

GLOBAL SUMMIT ON RELIGION, PEACE AND SECURITY

Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies by fostering religious freedom and preventing violent extremism and atrocity crimes

23-25 November 2016, Palais des Nations, Geneva,
Conference Room XVII

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2016

14:00 - 14:45 Official Opening

Moderated by: H.E. Alvaro Albacete, Deputy Secretary General for External Relations at the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), Vienna

Rapporteur: Aziza Baroud, Religious leader and Member of Parliament, Chad

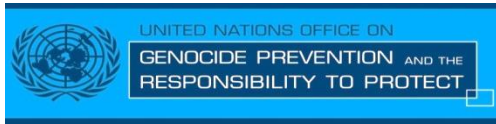
Opening Remarks

1. Adama Dieng, Under Secretary-General, United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
2. Liviu Olteanu, Secretary General of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty
3. Heiner Bielefeldt, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief (video conference)
4. H.E. Belen Alfaro, Ambassador in Special Mission for Alliance of Civilizations and Interreligious Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain
5. Béla Szombati, Head of the Human Rights Section, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in Geneva

14:45 - 16:15 PANEL 1 – The current status of affairs: challenges to peace, security and human rights, with focus on the right to freedom of religion and belief

Moderated by: H.E. Ms. Beatriz Londoño Soto, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Rapporteur: Lord Singh of Wimbledon, House of Lords, United Kingdom



1. H.E. Alvaro Albacete, Deputy Secretary General for External Relations at the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), Vienna
2. His Eminence Shaykh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi, Syrian Islamic scholar and religious leader
3. Asher Maoz, Dean Perez Academic Center, Law School, Shimon Perez University, Israel
4. Tahir Mahmood, Distinguished Jurist Chair, Professor of Eminence and Chairman of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Amity University, Former Chairman National Minorities Commission, India
5. Valeriu Ghiletschi, Member of the Parliament of Moldova and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on the Committees on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, Equality and Non-Discrimination
6. Ricardo Garcia-Garcia, Former Deputy Director in the Ministry of Justice of Spain on relations with religions and churches, current Vice-Rector General of Strategic Planning of the Catholic University of Valencia

Followed by Q and A

16.15 – 16.30 Coffee break

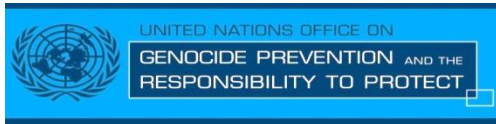
16:30 - 18:00 PANEL 2 – The current status of affairs: best practices and lessons learned in fostering freedom of religion and belief

Moderated by: Simona Cruciani, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

Rapporteur: Azza Karam, Senior Advisor on Culture, United Nations Population Fund

1. Fatos Araci, Deputy Section Registrar, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg
2. Rehmah Kasule, Founder and President of Century Entrepreneurship Development Agency International, Uganda
3. Eduardo Vera Jardim, President of the Portuguese Religious Liberty Commission
4. Bishop Duleep DeChickera, Colombo (Sri Lanka), Member of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, World Council of Churches
5. Rabbi Michael Melchior, Chairman of the Mosaica Center for Religious Conflict Transformation in the Middle East, Chief Rabbi of Norway, Rabbi in Jerusalem, Former Cabinet Minister in the Israeli Cabinet
6. Alberto Guaita, Former President of the Union Adventista Espanola, President of the “Association para la Defensa de Libertad Religiosa” of Spain

Followed by Q and A



18:00 - 18:25 “BOOKS LAUNCH”

Moderated by: Mario Brito, President of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR)

Rapporteur: Susan Kerr, Europe Advocacy Manager, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Brussels

- **“History of Liberty and Respect for Differences”**
- **“Agents and Ambassadors for Peace.** Promoting freedom of religion and freedom of expression against violence in the name of religion”
 1. Bruno Vertallier, former President of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty, Bern
 2. Harald Mueller, Judge in Hannover, Germany
 3. Harri Kuhalampi, Adviser to Member of European Parliament Hannu Takula, Brussels
 4. Juan Antonio Martinez Munoz, Director of Department of Philosophy of Law, Professor of the Law Faculty at Universidad Complutense de Madrid

18:35 - 19:15 International Awards of Excellence “Ambassador for Liberty and Peace - Jean Nussbaum and Eleanor Roosevelt” at the 70th Anniversary (1946-2016) of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty.

Moderated by: Liviu Olteanu, Secretary General of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty

Honoring: (international actors)

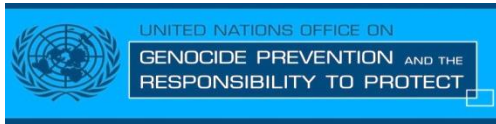
The National Chamber Choir “Madrigal –Marin Constantin” will participate in anticipation of the concert that will be held at the World Intellectual Property Organization HQ (WIPO), on Thursday 24th of November, at 6:15pm. Guests are invited to register for attendance before noon on 24 with the Secretariate of the Summit.

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016

09:30 - 11:00 PANEL 3 – The migrant and refugee crisis: challenges from the perspective of promoting peace, security and human rights, with particular focus on freedom of religion and belief

Moderated by: H.E. Belen Alfaro, Ambassador at Large for the Alliance of Civilizations and Interreligious Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain

Rapporteur: Semegnish Asfaw Grosjean, Programme Executive, Advocacy and Peace-building World Council of Churches



1. Adama Dieng, Under Secretary General, United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Prevention of Genocide, New York, United States of America
2. Sow Sidibe, Professor of Law, Cofounder African Promotion of Women Workers and Director Institute for Human Rights and Peace, University of Dakar
3. Christian Molke, Executive Director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Germany, Coordinator project in Greece in behalf of Yezidis
4. Jose Luis Bazan from Brussels Belgium, Legal Adviser for Migration and Asylum and Religious Freedom, Secretary of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (COMECE)
5. Antonio Eduard Nistor, philosopher and theologian, President of the Foundation "Pro Vivere Dignum"
6. Ricardo Espinosa, International Relations and Civil Society Expert, former Liaison Officer, Non-Governmental Organizations Office of the Director-General

Followed by Q and A

11.00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12:45 PANEL 4 – The “Dialogue Five” framework: cooperation and coordination

(The “Dialogue Five framework” means: 1) Diplomats, 2) Politicians, 3) Scholars, 4) Religious actors and 5) Civil society – NGOs and media, working together on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies by fostering religious freedom and preventing violent extremism and atrocity crimes and cooperating at: *national* (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education), *regional* (European Union, Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and other regional organizations) and *international* (United Nations) levels).

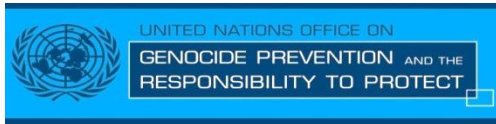
Moderated by: Adama Dieng, Under Secretary-General/United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide

Rapporteur: Kyriaki Topidi, Senior Lecturer /Associate Director of the Center for Comparative Constitutional Law and Religion, School of Law, University of Lucerne, Switzerland

1. Aziza Baroud, Religious leader and Member of Parliament, Chad
2. Elisa Maria Nunez, Director of the Vice-chancellor, Catholic University of Valencia
3. Ibrahim Salama, Chief Human Rights Treaties Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
4. Jan Figel, the European Union Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the European Union
5. Alexey Koshemyakov, Visiting Professor of Universities of Moscow, former Head Department of National Minorities and Antidiscrimination, Council of Europe
6. Kishan Manocha, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

Followed by Q and A

12.45 - 14:00 Lunch at the cafeteria of the Palais des Nations.



14:00 - 15:30 PANEL 5 – Changing mindsets: best practices and lessons learned

Moderated by: Norbert Zens, Treasurer and Member of the Board of Directors of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR), Bern, Switzerland

Rapporteur: Antonio Eduard Nistor, President “Pro Vivere Dignum” Foundation

1. Diane Ala'I, Representative of the Baha'I at the United Nations in Geneva
2. Susan Kerr, Europe Advocacy Manager, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Brussels
3. Soares Loja, Vice-President Portugal Commission of Freedom of Religion or Belief
4. Jose Miguel Serrano, Professor at the University Complutense, Madrid, Spain
5. Hajar Al-Kaddo, Programmes Manager for Human Appeal International - Turkey Mission and Board of Trustees of the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organizations (FEMYSO)
6. Jose Luis Sanchez, Vice-Rector of Catholic University Valencia
7. Nelu Burcea, Director Associate of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), Washington D.C.
8. Robert Orton, LDS Charities and International Center for Law & Religion Studies

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15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

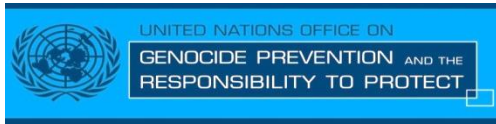
15:45 – 17:45 PANEL 6 – The role of international diplomacy and education in promoting respect for freedom of religion and belief

Moderated by: H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations in Geneva

Rapporteur: Kishan Manocha, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion and Belief at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

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2. Jan Figel, the European Union (EU) Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the EU
3. Abdulaziz AlMuzaini, Director of the Liaison Office and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations, Geneva
4. Kyriaki Topidi, Senior Lecturer /Associate Director of the Center for Comparative Constitutional Law & Religion School of Law, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
5. Lord Singh of Wimbledon, House of Lords, United Kingdom
6. Academician Traian Caius Dragomir, former Ambassador of Romania at Paris
7. Liviu Olteanu, Secretary General of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty

Followed by Q and A



18:15 -19:15 Extraordinary Concert - “Ambassadors for Liberty, Hope and Peace” to mark the 70th Anniversary of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty, with the National Chamber Choir “Madrigal – Marin Constantin”.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the International Organizations in Switzerland, **in partnership with the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty** and **with the kind support of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, invites you to an extraordinary concert offered by the National Chamber Choir “Madrigal - Marin Constantin” of Romania.

Remarks by

1. H.E. Adrian Vierita, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations in Geneva
2. Liviu Olteanu, Secretary General of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty, Switzerland

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

10:00 - 11:30 PANEL 7 – Complementarity with the Sustainable Development Goals: how the Sustainable Development Goals can support the international debate on fostering religious freedom, preventing discrimination, violence and atrocity crimes

Moderated by: Michael Wiener, Human Rights Officer, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (tbc)

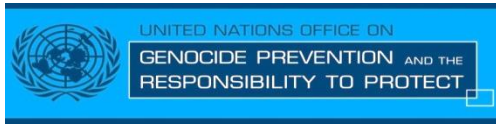
Rapporteur: Gabriel Maurer, Director Donators Relations at Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Switzerland

1. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor on Culture, United Nations Population Fund, New York
2. Anne Skielmerud, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation NORAD
Edla Puoskari, Network Coordinator for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, Helsinki Finland
3. Bishop Thomas Schirmacher, President International Council, International Society of Human Rights, Director International Institute for Religious Freedom, Bonn Germany
4. Jose Luis Sánchez, Vice-Rector of Evangelization, University of Valencia
5. Ulrich Nitschke, Head of Sector Programme Values, Religion and Development, Head of PaRD Secretariat/ International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 -13:00 CLOSING GLOBAL SUMMIT

Moderated by: Simona Cruciani, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect



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11:45 - 12:20 Summary of main findings by the rapporteurs of the panels

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Panel 1 - Lord Singh of Wimbledon, House of Lords, United Kingdom

Panel 2 - Azza Karam, Senior Advisor on Culture, United Nations Population Fund

Books launch panel: Susan Kerr, Europe Advocacy Manager, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Brussels

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12:20 -12:30

- **Reading and dissemination of conference statement**
- **Launch of the International Platform on Religion, Peace and Security**

12:30 – 13:00 Closings Remarks

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2. Liviu Olteanu, Secretary General of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty

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