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Initiatives for Protecting the Youth from
Extremist and Violent Ideologies:
Implementation Measures



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February 18-19, 2020
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Tuesday 18 February 2020 (24 Jumada'II 1441)

Inauguration Ceremony

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- ❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Monsignor Khaled Boutros Akasheh**
(Bureau Chief for Islam, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue)
- ❖ **Keynote address by Ms. Sibylle Rupprecht**
(Founder and Director of Geneva Academy for Peace & Mediation - Switzerland)
- ❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Dr. Bouabdellah Ghlamallah**
(President of the supreme Islamic Council – Algeria)
- ❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Mr Johanne Gurfinkiel**
(Secretary General of CICAD - Switzerland)
- ❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Mokhtar Gomaa**
(Minister of Endowment & President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs - Egypt)
- ❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Dr. Dr. Shawki Ibrahim Allam**
(Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt)
- ❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Abdulkarim Al-Issa**
(Secretary-General of the Muslim World League)

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**Keynotes by
Distinguished Guests**

12:00 AM – 12:30 PM

❖ **H.E. Dr. ABDULLAH M. M. ALMATOUQ**

(Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to humanitarian affairs Advisor at Al Amiri Diwan, Kuwait)

❖ **H.E. Dr. Saleh abbas**

(Deputy of Al-Azher, Egypt)

❖ **Keynote address by His Excellency Dr. Charles Asher Small**

(Executive Director, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) - USA)

❖ **H.E. Sheikh Salakh Mezhiev**

(Mufti of The Chechen Republic, Russia)

Group Picture

Luncheon

12:30 – 2:00 PM

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First Session

2:00 – 3:00 PM

**First Topic: Thoughts, Ideologies, and Milieus
Leading to Extremism**

Moderator: H.E. ABDULLAH M. M. ALMATOUQ

**Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to humanitarian
affairs Advisor at Al Amiri Diwan, Kuwait**

Speakers:

❖ Radwan El Sayed A (Prof. Of Islamic Studies – American University in Beirut)

❖ The Very Reverend Father Nabil Haddad
(Director of the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center- Jordan))

❖ Dr. Anaid Lindermann I (PhD Candidate&Teaching Assistant Chez, University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

❖ Baptiste Jacques Aurele BRODARD (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

❖ Dr. Sasa Cekrlija (Professor at the University Banja Luka – Bosnia and Herzegovina)

❖ Dr. Hassene ben Ali Moussa Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ifta – Sweden)

(10) Minutes for Each Speaker

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Second Session

3:00 – 4:00 PM

The Second Theme: Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

**Moderator: H.E. Sir Iqbal Abdul karim Sacranie
Founding Secretary of the Muslim Council of Britain**

Speakers:

❖ Dr. Charles Asher Small (Executive Director, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) – USA)

❖ **Dr. Federico Di Leo** (Member of the Community of Sant'Egidio – Italy)

❖ **Mr. Johanne Gurfinkeil** (Secretary General of CICAD - Switzerland)

❖ Dr. Mohammad EL Sammak (Adviser to the Grand Mufti & Secretary-General of the Christian Muslim Committee for Dialogue – Lebanon)

❖ Dr. Mohammed Bechari (The Secretary General of the World Muslim Communities Council, France)

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Third Session

4:00 – 5:30 PM

**Third Topic: National Identity and its Role in
Building Intellectual Security**

**Moderator: H.E. Rabbi Jair Melchior
Chief Rabbi of Norway**

Speakers:

❖ H.E. Ambassador Michel Veuthey (Ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons – Switzerland)

❖ Mr. Mehadjri Ziane (President European Organization of Islamic Centers – Switzerland)

❖ Prof. Basseer Jeeawody (Founder & President at Emotional Well-Being Institute – Switzerland)

❖ Dr. Hammadi Nait Charif (Principal Academic Bournemouth University– UK)

❖ Dr. Ibrahim Najm (Advisor to the Mufti, Arab Republic of Egypt)

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Fourth Session

10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Fourth Topic: Europe's Youth and the Threat of Extremism
(And the Role of Family, Education, and the Influential Religious
& Social Platforms in Shaping the Mind and Protecting it)**

Moderator: H.E. Dr. MUSTAFA CERIC

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Speakers:

❖ H.E. Kjell Magne Bondevik

(Former Prime Minister of Norway & President of the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights)

❖ Dr. Husni Abdi (Director, Studies and Research Center for Arab & Mediterranean World Switzerland)

❖ Mrs. Chiara Sulmoni (President, Start InSight)

❖ **Mons. Vittorio Ianari** (Vice President of the Community of Sant'Egidio – Italy)

❖ **H.E. Dr. USAMAH MOHAMED Elabed** (Secretary General of the Association of Islamic Universities – Egypt)

❖ Dr. Sami Fridh (Deputy director of the Higher Institute of Islamic Civilization at Ez-Zaytoonah University)

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Fifth Session

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Fifth Topic: Religious Freedom

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Ghaleb, Bencheikh El Hocine
President - Foundation de l'islam de France

Speakers:

❖ H.E. Rev. Dr. Curtis Welton Gaddy (President Emeritus and Senior Advisor,
Interfaith Alliance – USA)

❖ Mr. Steven Slocum (Peace Activist & Author, USA)

❖ Ms. Mariam Virginie Samsoudine Qorvis Communications, USA

❖ H.E. Mr. Abdassamad Ben El-Hassan El-Yazidi (Secretary General,
Central Council of Muslims – Germany)

❖ Dr. ARMANDO BERNARDINI (President, International Foundation for
Interreligious and Intercultural Education (IFIIE) - Italy)

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Sixth Session

12:00 – 1:00 PM

**Sixth Topic: Religious and Cultural Pluralism, and
the Culture of Tolerance**

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Farhan Ahmad Nizami
(Director of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies)

Speakers:

❖ **Dr. Sjalom Awraham Soetendorp** (Rabbi Emeritus – Jacob Soetendorp
Institute for Human Values – Netherland)

❖ **The Very Reverend Father Matrusov Daniil** (The Representative of the
Patriarch of Russia)

❖ **Dr. Zahid Parvez** (Principal of the Markfield Institute of Higher Education – UK)

❖ **H.E. Dr. Frédéric Esposito** (Global Studies Institute, Université de Genève – Switzerland)

❖ **Dr. Moussa Abou Ramadan** (Professor at Université de Strasbourg, France)

❖ **H.E. Dr. Father Fadi Daou** (Chairman and CEO of Adyan Foundation – Lebanon)

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Closing Ceremony

1:30 – 2:30 PM

- ❖ **His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Abdulkarim Al-Issa**
(Secretary-General of the Muslim World League)
- ❖ **Her Excellency Mrs. Isabelle Moret**
(President, National Council, Switzerland)
- ❖ **His Excellency President Kjell Magne Bondevik**
(Former Prime Minister of Norway & President of the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights)
- ❖ **His Excellency Dr. Salim Ben Mohammad Al-Malik**
(Director General, Islamic Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization-ISESCO-Morocco)
- ❖ **His Excellency Ambassador Elan Sherod Carr**
(U.S. Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating anti-Semitism U.S. Department of State)

Recommendations & Final Communiqué

Luncheon

2:30 PM