, in 1974.

Ms. Berenice Valdez Rivera

Co-Chair of GFMD Civil Society Days 2017

Ms. Berenice Valdez Rivera is the Public Policy Coordinator for the Institute for Women in Migration (Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración, IMUMI) in Mexico. Her main focus is to promote the rights of migrant women and their families through social integration projects and lobbying with governments and other actors. Throughout her career, she has participated in different civil society national and regional networks, advocating for the rights of people on the move, from the perspectives of human security, sustainable development and social inclusion.

