



Geneva Track II

“Toward Peace and Reconciliation in Syria: The Significance of Religion, Faith-Based Organizations and Civil Society”

January 23-24, 2014 Geneva, Switzerland

Tentative Schedule Day 1 - United Nations Office Geneva

THURSDAY JANUARY 23, 2014

UNOG, ROOM VIII

- 10:00 AM **Session I: From Amman, to Jerusalem, to Geneva: For Peace In Syria**
Chair: Dr. Thomas Walsh, President, UPF International
Welcoming remarks: Tbd
Presenters:
Rev. William A. McComish, President Geneva Spiritual Appeal
Amb. Hassouna, Former Arab League Ambassador to the United Nations, Egypt
Dr. Leo Gabriel, Social Anthropologist and Journalist, Vienna Austria
Mr. Taj Hamad, Secretary General Universal Peace Federation
Ms. Mairead Maguire, Nobel Laureate (invited)
- 11:15 AM Break
- 11:45 AM **Session II: The Contribution of Civil Society, NGOs in Support of the Peace Process in Syria**
Chair: Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, Director, UN Office, Women's Federation for World Peace, Int'l
Presenters:
Patricia LaLonde, President MEWA, Paris France
Hon. Anne Marie Lizin, Hon. Speaker of Belgian Parliament
Dr Tawfik Chamaa, Spokesman UOSSM
Mrs. Wajd Zimmermann, Mediator, NGO activist, Switzerland/Syria
Mrs. Sophie Nadjar, Sociologist and Journalist on Article60.com
- 1:00 PM Lunch Break
- 3:00 PM **Session III: Geopolitical Perspectives on the Crisis in Syria**
Chair: Heiner Handschin, Director, Office for UN Relations in Geneva, Switzerland, UPF
Presenters:
Hon. Mohamad Alhabash, Abu Dhabi University
Dr. Vladimir Petrovskiy, Professor University of Moscow, Russia
Dr. Emanuel Dupuy, Institute IPSE, Paris France
Amb. Hassouna, Former Arab League Ambassador to the United Nations, Egypt
Amb. Sam Zakhem, USA
Mr. Joseph Daher, Syrian-Swiss activist and Academic at SOAS
- 4:30 PM Break
- 4:45 PM **Session IV: The Contribution of Faith-based Organizations to Peace and Reconciliation in Syria**
Chair: Mr. Taj Hamad, Secretary General, UPF International
Presenters:
Dr. Hamdi Murad, Jordan Interfaith Center
Rabbi Reuven Bulka, co –President of Canadian Jewish Congress, journalist, columnist
Prof. em. Adrian Holderegger, Moral theology and ethics, University Fribourg
Prof. Shady Ammane, Collectif Jasmin, Geneva
Prof. Ismail Mohamad Yassin, Damascus University, Resident in Jordan
Wrapping up and closing of Day I
- 6:00 PM Closing

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Tentative Schedule Day 2 - Centre International de Conférence de Genève

FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2014

CICG, ROOM 13

- 9:00 AM **Session V: The Role of Media and Education in Promoting Peace in Syria**
Chair: Dr. Vladimir Petrovskiy, Russia
- Presenters:*
Dr. Leo Gabriel, Journalist
Mr. David Fraser Harris
- 10:30 AM Break
- 11:00 AM **Session VI: Youth Perspectives on Peace and Reconciliation in Syria**
Chair: Hafid Ouairi
- Presenters:*
Prof. Shady Amman, Collectif Jasmin, and his group of young international Peace makers
Mrs. Sophie Nadjar, sociologist and journalist on article60.com
UNICEF - Representative in Syria (invited)
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM **Session VII: General Debate on the Conference Theme: Toward Peace and Reconciliation in Syria: The Significance of Religion, Faith-Based Organizations and Civil Society**
Chair: Heiner Handschin, Director, Office for UN Relations in Geneva, Switzerland, Universal Peace Federation
- 3:30 PM Break
- 4:00 PM **Session VIII: Closing Session and Action Steps**
Chair: Thomas Walsh
- 6:00 PM **Interfaith Program for Peace in Syria; St. Peter's Cathedral, Geneva**

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