



Free Roundtable Talk with

His Excellency Rachad Bouhlal

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United States

**Tuesday,
April 3, 2012**

Time:
12:00 noon - 1:00 PM

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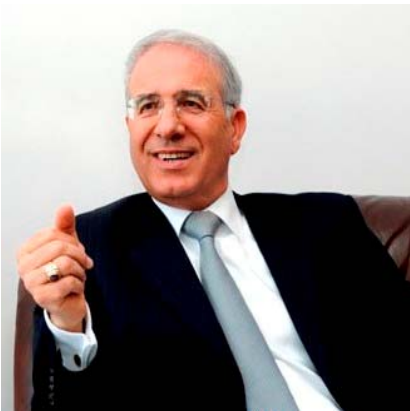
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Understanding the Arab Spring: Morocco's Perspective

In February 2011, as the wave of "Arab Spring" political demonstrations swept across North Africa and the Middle East, protestors took to the streets in Morocco, demanding greater political freedom and economic equality. The country's king quickly responded by offering constitutional reforms and calling early elections.



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Department and senior advisor to the prime minister. Prior to serving as ambassador to the U.S., he was ambassador to Germany as well as to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The Ambassador and a delegation of Moroccan officials are in Hawai'i to sign a Sister State agreement between Hawai'i and Morocco's Greater Region of Rabat-Sale-Zemmour-Zaer, and for a ceremonial groundbreaking of a Moroccan fountain in the Capitol district as a gift to the people of Hawai'i.

Morocco's ambassador to the U.S., **His Excellency Rachad Bouhlal**, will offer an update on developments in his country, and the Moroccan government's perspective on broader Arab Spring events in the region. Ambassador Bouhlal has held many positions within the Moroccan government, including director of the Fishery Industries