International Meeting

**Peace is Always Possible**

Religions and Cultures in Dialogue

6-8 September
Sunday
6 September
afternoon

Congress Palace

Opening Assembly

Languages:
English, French, Albanian, Italian Russian, Arabic, Japanese

Chaired by
Hilde Kieboom
Community of Sant'Egidio

Inaugural Greeting
Blendi Klosi
Minister of Welfare and Youth, Albania

Reading of the Message of
Pope Francis

Opening Speeches
Edi Rama
Prime Minister of Albania

Andrea Riccardi
Founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio

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Interventions

**Andrea Orlando**  
Minister of Justice, Italy

**Louis Raphaël I Sako**  
Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans, Iraq

Contributions

**Anastasios**  
Archbishop of Tirana and Primate of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania

**David Rosen**  
Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, AJC, Israel

**Muhy al-Din Afifi**  
Secretary General of “Al-Azhar Al-Sharif Islamic Research Academy”, Egypt

**Sudheendra Kulkarni**  
President of the “Research Hindu Foundation” of Mumbai, India
Monday
7 september
morning

Panel 1
Orthodox Cathedral,
Auditorium

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Russian

9:30 a.m.

The Role of Christian Unity in a Divided World

Chaired by
Ole Christiam Maele Kvarme
Lutheran Bishop, Norway

Contributors

Enthons
Orthodox Archbishop, Ethiopian Tewahedo Church

Tamas Fabiny
Vice-President of the Lutheran World Federation

Ignatii
Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Moscow Patriarchate

Seraphim Kykkotis
Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Patriarchate of Alexandria

Anders Wejryd
Co-President of the World Council of Churches

Matteo Zuppi
Catholic Bishop, Italy
Monday
7 September
morning

Panel 2

Tirana International Hotel,
Akernia Hall

Languages: English, French, Albanian, Italian

Chaired by
Mario Giro
Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Contributors

Miriam Coronel Ferrer
Chairperson of the Government of the Philippines Panel at the Peace Talks on Mindanao

Mauro Garofalo
Community of Sant'Egidio

Ignatius Ayau Kaigama
Catholic Archbishop, Nigeria

Dyonisius Jean Kawak
Orthodox Archbishop, Syrian Church

Aboud Sayeed Lingga
Senior Member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Philippines

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Institute of Geopolitics, France

Din Syamsuddin
Chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council Center

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Monday
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morning

Panel 3

National History Museum,
Conference Hall

Christians and Muslims and
the Challenges of a Global World

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Arabic

Chaired by
Michel Santier
Catholic Bishop, France

Contributors

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Conference on Religion and Peace"

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Intellectual, Orthodox Coptic Church, Egypt

Joseph Soueif
Catholic Maronite Archbishop, Cyprus
Monday
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Morning

Panel 4
Polytechnic University,
Auditorium

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

9:30 a.m.

Peace is Possible in Iraq

Chaired by
Vittorio Ianari
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Domenico Quirico
Journalist of “La Stampa”, Italy
Panel 5

University of Arts,
Concert Hall

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Russian

9:30 a.m.

Monday
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morning

Martyrdom Demonstrates the Changing Face of Christianity

Chaired by
Jean-Pierre Delville
Catholic bishop, Belgium

Contributors

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Serafim
Vescovo ortodosso, Patriarcato di Mosca, Bielorussia
Monday
7 september
morning

Panel 6

Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Spanish

A New Covenant Between Humankind and the Environment

Chaired by
Maite Carpio
Journalist and film director, Italy

Contributors

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Abraham Skorka
Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary “Marshall T. Meyer”, Argentina
Monday
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Morning

Panel 7

Congress Palace,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

9:30 a.m.

Understanding the World Starting from the Peripheries

Chaired by

John Olorunfemi Onalyekan
Cardinal, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria

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First Vice-President of the Parliament, Tunisia
Monday
7 September
Morning

Panel 8
Orthodox Cathedral,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

9:30 a.m.

Globalizing Human Solidarity

Chaired by
Mario Marazziti
Member of Parliament, President
of the Social Affairs Commission, Italy

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Johan Jozef Bonny
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Monday
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Morning

Panel 9

National Gallery of Art

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Japanese,
Chinese

9:30 a.m.

Development and Humanism in Asia:
Religions Face the Challenge

Chaired by
Agostino Giovagnoli
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Contributors

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Panel 10

Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium

Languages: English, French, Albanian, Italian, Spanish

5:30 p.m.

Monday 7 September afternoon

Envisioning Peace. Religion and Politics Discuss Their Role

Chaired by
Antonio Ferrari
Journalist of “Corriere della Sera”, Italy

Dialogue between
Paolo Gentiloni
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

and

Ignatius Aphrem II
Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan
Cardinal, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria

Abraham Skorka
Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary “Marshall T. Meyer”, Argentina
Panel 11

Tirana International Hotel, Akernia Hall

Monday
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The Spirit of Assisi from the Cold War to the Global World

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic, Japanese

4:30 p.m.

Chaired by
Domenico Sorrentino
Catholic Archbishop, Italy

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Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, AJC, Israel

Mohammed Amine Smalli
Islamic theologian, University of Rabat, Morocco
Monday
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Afternoon

Panel 12
National History Museum,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

4:30 p.m.

Stories of the Mediterranean: a Sea that Both Divides and Unites

Chaired by
Joseph Soueif
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Tarek Mitri
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Monday
7 september
afternoon

Panel 13
Polytechnic University,
Auditorium

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

Human Generosity and the Global Market

4:30 p.m.

Chaired by
Jerzy Norel
General Vicar of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual

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Former President of the European Commission

Ambrogio Spreamico
Catholic Bishop, Italy
Monday
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afternoon

Panel 14
University of Arts,
Concert Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

4:30 p.m.

Religions and Violence

Chaired by
Athanasiou
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Muhammad Khalid Masud
Member of the Supreme Court, Pakistan
Monday
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afternoon

Panel 15
Rogner Hotel,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Japanese

4:30 p.m.

Prayer as a Source of Peace

Chaired by
Leon Lemmens
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Monday
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afternoon

Panel 16
Congress Palace,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

4:30 p.m.

Scenarios of War:
Peace is Put to the Test

Chaired by
Cornello Sommaruga
Former President of the International
Committee of the Red Cross

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Antonio Tajani
Vice-President of the European Parliament,
Responsible for Interreligious Dialogue
Monday
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afternoon

Panel 17
Orthodox Cathedral,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

4:30 p.m.

Albania, Land of Living Together

Chaired by
Erion Vellaj
Mayor of Tirana

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Monday
7 september
afternoon

Panel 18

National Gallery of Art

The Mercy of God:
the Strength for Change

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

Chaired by
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Panel 19

**Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium**

Languages: English, French, Albanian, Italian

**Tuesday**
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morning

**Europe at a Crossroads**

Chaired by **Vincenzo Paglia**
Archbishop, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Holy See

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Cardinal, Archbishop of Barcelona, Spain

**Vassilis Vassilikos**
Writer and historian, Greece
Tuesday
8 september
morning

Panel 20

Tirana International Hotel,
Akernia Hall

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

9:30 a.m.

Seyfo: a Forgotten Massacre

Chair by
Marco Impagliazzo
President of the Community of Sant’Egidio

Lecture by
Ignatius Aphrem II
Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Panel 21

**National History Museum, Conference Hall**

Languages:
- English, Albanian,
- Italian, Arabic

**Tuesday**
8 September
morning

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**The Poor of Our Times and Religions**

Chaired by

**Angelo Massafra**
Catholic Archbishop, President of the Episcopal Conference of Albania

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**Armand Puig**
Catholic theologian, Spain
Tuesday
8 September
Morning

Panel 22
University of Arts,
Concert Hall

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Spanish, Arabic

9:30 a.m.

Migrants: a Global Challenge

Chaired by
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Carolyn Y. Woo
President and CEO of
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Tuesday
8 September
morning

Panel 23
Rogner Hotel,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Japanese

70 Years since Hiroshima:
Past and Future

Chaired by
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Tuesday
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Morning

Panel 24
Congress Palace,
Conference Hall

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Arabic

Is Dialogue Still Necessary?

Chaired by
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Tep Vong
Supreme Patriarch of the Cambodian Buddhism
Tuesday
8 september
morning

Panel 25
Orthodox Cathedral,
Conference Hall

Is Living Together Possible Today?

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Russian, Spanish,
Arabic

Chaired by
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Erion Veliaj
Mayor of Tirana
Tuesday
8 September
Morning

Panel 26
National Gallery of Art

No Future Without Peace
Youth Meeting

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

Chaired by
Stefano Orlando
Community of Sant’Egidio, Italy

10:00 a.m.

Greeting of
Blendi Klosi
Minister of Welfare and Youth, Albania

Lecture of
Rita Prigmore
Sinti Holocaust survivor and activist for peace

Contributions and Testimonies
Tuesday
8 september
afternoon

Prayer for Peace

5:00 p.m.
Prayers for Peace
In separate locations according
to each religious tradition
(look at the following map)

6:30 p.m.
Peace Procession
From each prayer location, together,
towards the Pyramid square

7:00 p.m.
Final Ceremony
Pyramid square

Final Addresses

Bujar Nishani
President of the Republic of Albania

Andrea Riccardi
Founder of the Community of Sant’Egidio

Testimonies
Olive tree plantation
as inauguration of the Park of Faith

Silence for the victims of wars, violence and terrorism

Reading of the Appeal for Peace 2015

Delivering of the Appeal to the younger generations
Lighting of the candelabras and Signing of the Appeal

Sign of Peace and Final Exit Procession
MEETING LOCATIONS
1. Orthodox Cathedral - Auditorium
2. Hotel Tirana - Akernla Hall
3. Historical Museum - Conference Hall
4. Polytechnic - Auditorium
5. University of Arts - Concert Hall
6. Hotel Rogner - Conference Hall
7. Congress Palace - Conference Hall
8. Orthodox Cathedral - Conference Hall
9. National Gallery of Art
11. Congress Palace - OPENING ASSEMBLY
12. Pyramid - FINAL CEREMONY
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