



ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

AGENDA

FIRST ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS FORUM

15-16 JANUARY 2008, MADRID, SPAIN

Tuesday, 15 January

9:00- 10:00

Opening Session

Welcoming remarks by

José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero

President of the Government of Spain

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Prime Minister of Turkey

Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General of the United Nations

Jorge Sampaio

High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

10:15-11:45

Plenary Session I: The Alliance of Civilizations: Managing Diversity in the Era of Globalization

Moderator: **Ghida Fakhry-Khane**, News Anchor, Al-Jazeera International

Confirmed speakers:

Ali Babacan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Kjell Magne Bondevik, Director, Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, Former Prime Minister of Norway.

Enrique Iglesias, Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Secretariat

Koichiro Matsuura, Director General, UNESCO

Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, Chair, Qatar Foundation for Education, Science & Community Development

Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, Former President of Ireland

Javier Solana Madariaga, Secretary-General of Council of the European Union and High Representative for the Common Foreign & Security Policy

Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia

12:00-13:30

Plenary Session II: Political Challenges to Building Cross-Cultural Understanding

Moderator: **Robin Niblett**, Director, Chatham House-Royal Institute of International Affairs, United Kingdom

Confirmed speakers:

Ali Alatas, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

Abdelaziz Belkhadem, Prime Minister of Algeria

Micheline Calmy-Rey, Foreign Minister of Switzerland

Shirin Ebadi, Lawyer, Nobel Prize Laureate, Iran

Gareth Evans, President, International Crisis Group

Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General, Organization of the Islamic Conference

Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

13:45-15:00

Lunch

Hosted by:

Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

15:30

High Level Political Dialogue of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations

“Reinforcing our commitment to the Alliance”

**** Participation in this Session by Invitation Only****

Chaired by:

Jorge Sampaio, High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

Signing of partnership agreements

Participants: Members of the Alliance of Civilizations Group of Friends

Session to remain open until all interventions have been made.

15:30-17:30

Working Sessions (simultaneous)

Working Session 1: Consolidating International Partnerships

Moderator: **Jean-Christophe Bas**, Manager, Development Policy Dialogue, World Bank

Roundtable Dialogue – no formal participant presentations

Working Session 2: Building the AoC Clearinghouse: Media Literacy Education

Moderator: **Pär Lundgren**, University of Karlstad, Sweden

Confirmed speakers:

Regina de Assis, MULTIRIO, Brazil

C. K. Cheung, University of Hong Kong

Renée Hobbs, Temple University, USA

Agustín García Matilla, Universidad de Valladolid, Spain

Samy Tayie, Cairo University, Egypt

Working Session 3: The Role of Religious Leaders and Communities in Promoting Shared Security

Moderator: **John O.Onaiyekan**, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria

Confirmed speakers:

Karen Armstrong, Author, United Kingdom

Azza Karam, UN Fund for Population Activities

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Former Minister of Justice, Spain

His Holiness Abune Paulos, Patriarch, Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Ethiopia

Rabbi David Rosen, Chairman, International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations; American Jewish Committee, Israel

Din Syamsuddin, President, Central Board of Muhammadiyah, Indonesia

Sheikh Tayseer al-Tamimi, Head of the High Legal Court and of the Supreme Council for Religious Adjudication in Palestine, Palestine

Working Session 4: Innovative Uses of Mass Media to Promote Cross-Cultural Understanding

Moderator: **Mary Robinson**, President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative; Former President of Ireland

Confirmed speakers:

Abdul Rahman al-Rashed, General Manager, Al-Arabiya, UAE

Julia Bacha, Film Producer and Media Director, Just Vision, Brazil

Jim Berk, CEO, Participant Productions, USA

Susan Collin Marks, Executive Vice President, Search for Common Ground, South Africa

Amr Khaled, Television Host and Broadcaster, Egypt

Suhail Rizvi, Chairman, Rizvi Traverse; Founding Board Member, AoC Media Fund, USA

19:30

Official Reception and Cultural Event at the Prado Museum

Hosted by:

José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of Spain

Wednesday, 16 January

8:30 – 10:00

International Foundations Working Group Breakfast

**** Participation in this Session By Invitation Only****

09:00-11:00

Working Sessions (simultaneous)

Working Session 5: Youth Approaches to Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue

Moderators:

Mark Evans, Director, Connecting Cultures

Shira Lowenburg, Director, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding

Eboo Patel, Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core

Lucas Welch, President, Soliya

Working Session 6: Conflict Prevention, Religion, and Politics at the Community Level

Moderator: **Oliver McTernan**, Co-founder and Director, Forward Thinking, UK

Confirmed speakers:

Prince Turki al-Feisal, Chairman, King Feisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Saudi Arabia

André Azoulay, Adviser to HM King Mohamed VI of Morocco

John Esposito, Founder and Director, Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University

Salima Ghazali, Editor-in-Chief, La Nation

Eliseo Mercado, Chair, National Peace Council, Philippines

Narcís Serra, President, CIDOB; Former Deputy Prime Minister of Spain

Working Session 7: Rapid Response Media Mechanism

Moderator: **Riz Khan**, News Anchor, al-Jazeera International

Confirmed Speakers:

Stefanie Bolzen, Foreign Correspondent, Die Welt, Germany

David Gardner, Foreign Correspondent, Financial Times, UK

Hameed Haroon, Owner, Dawn News

Mario Lubetkin, Director General, Inter Press Service

Gema Martín Muñoz, Director, Arab House, Spain

Lawrence Pintak, Director, Center for Electronic Journalism, Egypt

Abdul Rahman el Rashed, General Manager, al-Arabiya, UAE

Working Session 8: Engaging the Corporate Sector in the AoC - How Business and Increased Cross Cultural Understanding Can Benefit Each Other

Moderator: **Aldo Olcese**, Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences, Spain

Organizing Partners:

Habiba al-Marashi, Board Member, UN Global Compact; Chairperson, Emirates Environmental Group, UAE

Eduardo Montes, President, Club de Excelencia en Sostenibilidad; Vice-President, Siemens, Germany

Confirmed speakers :

Ferdinando Beccalli-Falco, President & CEO, General Electric International, USA

Meriem Bensalah, CEO, Les Eaux Minérales d'Oulmès, Morocco

Antonio Brufau, CEO, Repsol YPF, Spain

Fulvio Conti, CEO, ENEL, Italy

André Fourié, CEO, National Business Initiative, South Africa

José Ignacio Goirigolzarri, CEO, BBVA, Spain

Moustapha Koç, Chairman, Koç Holding, Turkey

Güler Sabancı, CEO, Sabancı Group, Turkey

11:15 – 12:45

Plenary Session III: From Global Talk to Local Action

Moderator: **Bertrand Delanoë**, Mayor of Paris; Co-President, United Cities and Local Governments

Confirmed Speakers:

Rosa Aguilar, Mayor of Cordoba, Spain

Paulo Coelho, Author, Brazil

Terry Davis, Secretary-General, Council of Europe

Jordi Hereu, Mayor of Barcelona, Spain

Federico Mayor Zaragoza, President, Culture of Peace Foundation, Spain

Alberto Ruiz Gallardón, Mayor of Madrid, Spain

Wole Soyinka, Author and Nobel Laureate, Nigeria

Kadir Topbaş, Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey

Abdel Azim Wazir, Mayor of Cairo, Egypt

13:00 - 13:45

Closing Session

Louise Arbour, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ali Babacan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey

María Teresa Fernández de la Vega, Vice Prime Minister of Spain

Commitments announced by Jorge Sampaio,

High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

14:00

Lunch