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***Interreligious Dialogue on Diversity, Tolerance and Social Cohesion
in the Arab Region***

Open Dialogue with Religious Leaders, Scholars and Community Mediators

1-2 November 2016

Le Méridien Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Draft Agenda

Time	Topic
Day 1	
09:00-09.30	Registration and Coffee
09.30-10.15	<p>Welcome and Introduction Moderator: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming Speech, TBD, Government of Jordan - Opening Speech, Khaled Abdelshafi, Director of Amman Regional Hub, UNDP - Introductory Remarks – KAICIID
10.15-12:00	<p>Session 1: Reviving Interreligious Dialogue in the Arab Region – Agenda, Mechanisms and Tools 1/ Role of Religious Institutions at the State Level Moderator: Mohammad Abu Rumman, Scholar, Jordan (10 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Ahmed Abaddi, Secretary General of the Rabita Mohammadia of Ulama, Morocco - Dr. Suad Abu Hamra, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Kuwait - Father Housig Mardirossian, Head of the Interreligious Dialogue Committee, Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia, Lebanon - Sheikh (Dr.) Ibrahim Negm, Senior Advisor to the Grand Mufti of Egypt, Egypt - Dr. Jamal Bataineh, Director of Amman Awqaf Directorate, Jordan - Sheikh (Dr.) Hussein Ghazi Abdulrahman Al Samerrai, Member of Iraqi Fiqh Council of Senior Scholars, Iraq <p>Comments from the floor</p>



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12:00-12:30	Coffee Break (and break for Dhuhr prayers)
12:30-14:00	<p>Session 1: Reviving Interreligious Dialogue in the Arab Region – Agenda, Actors, Mechanisms and Tools</p> <p>2/ Role of Scholars, Faith-based Organizations and Community Advocates</p> <p>Moderator: Mohammed Al-Sammak, KAICIID (tbc)</p> <p>(10 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Saad Salloum, Co-founder of the Iraqi Council for Interfaith Dialogue and Head of Studies and Research Department in Political Sciences College of Mustansiriya University, Iraq - Dr. Samira Luka, Director for Dialogue Forum for Intercultural Dialogue Unit, Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services CEOSS, Egypt - Father Fadi Daou, President of Adyan Foundation, Lebanon - Dr. Nahid Mohammad ElHassan, Scholar, Sudan - Father Dr. Amir Jaji, Member, Iraqi Council for Interfaith Dialogue and Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (Catholic Church) - Dr. Majeda Omran, Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies, Jordan <p>Comments from the floor</p>
14:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00-16:30	<p>Session 2: Roots of Rising Violent Extremism and Weakening Social Cohesion – Perceptions from the field and research agenda</p> <p>Moderator: Farah Choucair, Social Cohesion Specialist and Project Coordinator, UNDP-RBAS</p> <p><u>From the field: perceptions of youth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cemil Kilinc, Director of Research and Analysis, Hedayah Center, UAE - TBD, Al-Sahwa Project - Taba Foundation, UAE (tbc) <p><u>Designing a relevant research agenda for the Arab region</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Omar Ashour, Senior lecturer in Security Studies at the University of Exeter, UK - Dr. Khaled Ziadeh, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Qatar - Dr. Nagwan Sleiman, Researcher at European University Institute, Italy - Dr. Sami Brahem, Researcher at Center for Economic and Social Research, Tunisia <p>Comments from the floor</p>
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break



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17:00-18:00	<p>Session 3: Role of women as peacebuilders and essential contributors messaging positive alternative to extremist propaganda</p> <p>Moderator: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Mongia Souahi, Assistant Professor at Azzeituna University, Tunisia - Dr. Mariam Safi, Founding Director of the Organisation for Policy Research and Development Studies, Afghanistan - Mrs. Asmaa Kftarou, Syrian Women for Freedom and Dialogue, Syria - Mrs. Zahra Langui, Women's Platform for Peace, Libya - Dr. Mounia Terraz, CERFI Centre d'études Féminines en Islam (CERFI), Morocco <p>Comments from the floor</p>
18:00	End of Day 1 Plenary Sessions
20:00	Reception at Le Méridien Amman

Day 2	Session 4: Messaging Counter-narratives and Alternative Narratives on Religious Diversity, Tolerance and Social Cohesion in the Arab Region	
09.30-11.30	<p>Session 4 A Reviving the education curricula</p> <p><i>(knowledge exchange and showcasing different initiatives)</i></p>	<p>Session 4 B Instrumental role of the media</p> <p><i>(knowledge exchange and showcasing different initiatives)</i></p>
11.30-12:00	Coffee	
12:00-13.30	Wrap-Up Session	
13.30-14.30	Lunch	

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