



## BIOGRAPHY

### Mr. Fathallah Sijilmassi

#### Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean



Fathallah Sijilmassi is the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean since 1 March, 2012.

A career Diplomat for the Moroccan government, he specializes in international relations in particular with regards to Euro-Mediterranean issues.

After working in the banking sector as a representative of the Banque Commerciale du Maroc (1989-1992), he was named Director of International Trade Relations at the Ministry of Trade where he played an active role in the negotiations of free trade agreements with the European Union, the United States, and several Arab and African countries.

He then served within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation as Director of Multilateral Cooperation (1999-2001) and Director of European Affairs (2001-2003). At 37, he was appointed by His Majesty the King of Morocco, Ambassador to the European Union (2003-2004) and later Ambassador to France (2004-2009).

Upon his return to Morocco, he was named CEO of the Moroccan Investment Development Agency, where he led its launch and subsequent growth (2009-2012).

Fathallah Sijilmassi is a graduate in Political Science and holds a PhD in Economics. He speaks five languages: Arabic, French, English, Italian and Spanish.

He is an “Officier de la Légion d’Honneur” and “Grand officier dans l’Ordre National du Mérite” of the Republic of France.

He is married with two children.