

THE ARAB SPRING: A MOROCCAN PERSPECTIVE



THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY
2:00 P.M.
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His Excellency

Mohamed Rachad Bouhlal

MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

Mohamed Rachad Bouhlal was appointed Moroccan ambassador to the U.S. in January 2012 having previously served as ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany (2004–11). Bouhlal's diplomatic career includes serving as secretary general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (1999–2004), ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg and as representative of Morocco to the European Communities (1996), and as senior advisor to the Prime Minister (1994). He became secretary general of the Ministry of Foreign Trade (1991) after serving as director of the Fishery Industries Department at the Ministry of Fisheries and Merchant Marine (1988). In

1979, he became deputy director and head of the commercial division at the Foreign Exchange office at the Ministry of Finance after joining the civil service at the Foreign Trade in 1976. Bouhlal was awarded the Order of the Throne of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Order of Leopold of the Kingdom of Belgium, and Officer of the Legion of Honor (France). He is a founding Member of Ribat El Fath association and a pilot and the president of the Rabat Royal Air Club. He is also the president and founder of the Wildlife Film Festival of Rabat. In 1970, he received a BA in mathematics and then pursued an MBA in Rouen, France. Bouhlal is married and has two children.