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Internationales Friedenstreffen Religionen und Kulturen im Dialog

PROGRAMME

Berlin, 10th-12th September 2023
Program updated to 1 September 2023
SUNDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.30 pm
Berlin, Verti Music Hall

OPENING ASSEMBLY
The Audacity of Peace

MODERATOR
ANGELIKA WAGNER
Community of Sant’Egidio, Germany

SPEAKERS

ANDREA RICCARDI
Historian, founder of the Community of Sant’Egidio

FRANK-WALTER STEINMEIER
President of the Federal Republic of Germany

AHMED AL-TAYYEB
Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Egypt

UMARO EL MOKHTAR SISSOCO EMBALÓ
President of the Republic of the Guinea-Bissau

ZOHRA SARABI
Witness, Afghanistan

STRING QUARTET FROM THE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF UKRAINE

JERRY PILLAY
Secretary-General of the World Council of Churches

PINCHAS GOLDSCHMIDT
President of the Conference of European Rabbis

ANNETTE KURSCHUS
President of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD)

GEORG BÄTZING
President of the German Bishops’ Conference
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 9.30 am
Berlin, Axica

FORUM 1
No Wall is Forever

MODERATOR
GUALTIERO BASSETTI
Cardinal, Italy

LANGUAGEs:
Italian
English
German
French
Arabic

SPEAKERS

PETER BRANDT
FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany

PATRIZIA GIUNTI
President of the Giorgio La Pira Foundation, Italy

LOUISE MUSHIKIWABO
Secretary-General of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie

PUTHAN VEETIL RAJAGOPAL
President and Founding Member of Ekta Parishad, Niwano Peace Prize 2023, India

MOHAMMAD SAMMAK
Political Advisor to the Grand Mufti of Lebanon

MATTEO ZUPPI
Cardinal, Archbishop of Bologna, President of the Italian Episcopal Conference
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023
at 9.30 am
Berlin, Hilton Berlin Hotel

FORUM 2
The Humanitarian Emergencies of our Time

MODERATOR
IAN ERNEST
Anglican Bishop, Italy

SPEAKERS

KEIICHI AKAGAWA
Director of Rissho Kosei-kai International, Japan

GAËL GIRAUD
Economist, France

MARIO GIRO
Columnist, Community of Sant’Egidio, Italy

MICHAEL A. KÖHLER
Acting Director-General, DG ECHO - European Commission

VITALIY KRIVITSKIY
Catholic Bishop, Ukraine

BERTRAM MEIER
Catholic Bishop, Germany

JOÃO PEDRO STEDILE
Landless Rural Workers’ Movement (MST), Brazil
FORUM 3
Democracies on the Edge:
Challenges and Perspectives

MODERATOR

JEAN-DOMINIQUE DURAND
Historian, President of Amitié Judéo-Chrétienne
de France

SPEAKERS

MOHAMMED ALI BAHR AL-ULOOM
Director of the Bahr al-Uloom Institute of Political
Sciences, Iraq

RAM MADHAV
President, India Foundation and Former National
Secretary-General, BJP

REINHARD MARX
Cardinal, Archbishop of Munich and Freising,
Germany

ALBERTO MELLONI
Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII,
Italy

JOSÉ MANUEL RODRIGUES
President of the Legislative Assembly of the
Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal

ANNETTE SCHAVAN
Former Federal Minister of Education and Research,
Germany
FORUM 4
Children’s Rights, a Responsibility of Adults

MODERATOR
NELSON MODA
Community of Sant’Egidio, Mozambique

SPEAKERS
NOORJEHAN ABDUL MAJID
Clinical Head of the DREAM Program in Mozambique

PINCHAS GOLDSCHMIDT
President of the Conference of European Rabbis

ADRIANA GULOTTA
Coordinator Schools of Peace

ANURAG HANS
President of the OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation

KEISHI MIYAMOTO
Myochi-kai Buddhism, Japan

PORPHYRIOS (tbc)
Orthodox Bishop, Church of Cyprus

ISABELLE ROSABRUNETTO
Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Principality of Monaco
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023
Berlin, Ekd

FORUM 5
Prayer at the Heart of Peace

MODERATOR
MAR AWA ROYEL
Patriarch of the Assyrian Church, Iraq

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
Arabic
French
Spanish

SPEAKERS

ABU AL-QASIM AL-DIBAJI
World Pan-Islamic Jurisprudence Organization, Kuwait

ZAID MOHAMMED BAHR AL-ULOOM
Director of the Al-Khoei Institute, Irak

EMILCE CUDA
Theologian, Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, Holy See

IOAN
Orthodox Metropolitan, Romanian Patriarchate

GOVINDA GIRI MAHARAJ
Head of the Hindu Communities of the North, India

KARL-HINRICH MANZKE
Lutheran Bishop, Germany

ZSOLT BALLA
Rabbi, Germany
FORUM 6
Prison: Failure, Resilience, Hope

MODERATOR
PAOLO IMPAGLIAZZO
Secretary-General of Community of Sant’Egidio

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
Spanish
French

SPEAKERS
SILVIA ALAYO DÁVILA
Commission for Social Activities,
Peruvian Bishops’ Conference

GNABA EDMOND JOSEPH DEDE
Magistrate, Ivory Coast

DANIELE GARRONE
President of the Federation of Evangelical Churches
in Italy

GEOFFREY MAYAMBA
Prisoners’ Future Foundation of Zambia

DORIS SCHAEFER
Coordinator for Europe of International Commission
of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care, Germany
FORUM 7
Wars, Migrations, Peace: Testimonies

MODERATOR
ANGELIKA WAGNER
Community of Sant'Egidio, Germany

SPEAKERS
JOSÉ ALEJANDRO SOLALINDE GUERRA
Director of Hermanos en el Camino, Mexico

OLGA MAKAR
Witness, Ukraine

ZOHRA SARABI
Witness, Afghanistan
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Allianz Forum

FORUM 8
Migrant People: from Humanitarian Crisis to Integration Policies

MODERATOR
MARIO MORCONE
Councilor for Legality, Security, Immigration of the Campania Region, Italy

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
Arabic
French
Spanish

SPEAKERS
SLAHEDDINE JOURCHI
Journalist and Human Rights Activist, Tunisia

CHRISTIAN KRIEGER
President of the Federation of Protestant Churches in France

DANIELA POMPEI
Community of Sant’Egidio, Italy

RITA SCHWARZELÜHR-SUTTER
Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany

JOSÉ ALEJANDRO SOLALINDE GUERRA
Director of Hermanos en el Camino, Mexico

ANNELIES VERLINDEN
Minister of Interior Affairs, Belgium
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Brandenburgische Akademie Der Wissenschaften

FORUM 9
A World Free from Nuclear Weapons is Possible

MODERATOR

ANDREA BARTOLI
President, Sant’Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue, USA

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
French
Japanese

SPEAKERS

EMMANUEL DUPUY
President of the Institut Prospective et Sécurité en Europe, France

ROBERT HARRAP
Co-Chairperson, Soka Gakkai Europe, United Kingdom

LIBERATA MULAMULA
Member of Parliament, Tanzania

PETER PROVE
Director International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (WCC)

YOSHINORI SHINOHARA
Secretary-General of Asian Conference of Religions for Peace, RKK
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Hilton Berlin Hotel

FORUM 10
The Word of God: Compass for Our Time

MODERATOR
ANDREJ
Orthodox Bishop, Patriarchate of Serbia

SPEAKERS
AVICHAI APEL
Rabbi, Germany

HEINRICH BEDFORD-STROHM
Lutheran Bishop, Moderator of the World Council of Churches

MOHAMMED ESSLIMANI
Theologian, Saudi Arabia

BARBARA HALLENSLEBEN
Theologian, Switzerland

SERAFIM
Orthodox Metropolitan, Romanian Patriarchate

AMBROGIO SPREAFICO
Catholic Bishop, Italy
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Axica

FORUM 11
From Self to Us:
a Route to be Chartered

MODERATOR
MARIO MARAZZITI
Community of Sant'Egidio, Italy

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
French

SPEAKERS
DONATELLA DI CESARE
Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

RICCARDO DI SEGNI
Chief Rabbi of Rome, Italy

HEINER KOCH
Catholic Archbishop, Germany

LATIFA IBN ZIATEN FRENCH
Witness, Association pour la Jeunesse et la Paix (IMAD), France

JONG CHUN PARK
President of the World Methodist Council (WMC), South Korea

OLIVIER ROY
Orientalist and Political Scientist, France
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023  at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Ekd

FORUM 12
The Cry for Peace:
the Voice of the Martyrs

MODERATOR
MATTHIAS KOPP
Spokesperson of the German Bishops’ Conference

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German

SPEAKERS
KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Orthodox Archbishop, Armenian Apostolic Church

ANBA DAMIAN
Orthodox Bishop, Coptic Church

GRIGORIJE
Orthodox Bishop, Patriarchate of Serbia

JOAN
Orthodox Metropolitan, Albania

ALFONS M. KLOSS
President of Pro Orient, Austria

ANGELO ROMANO
Rector, Basilica di San Bartolomeo all’Isola Rome,
Sanctuary of the New Martyrs

THOMAS SCHWARTZ
President of Renovabis, Germany
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Französische Friedrichstadtkirche

FORUM 13
Fragmentation and Uncertainty: the Other Side of Globalization

MODERATOR
FRIEDERIKE KRIPPNER
Director of Evangelische Akademie zu Berlin, Germany

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
French
Arabic
Japanese
Portuguese

SPEAKERS
ISABELLE DE GAULMYN
La Croix, France

MAHDI EL-AMINE
Islamic Theologian, Lebanon

KRISTINA KÜHNBAUM-SCHMIDT
Vice President of the National Committee of the World Lutheran Federation in Germany

SHOTEN MINEGISHI
Soto Zen Buddhism, Japan

DAVID ROSEN
Rabbi, Special Advisor to the Abrahamic Family House (AFH) in Abu Dhabi, Israel

JOÃO PEDRO STEDILE
National Coordinator of the Landless Rural Workers’ Movement (MST), Brazil
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.00 pm
Berlin, Humboldt Carré

FORUM 14
Interreligious Dialogue: an Asset for Global Peace

MODERATOR
DIN SYAMSUDDIN
President of the Center for Dialogue and Cooperation among Civilizations, Indonesia

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
Arabic
Japanese

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ANTONIO TAJANI
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

SPEAKERS
JAWAD AL-KHOEI
Secretary-General of the Al-Khoei Institute, Iraq

MIGUEL ANGEL AYUSO GUIXOT
Cardinal, Prefect of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Holy See

MARKUS DRÖGE
Evangelical Bishop, Germany

NAFTALI HALEVE
Member of the Conference of European Rabbis, Turkey

GIJUN SUGITANI
Tendai Buddhism, Japan

YENNY ZANNUBA WAHID
Wahid Institute, Indonesia
FORUM 15
Embracing Human Vulnerabilities

MODERATOR
MARCO GNAVI
Community of Sant'Egidio, Italy

SPEAKERS
GRÉGOIRE AHONGBONON
Activist for the Rights of Vulnerable People, Benin

FRÈRE ALOIS
Prior of the Community of Taizé, France

GUILA CLARA KESSOUS
Artist and Human Rights Scholar, France

SATISH KUMAR MODI
President of Shri Durga Charitable Society, India

SHARON ROSEN
Director of Religious Engagement, Search for Common Ground, Israel
FORUM 16
Religions in Asia and the Pursuit of Peace

MODERATOR
AGOSTINO GIOVAGNOLI
Historian, Community of Sant’Egidio, Italy

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
Japanese

SPEAKERS
SHOKO ABE
Tendai Buddhism, Japan

MUHAMMAD ABDUL KHABIR AZAD
Grand Imam of Lahore Mosque, Pakistan

YOSHIHISA HASEGAWA
Tenrikyo, France

FELIX ANTHONY MACHADO
Catholic Archbishop, India

TOUCH SARITH
Head of the Khmer Pagoda, Cambodia

DIDI TALWALKAR
Leader of Swadhyaya Movement, India

ATSUSHI USHIO
Shintoism, Jinjiya-Honcho, Japan
FORUM 17
The Rise of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges

MODERATOR
ODED WIENER
Chief Rabbinate of Israel

SPEAKERS

PAOLO BENANTI
Professor of Ethics of Technologies, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy

HMIDA ENNAIFER
Theologian, member of the Académie tunisienne des sciences, des lettres et des arts

M’HAMED KRICHEN
Journalist at Al-Jazeera, Tunisia

SHABNAM MOUSAVI
Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Germany

VINCENZO PAGLIA
Catholic Archbishop, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Holy See
TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 9.30 am
Berlin, Französische Friedrichstadtkirche

FORUM 18
The Art of Living Together in a Shattered World

MODERATOR
HILDE KIEBOOM
Community of Sant’Egidio, Belgium

SPEAKERS
MOHAMMAD ALI ABTAHI
President of the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue, Iran

SUDHEENDRA KULKARNI
Hindu, Founder of the Forum for a New South Asia, India

MARTIN LEINER
Director of Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Germany

TAREK MITRI
President of Saint George University of Beirut, Lebanon

ABDUL MUKTI
Secretary-General of the Muhammadiyyah, Indonesia

LAURENT ULRICH
Archbishop of Paris, France
FORUM 19
The Audacity of Peace

MODERATOR
ANGELIKA WAGNER

SPEAKERS

MARCO IMPAGLIAZZO
Historian, President of the Community of Sant'Egidio

OLAF SCHOLZ
Federal Chancellor, Germany

Q&A SESSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR
TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2023  at 9.30 am
Berlin, Allianz Forum

FORUM 20
Facing the Reality of Climate Change

MODERATOR
KATHERINE MARSHALL
Vice President G20 Interfaith Association, USA

SPEAKERS
MOHAMED ABDELSALAM
Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders, Egypt
CÉCILE DUFLOT
Director-General of Oxfam France
JARON ENGELMAYER
Chief Rabbi of Vienna, Austria
GENNADOS
Orthodox Metropolitan, Patriarchate of Alexandria
GAËL GIRAUD
Economist, France
RUZBEH HODIWALA
Zoroastrianism, India
KIRA VINKE
Head of Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign relations (DGAP)

LANGUAGES:
Italian
English
German
French
Arabic
TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.30 pm

Berlin

PRAYER FOR PEACE
AND CLOSING CEREMONY

at 4.30 pm
Representatives of various religions gather at different locations, each reflecting their unique traditions

at 5.00 pm
BEGINNING OF THE PRAYERS FOR PEACE
• Christian Prayer: Platz des 18. März
• Jewish Prayer: Holocaust Memorial Monument
• Muslim Prayer: Axica
• Buddhist Prayer: EKD House
• Prayers of Asian Religions (Tenrikyo, Sikhism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Hinduism): Humboldt Carrè

at 5.45 pm
At the conclusion of the Prayer for Peace, representatives of Christian Churches will walk to Pariser Platz, crossing Brandenburg Gate. Here, they will meet with representatives of other religions for an exchange of peace.

at 6.00 pm
CLOSING CEREMONY
• Concluding speeches
• Message from Pope Francis
• Minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of war
• Appeal for Peace
• Sign of Peace

at 7.00 pm
END OF THE CEREMONY
Supporters and cooperation partners

- Evangelische Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz
- Auswärtiges Amt
- Erzbistum Berlin
- Katholische Kirche Bistum Münster
- Bistum Augsburg
- Bistum Limburg
- Allianz
- Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart
- Berlin-brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften
- Deutscher Bischofskonferenz
- Erzdiözese München und Freising
- Evangelische Akademie zu Berlin
- Fondazione Orseri
- Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland
- Lotto Stiftung Berlin
- Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung
- Lempertz
- Katholische Soldatenseelsorge
- OneSight
- DZ Bank

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