



United Against Violence in the Name of Religion
Interreligious Meeting on
Supporting Citizenship Rights and Peaceful Coexistence
Challenges, Practices and Open Questions

Athens, Greece

2 - 3 September 2015

September 2:

18:00 - 21:00 **Welcome Dinner at the Ballroom of King George Hotel**

Welcome by:

- **His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel**
- **His Excellency Faisal bin Abdulrahman bin Muaammar**

Discussion and Revision of Declaration

September 3: **(at the Golden Rooms of Hotel Grande Bretagne)**

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:30 **Opening session: Official Welcome and Keynote Speeches**

- **His Excellency Faisal bin Abdulrahman bin Muaammar**, KAICIID Secretary-General
- **His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel**, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and Member of the KAICIID Board of Directors
- **His Excellency Ambassador Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos**, Representative of the Hellenic Republic
- **His Excellency Sheikh Abdel-Latif Derian**, Grand Mufti of Lebanon
- **His Holiness Catholicos Aram I Keshishian**, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church
- **His Excellency Sayyed Ali Al-Amin**

10:30 - 10:45 Group Photo

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:15 Panel 1: Role of religious leaders and religious institutions in supporting citizenship rights and peaceful coexistence between Christians and Muslims in the Middle East.

How can religious leaders and religious institutions strengthen collective action to counter and overcome messages of hate and promote diversity, dialogue and peaceful coexistence?

How can religious institutions collaborate now to work toward a post-conflict peace and reconciliation process?

How can religious leaders and religious institutions engage in a more constructive and dynamic way to create the right climate for promoting common citizenship?

- **His Beatitude Patriarch Gregory III Laham**, the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, and Alexandria and Jerusalem
- **His Excellency Dr. Sheikh Abdul Karim Khasawneh**, Grand Mufti of Jordan
- **His Eminence Metropolitan Bassilios Mansour**, Metropolitan of Akkar and dependencies, Representative of His Beatitude Patriarch Yohanna X
- **Dr. Ibrahim Negm**, Senior Advisor to the Grand Mufti of Egypt, His Excellency Grand Mufti Shawki Ibrahim Alam
- **His Eminence Bishop Dionysious Jean Kawak**, Patriarchal Vicar, Representative of His Holiness Syrian Orthodox Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II.
- **Dr. Ahmad Saifuddin Turkistani**, Islamic scholar and associate professor at Al-Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University in Saudi Arabia

12:15 - 13:00 General Discussion

13:00 - 15:30 Lunch Break (buffet) at the Hotel and Networking

- 15:30 - 16:30** **Panel 2: Role of faith-based institutions, civil society and policy makers in assisting and supporting the civilian populations in/from crisis regions.**
- What are the key challenges currently facing the faith-based institutions?
- Where are the priorities and capacity gaps for faith-based institutions in working on the re-establishment of diversity and peace post-conflict?
- What are the possibilities for faith-based institutions to demonstrate multi-religious cooperation (e.g. on humanitarian issues)?
- To what extent are faith-based institutions, civil society organisations and policy makers cooperating to strengthen social cohesion and offer relief to those affected by the conflicts?
- **His Excellency Ambassador Slimane Chikh**, Permanent Representative of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to the United Nations Office, Geneva
 - **His Excellency Ambassador Stefano Ronca**, Diplomatic Adviser, Order of Malta
 - **Dr. Mohamed Ashmawey**, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Relief
 - **Dr. Samy Mohamed Mandour**, Dialogue Coordinator at Azhar Dialogue Center
 - **Dr. Father Michel Jalakh**, Secretary General of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)
- 16:30 - 17:00** **General Discussion**
- 17:00 - 17:30** **Coffee Break**
- 17:30 - 17:45** **What does KAICIID do in the region? How can participated institutions work with KAICIID in these fields?**
- 17:45 - 18:45** **Open floor discussion**
- What should be done?
 - Where are the challenges and gaps?
 - Which initiatives and institutions need more support?

- How to follow up after the meeting?

19:00 - 21:00

Official Closing and Reception

- Conference Declaration
- Council of Parties Ministerial Representatives
 - Representative of the Republic of Austria
 - Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - Representative of the Kingdom of Spain
 - Representative of The Holy See

*** End of Programme ***