

UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF RELIGION SUPPORTING
RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

International Conference
Vienna, Austria

PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 19: PUBLIC SESSIONS

Location: Hilton Stadtpark

8:30 Opening, Recommendations, Action Commitments – Park Congress I–II

- **Welcome from H.E. Mr. Faisal Bin Abdulrahman Bin Muaammar**, KAICIID Secretary General
- **Council of Parties Ministerial Representatives**
- **H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulmuhsen Al Turki**, Secretary General, Muslim World League
- **H.B. Patriarch Raphael I Louis Sako**, Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church
- **Rev. Father Miguel Ayuso**, KAICIID Board of Directors
- On behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General, **H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- H.E. Dr. Ahmad Mohammad Ali Al Madani, the President of the Islamic Development Bank.

RECOMMENDATIONS and ACTION ANNOUNCEMENTS Policy recommendations and action announcements regarding implementable strategies for social cohesion, dialogue, social media, peacebuilding, against abuse of religion, promoting a culture of dialogue, inter-religious education, respect of difference and diversity management.

KAICIID COMMITMENT KAICIID announces its own set of programmatic actions and partnerships for 2015 to advance the objectives of the Conference.

MC invites all Religious Leaders who wish to join in the photo to proceed to the platform.

PANEL 1 Social Cohesion, Diversity and Coexistence – Park Congress I–II

10:00–11:30

How are regional actors addressing the consequences of violence in the region? What kinds of projects, programmes and services are being offered, and what are the existing challenges? To what extent are religious organizations and policy makers cooperating to strengthen social cohesion and offer relief to those affected by the conflict? How can we begin now to work toward a post-conflict peace and reconciliation process? How do we get future generations to celebrate diversity?

Moderated Session

- **H.E. Abdel-Latif Derian**, Grand Mufti of Lebanon
- **H.B. Patriarch Gregory III Laham**, Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, and Alexandria and Jerusalem
- **H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Al-Mutlaq**, Member, Supreme Religious Council; President, Board of Directors of King Abdul Aziz Center for National Dialogue of Saudi Arabia
- **Sayyid Ali Al-Hakeem**, Director, Al-Hakim foundation, Lebanon
- **H.E. Sheikh Mahmoud Abdulaziz Al Anni**, Head, Association of Iraqi Muslim Scholars
- **Mir Breen Tahseen**, Re. of His Sublime Highness Mir Tahsin Saied Beg, the Head of the Yazidi Community
- **H.E. Mr. Adama Dieng**, Under-Secretary General, Special Adviser, Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide

11:30—12:00 COFFEE BREAK – Prefunction Area

PANEL 2 **Role of Religious Institutions and Civil Society in Building Peace**
– Park Congress I–II

12:00–13:30

Communication and social media are a contested space in the conflict, where ideas and messages rather than missiles are the weapons. To what extent can the narrative of violence in the name of religions be reversed and reclaimed by religious institutions and civil society, including through effective communication? How can we strengthen collective action to counter and overcome messages of hate, while still respecting freedom of expression and religious diversity? How can we create room for dialogue among regional actors?

Moderated by Dr. Samuel Rizk, Programme Advisor, Regional Bureau for Arab States UNDP

- **H.E. Sheikh Dr. Shawki Ibrahim Allam**, Grand Mufti of Egypt
- **His Eminence Archbishop Shahan Sarkassian**, Archbishop of Aleppo, Rep. of H. H. Catholocos Aram I Keshishian
- **H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Habbash**, Palestine Chief Religious Justice
- **H.E. Metropolitan Isaac Barakat**, Metropolitan of Germany and Central Europe, Rum Orthodox Church
- **Mrs. Antonella Caruso**, Director of Middle East and West Asia Division, UN Department of Political Affairs
- **Sheikh Sami Abil-Mona**, Head, Culture and Dialogue Committee, Druze Council

13:30—14:30 **LUNCH** – Park Congress III

PANEL 3 Role of Religion and Education in Countering Violence
– Park Congress I–II

14:30–16:00

The conflict threatens the very existence of education that promotes dialogue and interreligious understanding, and thus undermines opportunities for an entire generation to peacefully coexist. How can we preserve interreligious education within Iraq and Syria, as well as among refugees and IDPs? To what extent are religious leaders responsible for encouraging dialogue with Others? In a post-conflict environment, how do we secure the development of education that is sensitive to dialogue and diversity?

Moderated by Rev. Dr. Fadi Daou, Chairman, Adyan

- **H.E. Sheikh Abdul Karim Khasawneh**, Grand Mufti of Jordan
- **H.E. Dr. Abbas Shouman**, Deputy, Al Azhar
- **H.E. Bishop Nasser Gemayel**, Bishop of Notre Dame du Liban de Paris, Maronite Church
- **H.E. Mrs. Bahia Al Hariri**, President, Al Hariri Foundation
- **Rev. Dr. Safouat Al Baiyadi**, President, Protestant Community of Egypt
- **Sheikh Abdallah bin Mahfudh bin Bayyah**, President, Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies
- **H.E. Bishop Mor Dionysius Isa Gurbuz**, Patriarchal Vicar of Switzerland and Austria, Syrian Orthodox Church

16:30 Closing – Park Congress I–II

CONFERENCE STATEMENT

CLOSING REMARKS AND DEDICATION – KAICIID BOARD MEMBERS