

Symposium on the follow-up to the Rabat Plan of Action "Rabat+5" 6-7 December 2017, Rabat

Program

Wednesday 6 December 2017

8:00-9:00 Registration of participants

9:00-10:00 Opening of the Rabat+5 Symposium

- ❖ Message of Mr. Mustafa Al-Ramid, *Minister of State for Human Rights*.
- ❖ Message of Mr. Ahmed Taoufiq, *Minister of Habous and Islamic Affairs*.
- ❖ Message of Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein, *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*.

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Presentations by co-drafters of the Rabat Plan of Action and of the Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments on "Faith for Rights"

Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Salama, *Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*.

- Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt, *former UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (2010-2016)*.
- Ms. Agnes Callamard, *UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions*.
- Mr. Ahmed Shaheed, *UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief*.
- Ms. Nahla Haidar, *Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*.
- Mr. Abdelwahab Hani, *Member of the UN Committee Against Torture*.
- Mr. Melhem Khalaf, *Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*.

12:00-13:00 Discussion

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-16:00 The role of States, including State religious authorities:

Presentations and lessons learned from their respective national experiences related to the Rabat and Beirut standards.

Moderator: Mr. Emre Uygun, *Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations Office in Geneva*.

- Presentations by States and intergovernmental organizations (Brazil, Denmark, Morocco, European Union, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation)
- Discussion

16:00-17:00 **The role of national human rights institutions and regional organizations:**
Presentations and lessons learned from their respective national experiences.

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Essabbar, *Secretary General of the National Human Rights Council of Morocco.*

- Presentations by national human rights institutions and regional organizations (European Union Fundamental Rights Agency; OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights)
- Discussion

17:00-18:00 **The role of faith-based civil society:**
Presentations and lessons learned from their respective national experiences.

Moderator: Ms. Zainah Anwar, *Director of the global movement Musawah.*

- Presentations by civil society organizations
- Discussion

Thursday 7 December 2017

9:00-11:00 **Brainstorming on support for future projects by the various stakeholders**

Moderator: Mr. Herschel Gluck, *President of Shomrim in Stamford Hill, chairman of the Arab-Jewish Forum and chairman of the Muslim-Jewish Forum.*

Outline of suggested projects and areas of future cooperation on combatting discrimination on the basis of religion and enhancing the role of faith-based actors in the defence of human dignity. Presentations by civil society organizations:

- Mr. Melhem Khalaf, Lebanon
- Mr. Ismail Zien, OHCHR Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa
- Ms. Katherine Cash, Sweden
- Mr. Masimba Kuchera, Zimbabwe
- Ms. Elizabeth O'Casey, Belgium
- Ms. Ani Zonneveld, United States of America
- Mr. Andrew Smith, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Ms. Tahmina Rahman, Bangladesh
- Ms. Salpy Eskidjian, Cyprus
- Mr. Yehuda Stolov, Israel
- Mr. Thomas Schirmacher, Germany
- Ms. Zainah Anwar, Malaysia
- Ms. Diane Alai, Switzerland
- Mr. Abdelwahab Hani, Tunisia
- Mr. John Graz, France
- Mr. W. Cole Durham Jr., United States of America

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| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30-13:00 | <p>Outline of a possible inventory of relevant actors and projects</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Salama, <i>Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Said Hammamoun, <i>Co-founder of the project EMHOTEP, Université de Montréal (CRDP/CÉRIUM), “Faith for Rights” Platform.</i> <p>Such an inventory/database could help identifying existing gaps, define capacity building approaches and facilitate networking.</p> |
| 13:00-15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00-16:30 | <p>Synthesis of the role of States, NHRIs and NGOs in follow-up to the Rabat Plan of Action and the Beirut Declaration on “Faith for Rights”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Nazila Ghanea, <i>Associate Professor in International Human Rights Law at the University of Oxford.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Azza Karam, <i>Senior advisor on culture at the United Nations Population Fund and chair of the Inter-Agency Task Force on religion and development.</i> |
| 16:30-17:00 | Coffee break |
| 17:00-18:00 | <p>Concluding session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation by Mr. Philippe Poinot, <i>UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Morocco</i> ❖ Tour de table of civil society expectations from States and the United Nations ❖ Concluding remarks by Mr. Ibrahim Salama, <i>Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights</i> ❖ Chairman’s final statement of the Rabat+5 Symposium, read by Mr. Abderrazak Rouwane, <i>Secretary-General of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights of the Kingdom of Morocco</i> |