

CURRICULUM VITAE

H.E. Mr. **Habib BEN YAHIA**

Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union

Name: Habib BEN YAHIA

Date of Birth: 30 July 1938, in Tunis.

Academic Background

Secondary Education: Baccalaureate, Collège Sadiki, Tunis.

Higher Education: MA in English, University of Tunis.

Specialization: International Relations, University of Columbia (New York).

Professional Experience

1963: Executive, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1967: Economic Councillor, Embassy of Tunisia in Washington.

1970: Councillor, Embassy of Tunisia in Paris.

1973: Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1975: Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1976: Tunisian Ambassador to Abu Dhabi.

1977: Tunisian Ambassador to Tokyo.

1981: Tunisian Ambassador to Washington.

1988: Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1991: Foreign Affairs Minister.

1997: National Defense Minister.

1999-2004: Foreign Affairs Minister.

2005: Diplomatic Councillor to President of the Republic of Tunisia.

2006: Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union (from 1 February 2006).

Diplomatic Missions

- Participation in various regional and international conferences (United Nations, League of Arab States, African Union, Arab Maghreb Union, European Union, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, Mediterranean Forum, 5+5 Dialogue).
- Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tunisia.
- Presidential Representative in diverse regional and international events.
- Participation in various regional and international conflict resolution committees (in Africa and the Middle East).
- President of Tunisian delegation to numerous joint negotiation committees.
- Lecturer at various universities.

Commendations

- “Grand cordon des insignes” of the Tunisian Republic.
- “Grand cordon des insignes” of 7 November.
- Several other international commendations.