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## Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue: *Working together for our common future*

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## Our Common Future

Side Event

### **Concept Note**

*Thursday 15 June 2023, 13:00-14:30 (Fès 2 Hall)*

*Languages: English only*

*Format: Lunch Panel and Discussion*

### **Executive Summary**

- I. Working together towards our common future requires a lucid analysis of burning issues that are facing humanity.
- II. The Rabita has been studying 7 burning issues that threaten the survival and flourishing of humanity: Fear, War, Weapons Expenditure, Environment, Waste, Artificial Intelligence, & Addiction.
- III. An interactive lunch discussion will create a space where policy makers and religious leaders can explore how to work together to address these burning issues.

## Background

We stand at an extraordinary moment in our world today. At a time when the problems that each of us faces requires a global response as yet unseen in history, we find that we are struggling to come together. We have had access to historically unimagined resources that can be used to resolve our most dire troubles. Instead, we have been consuming these resources with a short-sighted focus on immediate, individualistic ambitions, not considering the consequences to ourselves, our communities, or the generations to come.

Technology has brought unprecedented connection and unrivaled opportunity for virtuous influence. Instead, we have used it in ways that have created unparalleled divisions. Luckily, we have the will and capacity to transform dangerous worldviews; change the ways we use resources and technology; and unify our extended global family for a shared mission of human survival and flourishing - **for a common future**.

We must not underestimate the urgency of the moment nor the power of parliamentarians and religious leaders coming together from around the world to discuss, cogitate, and act together for the sake of humanity. For this moment to be harnessed and its potential made functional, parliamentarians and religious leaders from around the world will convene for three days in Morocco to develop a united action plan for addressing **the burning issues of our time**.

## Side Event Agenda

Interactive Lunch: A panel of speakers followed by an open mic discussion.

Time duration	Topic	Speaker
10 minutes	Introduction and settling in	Organizers
5 minutes	Our Common Future and the Burning Issues	Dr. Ahmed Abaddi
5 minutes	Parliamentary perspective	Lord David Alton (UK)
5 minutes	Burning issue 1 & 2 : Weapons Expenditure & Environment	Courtney Erwin
5 minutes	Burning issue 3 & 4: Addiction & Fear	Jihad Bnimoussa
5 minutes	Burning issue 5: Artificial Intelligence	Rayhana Mouaouia
10 minutes	Burning issue 6 & 7: War & Waste	Dr. Ahmed Abaddi
45 minutes	Discussion Introduction and Facilitation	Katherine Marshall

The discussion is an opportunity to put into action the collaborative dialogue between policy makers and religious leaders with the aim of solving burning issues to create a better common future for humanity.