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# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GENEVA INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Organized under the auspices of U.N. Resolution A65/5

World Interfaith Harmony Week

**Faith,  
Multilateralism,  
and Public Policy**



**10** FEBRUARY  
2023



14:30-16:40  
(CET)



Room XXII  
Palais des Nations



Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Argentina  
to the United Nations  
in Geneva



Permanent Mission of  
the State of Qatar  
to the United Nations  
in Geneva



Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Azerbaijan  
to the United Nations  
in Geneva



Permanent Observer  
Mission of the Holy See  
to the United Nations  
in Geneva



Permanent Observer Mission  
of the Sovereign Order of Malta  
to the United Nations  
in Geneva



Organisation  
of Islamic  
Cooperation



United Nations  
Christian  
Association

## Logistical Note for Speakers

We kindly request your presence at the Palais at 14:15

## Background

The Annual Geneva Interfaith Dialogue convenes a diverse panel of Ambassadors and other high-level representatives of the world's major faiths, as well as the International Geneva community at large, to engage on the links between faith, politics, and society. The Dialogue is held on the premises of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) each year during the World Interfaith Harmony Week. It serves as a platform not simply to commemorate UNGA Resolution 65/5, but as a vehicle to raise public awareness, to renew the Resolution's commitments, and to build capacity for putting the Resolution's values into practice across the world.

## Format

This year, the event will be held in a hybrid format, taking place in Room XXII of the Palais des Nations. Speakers and audience members alike will join in-person, with a public broadcast provided via Webex. Those who wish to attend in person but do not have a UN badge may gain an event pass by registering on Indigo (link below)

## Content

This year's sessions consists of two panel discussions: "Faith and Multilateralism", and "Faith and Public Policy". Each session will have five speakers, in which each speaker shall relay their own opinion on their respective topic. Following this, each speaker shall explain in what ways their government or organization leverages either the synergies between faith and multilateralism or faith and public policy, depending on their respective topic. We kindly ask the speakers to respect the time limit of ten minutes allotted to them.

*Join us!*

**Register now!**

For in person:

<https://indico.un.org/event/1003906/>

For online:

<https://ungeneva-vc.webex.com/weblink/register/r11466487cd8f6e3cf06b87b3d89da47d>





14:30



5m

## Welcome Remarks

**Mr. Nikhil Seth**UN Assistant Secretary-General  
Executive Director, UNITAR

14:35



5m

## Welcome Remarks

**H.E. Amb. Walid Khalid Obeidat**Permanent Representative,  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

14:40



5m

## Topic Introduction by Moderator

**Mr. Alexander A. Mejia**Director, Division for People  
and Social Inclusion, UNITAR

## Panel 1: Faith and Multilateralism



14:45

**H.E. Amb. Hend Abdulrahman Al-Muftah**Permanent Representative,  
State of Qatar

14:55

**H.E. Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu**Permanent Observer,  
Holy See

15:05

**H.E. Amb. Marie-Thérèse Pictet-Althann**Permanent Observer,  
Sovereign Order of Malta

15:15

**H.E. Amb. Nassima Baghli**Permanent Observer,  
Organization of Islamic Cooperation

15:25



## Conclusion of Panel 1



15:30



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**Panel Introduction by Moderator**

**Mr. Alexander A. Mejia**  
Director, Division for People  
and Social Inclusion, UNITAR

**Panel 2: Faith and Public Policy**

15:35



**H.E. Amb. Walid Khalid Obeidat**  
Permanent Representative,  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

15:45



**H.E. Amb. Federico Villegas**  
Permanent Representative,  
Republic of Argentina

15:55



**H.E. Amb. Galib Israfilov**  
Permanent Representative,  
Republic of Azerbaijan

16:05



**H.E. Amb. Rhoda Jackson**  
Chairperson,  
United Nations Christian Association

16:15



15m

**Feedback from Speakers  
and Q&A Session**

16:30



10m

**Closing Remarks**

**H.E. Amb. Luis Gallegos**  
Chairperson,  
Board of Trustees, UNITAR

