

Orthodox Autocephalous
Church of Albania

Community of
Sant' Egidio

Episcopal Conference
of Albania



International Meeting

**Peace is
Always Possible**

Religions and Cultures
in Dialogue

PROGRAMME

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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

5:00 p.m.

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



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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

Ignatij

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



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Panel 2

**Tirana International Hotel,
Akernia Hall**

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

9:30 a.m.

Peace is Always Possible

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

Marc-Antoine Pérouse de Montclos

Institute of Geopolitics, France

Din Syamsuddin

Chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council Center



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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

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

Sayed Mohammad Ali Abtahi
President of the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue, Iran

Anouar Kbibeche
President of the "Conseil Français
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University of al-Azhar, Egypt

Klaus Krämer
President of "Missio Aachen", Germany

Siti Musdah Mulia
Representative of the "Indonesian
Conference on Religion and Peace"

Guirguis Ibrahim Saleh
Intellectual, Orthodox Coptic Church, Egypt

Joseph Soueif
Catholic Maronite Archbishop, Cyprus



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Panel 4
**Polytechnic University,
Auditorium**

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

9:30 a.m.

Peace is Possible in Iraq

Chaired by

Vittorio Ianari
Community of Sant'Egidio

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Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans, Iraq

Abdulrazzaq A. Alsadi
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Secretary General of Al-Khoei Institute, Iraq

Pascal Gollnisch
Director General of the Ordinariat
of the Oriental Catholics in France

Abdellatif Hmeyem Mohammed
Head of the Sunni Endowment of Iraq

Kamal Muslim
Minister of Religious Affairs, Kurdistan

Domenico Quirico
Journalist of "La Stampa", Italy



Panel 5

**University of Arts,
Concert Hall**

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Russian

9:30 a.m.

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Martyrdom Demonstrates the Changing Face of Christianity

Chaired by

Jean-Pierre Delville
Catholic bishop, Belgium

Contributors

Epiphanius
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Catholic Bishop, Albania

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Ernest Troshani
Franciscan, witness, Albania

Serafim
Vescovo ortodosso, Patriacato di Mosca, Bielorussia



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Panel 6

**Rogner Hotel,
Conference Hall**

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Spanish

9:30 a.m.

A New Covenant Between Humankind and the Environment

Chaired by

Maite Carpio

Journalist and film director, Italy

Contributors

Athenagoras

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Ecumenical Patriarchate

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Abraham Skorka

Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary
"Marshall T. Meyer", Argentina



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Panel 7

**Congress Palace,
Conference Hall**

Understanding the World Starting from the Peripheries

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

Chaired by

John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan
Cardinal, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

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Catholic University of Central Africa (CUCA), Cameroun

Abdelfattah Mourou
First Vice-President of the Parliament, Tunisia



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Panel 8

**Orthodox Cathedral,
Conference Hall**

Globalizing Human Solidarity

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

Chaired by

Mario Marazziti

Member of Parliament, President
of the Social Affairs Commission, Italy

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

Johan Jozef Bonny

Catholic Bishop, Belgium

Philippe Herzog

“Confrontations Europe”, France

Ioan

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Romanian Patriarchate

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Parliamentary State Secretary, Germany

Israel Singer

Rabbi, “Touro University”, USA

Raj K. Srivastava

Centre for the “Study of Developing Societies”, India



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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
Community of Sant'Egidio

Contributors

Yoshitaka Hatakeyama
Secretary General of the ACRP, Japan

Indunil J. Kodithuwakku
Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Holy See

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Rinzai-Zen Buddhist Abbot, Japan

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Leader of "Swadhyaya Movement", India

Wang Tao
Deputy Division Chief of Second Department,
SARA, People's Republic of China



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Panel 10

**Orthodox Cathedral,
Auditorium**

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Spanish

5:30 p.m.

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



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afternoon



Panel 11

**Tirana International Hotel,
Akernia Hall**

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

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

Chaired by

Domenico Sorrentino
Catholic Archbishop, Italy

4:30 p.m.

Contributors

Jean-Dominique Durand
Historian, University "Jean Moulin" of Lyon, France

Mauro Gambetti
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Rissho Kosei-Kai, Japan

Heinrich Mussinghoff
Catholic Bishop, Germany

David Rosen
Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, AJC, Israel

Mohammed Amine Smaili
Islamic theologian, University of Rabat, Morocco



Panel 12

**National History Museum,
Conference Hall**

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

4:30 p.m.

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

Chaired by

Joseph Soueif

Catholic Maronite Archbishop, Cyprus

Contributors

Crescenzo Sepe

Cardinal, Archbishop of Naples, Italy

Mohammed Abu-Nimer

Senior Advisor of "KAICIID", Saudi Arabia

Khadija Bengana

Journalist of "Al Jazeera TV Channel", Qatar

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Writer, Turkey

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Chief Rabbi of Turkey

Tarek Mitri

American University of Beyrouth, Lebanon



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Panel 13

**Polytechnic University,
Auditorium**

Human Generosity and the Global Market

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

Chaired by

Jerzy Norel

General Vicar of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual

4:30 p.m.

Contributors

Riccardo Di Segni

Chief Rabbi of Rome, Italy

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“Collèges des Bernardins”, France

Jürgen Johannesdotter

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Katherine Marshall

Senior Advisor of the “World Bank”, USA

Romano Prodi

Former President of the European Commission

Ambrogio Spreafico

Catholic Bishop, Italy



Panel 14

**University of Arts,
Concert Hall**

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

4:30 p.m.

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Religions and Violence

Chaired by

Athanasios

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Church of Greece

Contributors

Paul Bhatti

President of the Alliance of All Minorities, Pakistan

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President of the "Research
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Muhammad Khalid Masud

Member of the Supreme Court, Pakistan



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Panel 15

**Rogner Hotel,
Conference Hall**

Prayer as a Source of Peace

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Japanese

Chaired by
Leon Lemmens
Catholic Bishop, Belgium

4:30 p.m.

Contributors
Amfilohije
Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Serbian Patriarchate

Virgil Bercea
Greek-Catholic Bishop, Romania

Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad
Grand Imam of the mosque of Lahore, Pakistan

Joseph Levi
Rabbi of Florence, Italy

Brian C. Stiller
Global Ambassador of the
World Evangelical Alliance

Gijun Sugitani
Supreme Advisor of the Tendai
Buddhist Denomination, Japan



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Panel 16

**Congress Palace,
Conference Hall**

Scenarios of War: Peace is Put to the Test

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

Chaired by

Cornelio Sommaruga

Former President of the International
Committee of the Red Cross

4:30 p.m.

Contributors

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Editor of "Popoli e Missione", Italy

Ditmir Bushati

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M'hamed Krichen

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National Committee for
Islamic-Christian Dialogue, Lebanon

Antonio Tajani

Vice-President of the European Parliament,
Responsible for Interreligious Dialogue



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Panel 17

**Orthodox Cathedral,
Conference Hall**

Albania, Land of Living Together

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian

Chaired by
Erion Veliaj
Mayor of Tirana

4:30 p.m.

Contributors
Lucjan Avgustini
Catholic Bishop, Albania

Hervin Fushekati
Protestant Federation of Albania

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Leader of the World
Bektashi Community, Albania

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Intellectual and politician, Albania

Ali Zaimi
Vice-President of the
Islamic Community of Albania



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Panel 18

National Gallery of Art

The Mercy of God: the Strength for Change

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian,
Arabic

Chaired by

Jean Mbarga

Catholic Archbishop, Cameroun

4:30 p.m.

Contributors

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Lutheran Bishop, President of VELKD, Germany



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Panel 19

**Orthodox Cathedral,
Auditorium**

Europe at a Crossroads

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

Chaired by

Vincenzo Paglia

Archbishop, President of the
Pontifical Council for the Family, Holy See

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

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Pastor of the Reformed Church, France

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Chief Rabbi of Brussels, Belgium

Robert Innes

Anglican Bishop for Europe

Romano Prodi

Former President of the European Commission

Lluís Martínez Sistach

Cardinal, Archbishop of Barcelona, Spain

Vassilis Vassilikos

Writer and historian, Greece



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Panel 20

**Tirana International Hotel,
Akernia Hall**

Seyfo: a Forgotten Massacre

Languages:
English, French,
Albanian, Italian

Chaired by

Marco Impagliazzo

President of the Community of Sant'Egidio

9:30 a.m.

Lecture by

Ignatius Aphrem II

Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East



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Panel 21

**National History Museum,
Conference Hall**

The Poor of Our Times and Religions

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Arabic

Chaired by

Angelo Massafra

Catholic Archbishop, President of the
Episcopal Conference of Albania

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

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Secretary General of Al-Mustafa Foundation, Iraq

Riccardo Di Segni

Chief Rabbi of Rome, Italy

Vitto Huotari

Lutheran Bishop, Finland

Joan

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop,
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Armand Puig

Catholic theologian, Spain



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Panel 22

**University of Arts,
Concert Hall**

Migrants: a Global Challenge

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

Chaired by

Crescenzo Sepe

Cardinal, Archbishop of Naples, Italy

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

Slaheddine Jourchi

Journalist and Human Rights activist, Tunisia

Hugo Martinez

Minister of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador

Mario Morcone

Head of Department for
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Armash Nalbandian

Armenian Primate of Damascus, Syria

Daniela Pompei

Community of Sant'Egidio

Altin Prenga

Witness, Albania

Carolyn Y. Woo

President and CEO of
"Catholic Relief Service", USA



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Panel 23

**Rogner Hotel,
Conference Hall**

70 Years since Hiroshima: Past and Future

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Japanese

Chaired by

Maria De Giorgi

“Shinmeizan” Centre for Interreligious Dialogue, Japan

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

Shoko Abe

Tendai Buddhist Denomination, Japan

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Rinzai Zen Buddhist monk, Japan

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Keiji Kunitomi

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Katherine Marshall

Senior Advisor of the “World Bank”, USA

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“Greenaccord”, Italy

Noriaki Nagao

Representative of Tenrikyo Headquarters, Japan



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Panel 24

**Congress Palace,
Conference Hall**

Is Dialogue Still Necessary ?

Languages:
English, Albanian,
Italian, Arabic

Chaired by

Indunil J. Kodithuwakku

Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Holy See

9:30 a.m.

Contributors

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Vasileios

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Church of Cyprus

Tep Vong

Supreme Patriarch of the Cambodian Buddhism



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Panel 25

**Orthodox Cathedral,
Conference Hall**

Is Living Together Possible Today ?

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

Chaired by

Abraham Skorka

Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary "Marshall T. Meyer", Argentina

Contributors

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Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Ukrainian Church

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Franciscan friar, Turkey

Ignatius Ayau Kaigama

Catholic Archbishop, Nigeria

Valérie Régnier

Community of Sant'Egidio, France

Erion Veliaj

Mayor of Tirana

9:30 a.m.



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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



City Centre

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afternoon

Prayer for Peace

5:00 p.m.

Prayers for Peace

In separate locations according to each religious tradition (look at the following map)

4:30 p.m.

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

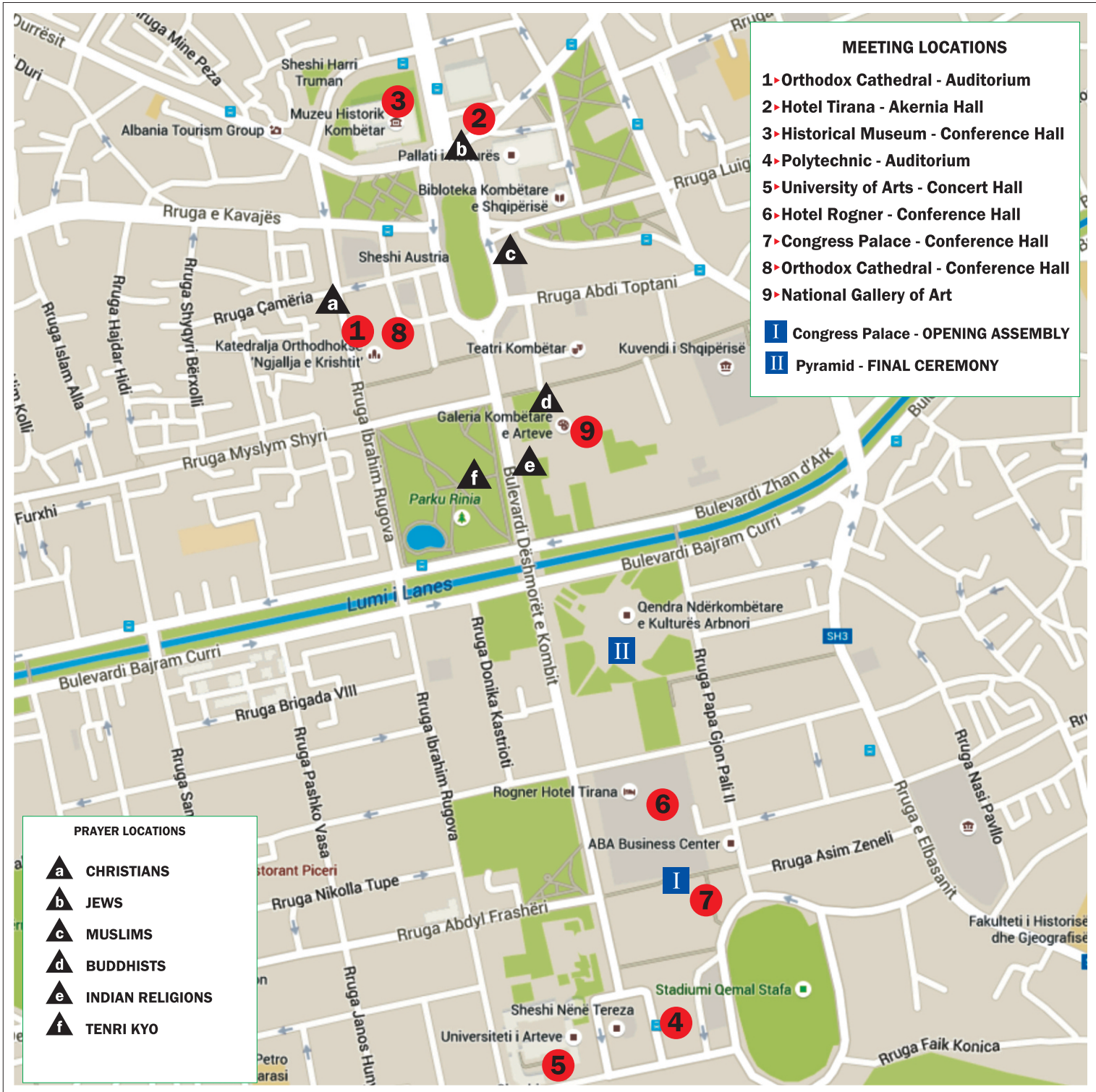
Silence for the victims of wars, violence and terrorism

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



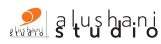
MEETING LOCATIONS

- 1- Orthodox Cathedral - Auditorium
 - 2- Hotel Tirana - Akernia 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
- I Congress Palace - OPENING ASSEMBLY
 - II Pyramid - FINAL CEREMONY

PRAYER LOCATIONS

- a** CHRISTIANS
- b** JEWS
- c** MUSLIMS
- d** BUDDHISTS
- e** INDIAN RELIGIONS
- f** TENRI KYO

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