

# **PROGRAM**

**CONFERENCE**

**“INITIATIVE OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE TWO HOLY  
MOSQUES ON DIALOGUE AND ITS IMPACT IN  
DISSEMINATING HUMAN VALUES”**

**ORGANIZER  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT  
THE MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE**

**GENEVA - SWITZERLAND**

**11-12 Shawwal 1430 H – September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**

Today, the world is witnessing painful phenomena at many levels, robbing the world's wise men of all faith of their sleep. Humanity is suffering from family disintegration, moral decay, environmental pollution, wars and conflicts that bled the hearts of people imbued with reason, and created an extremely disturbing situation prompting them to seek a way out and rid humanity of pain.

Men of wisdom realize this bitter reality and are appalled by the condition of our world. They work relentlessly looking for solutions to the challenges threatening the future of humanity and its social peace. In this context, the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud launched his historical initiative calling for the dialogue among followers of religions and cultures, being aware of the great hope pinned on inter faith constructive dialogue that can solve many conflicts and social ills as well as epidemics experienced by all societies. Religion is the main component in guiding moral, educational and growth tendencies in the life of humanity.

The Muslim World League had the privileged honor to organize both great conferences under the patronage of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques in Makkah and Madrid, and shall never spare any effort in developing this initiative to achieve and reach more goals as set by the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques through the conference on dialogue of the "Initiative of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques on inter religious dialogue and its impact on disseminating human values" organized here in Geneva with the participation of a large group of eminent thinkers and leaders of followers of different world religions and cultures, seeking to promote common human values, and to start up practical programs to meet global challenges.

## **FIRST DAY**

Wednesday; 11 Shawwal 1430 H – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>
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- ❖ Participants speech by His Excellency Reverend Dr. Samuel KOBIA  
(General Secretary World Council of Churches)
- ❖ Speech of Mrs.Navanethem Pillay  
(High Commissioner for Human Rights)
- ❖ Speech of H.E. Dr. Bandar Bin Mohammad ALEBAN  
Chairman of the Saudi Human Rights Commission
- ❖ Speech of His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Bin Abdulmohsin ALTURKI  
Secretary General of the Muslim World League
- ❖ Speech of His Excellency the President of the Swiss Confederation  
By Mrs. Muriel Berset (Councilor of the Swiss Delegation at the UN's  
European Headquarters in Geneva).

**11:00 – 11:30      Break**

# **FIRST DAY**

Wednesday; 11 Shawwal 1430 H – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

11:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>FIRST SESSION</b>
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**THEME 1** : THE INITIATIVE AND ITS IMPACT IN DISSEMINATING  
NOBLE VALUES

Moderator: Yuzo Itagaki

(Former President of Tokyo university and Chairman of the  
Islamic Japanese Dialogue Forum)

Speakers:

- Moral Reading into the Royal Initiative
  - Dr. Nabil Luka Babawi  
(Member of the Shura Council)
  
- Dialogue of Civilizations
  - Reverend Dr.Olaf Fykse Tveit  
(General Secretary World Council of Churches-Switzerland)
  
- Civilizational Values in the Call of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques on Dialogue among Followers of Religions
  - Dr. Abdulraadhi Mohammad Abdulmohsin  
(Faculty member, Imam Mohammad Bin Saud Islamic University)

# **FIRST DAY**

Wednesday; 11 Shawwal 1430 H – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

4:30 – 6:30 PM	<b>SECOND SESSION</b>
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**THEME 2** : DIALOGUE, MAN AND SOCIETY

Moderator: Dr. Bawa Jain  
Secretary General Millennium World Peace Summit

Speakers:

- Dialogue, Man and Society
- Reverend Dr. Riad Jarjour  
(Secretary General Middle East Council of Churches - Lebanon)
  
- Religion and Culture and their Influence in Human Dialogue
- Dr. Mohammad Al-Sammak  
(Secretary General Islamic Spiritual Summit, Managing Editor Al-Ijtihad Magazine - Lebanon)
  
- Dialogue, Peace and Coexistence in a Modern Human Society
- Dr. Fawzia Al-Ashmawi  
(Professor at the Univesity of Geneva – Switzerland)

6:30 – 7:30 Break

# **FIRST DAY**

Wednesday; 11 Shawwal 1430 H – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

7:00 – 9:00 PM	<b>THIRD SESSION</b>
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**THEME 3:** THE MEDIA AND ITS ROLE IN PROMOTING  
DIALOGUE AND HUMAN VALUES

Moderator: Prince Harith Shihab  
(Representative of the Maronite Patriarchate - Lebanon)

Speakers:

- The Media and the Notion of the Clash of Civilizations
- Dr. Tarik Mitri  
(Minister of Information – the Republic of Lebanon)
  
- Common Human Values in Modern Media
- Mr. Mohammad Ali  
(Editor of Islam Magazine an Executive Director of Islam Channel TV)
  
- The Media and its Impact on the Dialogue of Civilizations and their Coexistence
- Dr. Abdulrahman Salih Al-Shubili  
(Former member of the Supreme Council for Information- Saudi Arabia)

## **SECOND DAY**

Thursday: 12 Shawwal 1430 H – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

09:30 – 1130	<b>FOURTH SESSION</b>
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### **THEME 4 : THE INITIATIVE AND THE SCOPE OF COEXISTENCE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS**

Moderator: Rabbi Steven Jacobs  
(Rabbi Emeritus Temple Kol Tikvah USA)

Speakers:

- Importance of Coexistence...its Reality and its Future
- Mr. Swami Agnivesh  
(Hindu Party Leader – Arria Samaj)
  
- The Culture of Coexistence in the Initiative of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques
- Father Econos Nabeel Deeb Al Sleiman Haddad  
(Executive Director of the Jordanian Center for Religious Coexistence Researches)
  
- Civilizations from Dialogue to Coexistence and Unity
- Dr. Samir Abdulhamid Nouh  
(Professor of Advanced Research and Education-Doshishta University Japan)

11:30 – 12:00

## **SECOND DAY**

Thursday: 12 Shawwal 1430 H – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

12:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>FIFTH SESSION</b>
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### **THEME 5: RELIGIOUS VALUES AND THEIR IMPACT IN REFORMING SOCIETIES**

Moderator: Dr. Najeeb Gabriel  
(President of the Egyptian Human Rights Union)

Speakers:

- The Problem of Global Poverty
- Dr. Robert Edgar  
(Former Secretary General, National Council of Churches, Washington DC)
  
- Religion and its Role in Moral Reform
- Dr. Shantila K. Somaiya  
(**President of the Institute for Studies of India and the Dialogue of Religions** )
  
- Religious Values: Bridges of Civilizations and Dialogue
- Dr. Mustafa Ibrahim Ceric  
(**Mufti of Bosnia Herzgovina and President of the Islamic Community**)

## **SECOND DAY**

Thursday: 12 Shawwal 1430 H – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

4:30 – 6:30 PM	<b>SIXTH SESSION</b>
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### **THEME 6: CIVILIZATIONS DIALOGUE IN MODERN SOCIETIES**

Moderator: Dr. Salih Bin Hussein Al-Ayid  
Secretary General the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Speakers:

- Global Peace and Dialogue of Civilizations
  - Dr. William Baker  
(President, Christians and Muslims for Peace)
  
- Islam and Dialogue of Civilizations
  - Sheikh Fawzi Fadel Ibrahim El-Zefzaf  
(President of Al-Azhar committee on Dialogue among Religions  
Egypt)
  
- Towards a worldwide culture of peace and tolerance
  - Congressman Jose de Venecia  
Founding Chairman of the International Conference of Asian Political  
Parties (ICAPP)

6:30 – 7:00 PM -- Break

7:00 – 8:00PAM	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>
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- ❖ Participants speech: Monsignor Khaled Butros Khalil Akasheh  
Pontifical Council for inter religious Dialogue
  
- ❖ Speech of His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Bin Abdulmohsin ALTURKI  
Secretary General of the Muslim World League
  
- ❖ Reading of the Final Statement  
By His Eminence Dr. Abdurrahman Bin Abdullah ALZAID  
(Assistant Secretary Muslim World League)