

**Program
of
World Conference on Dialogue**

Inauguration Ceremony

Wednesday 13th Rajab 1429AH (16th July 2008AD)

2:00 pm

1-Address of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

King Abdullah Bin Abdul Al-Aziz Al Saud of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

2-Address of H. M. King Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain.

3-Address of H. E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki,

Secretary General of the Muslim World League

4-Address of H.E. Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime

Minister of Spain.

5-The invitees greet Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdul Al Aziz

Al-Saud of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and His Majesty King Juan Carlos 1 of the

Kingdom of Spain

6-Lunch.

First Session

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7:30 -9:30 pm

First Theme: Dialogue and Its Religious & Civilizational Foundations

Session Chairman:

Dr.Bawa Jain, Secretary General, Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders.

1- Dialogue in Islam

Dr. Hussain Hamid Hassan, Legal Adviser, Dubai Islamic Bank

2- Dialogue in Christianity

Dr. Najeeb Gabriel , Head, Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

3- Dialogue in Judaism

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, founder and chairman of Conscience Foundation Call, USA.

4- Dialogue in Oriental Creeds (Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucianism)

Dr. M. M. Verma, Director, Interfaith Foundation, India

Second Session

Thursday 14th Rajab 1429AH (17th July 2008AD)
10 - 12 am

Second Theme: Dialogue and Its Importance in Human Society

Session Chairman: H.E. Dr. Salih bin Abdullah bin Humaid, The Speaker, Shoura Council,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

1- Dialogue and Interaction of Cultures & Civilizations

Rev. Nichiko Niwano, President, Japan Committee, World Parliament for Religion and
Peace.

2- Dialogue and its Impact on Peaceful Co-existence

Dr. Abdelhadi Al-Tazi, Member of Royal Academy of Morocco

3- Impact of Religion on World Ethical Promotion

Congressman Jose De Venecia, Jr . Former Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives

4- Dialogue in the Face of Calls for Clash of Civilization and End of History

Dr. Redwan Naef Al-Sayyed, Chairman, International Institute for Islamic Studies, Lebanon

Tea Break 12- 12:30 pm

Third Session

Thursday 14th Rajab 1429AH (17th July 2008AD)

12:30 -2:30 pm

Third Theme: Common Human Values in Areas of Dialogue

Session Chairman:

Dr. William F. Vendley, Secretary General, World Conference of Religions for Peace.

1- Ethical Reality in Contemporary Human Society

Dr. Nihad Awad, Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations –USA.

2-Significance of Religion and Values in Combating Crimes, Drugs and Corruption.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Taskheeri, Secretary General, World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought- Iran.

4-Role of Religion and Family in Stability of Society

Shankaracharya Onkar Anand SaraswatiJi Maharaj, Leader of Sanatan Dharm, India

5-Protection of Environment as a Common Human Duty

Rev. Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, Rector, Pontifical Institute for Arabic Studies, Vatican

Fourth Session

Thursday 14th Rajab 1429AH (17th July 2008AD)

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Fourth Theme: Evaluation and Promotion of Dialogue

Session Chairman:

Rabbi Caudio Epelman, Secretary General, Jewish Congress in Latin America & Caribbean, Argentina.

- 1- Muslim-Christian-Jewish Dialogue: It's Future and Horizons
Dr. Izeddin Ibrahim Mustafa, Adviser to President of United Arab Emirates for Cultural Affairs, UAE.
- 2- Dialogue with Oriental Creeds: Its Future and Horizons.
Master Xue Cheng, Vice-Chairman, Buddhist Association of China.
- 3- Efforts of World Countries and Organizations in Augmenting Dialogue and Overcoming it's Obstacles

Father Econos Nabbel Haddad, Executive Director, Jordanian Center for Religious Co-existence Researches, Jordan.

4 - Dialogue: Its-Impact on Peaceful Co-existence

Mr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, President, Cultural Foundation of Peace, Spain

Fifth Session

Friday 15th Rajab 1429AH (18th July 2008AD)

10:00 - 11:30 am

Fifth Theme: Disseminating of Culture and Co-existence of Dialogue .

Session Chairman: H. E . Dr. Ahmed Talib Al-Ibrahimi, Former Foreign Minister of Algeria

- 1- Media and its Impact on Disseminating the Culture of Dialogue and Co-existence.
Dr. Nabil Luka Bibawi, Member of Shura Council –Egypt.
- 2- Dialogue: Its Impact on Co-existence .
Dr. James Kidner, Director of Co-existence Foundation – UK.
- 3- Dialogue, Peace and Co-existence.
Dr. William Baker, President, Christians and Muslims for Peace (CAMP),USA.
- 4- The role of the women in coexistence dialogue culture development
Dr. Makeia Najar (Researcher in Countries relations - Spain)

5- Addresses of Heads of Participating Delegations:

1. H. E. Prof. Dr. Emil Constantinescu

Former Romanian President

2. Sh. Hilaluddin Chin Guanyuan

Chairman, Central Islamic Association of China

3. Metropolitan Emmanuel of France

Ecumenical Patriarchate, Liaison Office of the Orthodox Church to EU

4. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Gormez

Deputy Chairman of Religious Affairs- Turkey

5. Ardak Doszhan

Chief, State Committee, Religious Affairs, Kazakhstan.

6. H.E. Mr. Joerge Sampaio

Former President of Portugal

Tea Break 11:30- 12pm

Concluding Session

Friday 15th Rajab 1429AH Corresponding 18th July 2008AD
12:00-1:00pm

- 1- Final Communiqué to be read out by Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Abdullah Al Zaid ,MWL Assistant Secretary.
- 2- Address of conference participants to be delivered on their behalf by Rev. Cardinal Jan Luis Turan, President of Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.
- 3- Speech of H. E. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdul Mohsin Al Turki, Secretary General , Muslim World League.

Press Conference