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

Panels with speakers

Day 1: 13 June

**High-level panel** – Track 1 (The rule of law): 14:00 – 16:00 (120 Mins) 
*Working together for the promotion of the rule of law: Good practices and challenges*

**Moderator:** Dr. Nazila Ghanea (UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, OHCHR, Professor of International Human Rights Law)

**Panellists:**
- Ms. Meritxell Batet (President of the Congress of Deputies – Spain)
- Mr. Bahouba Norbert Tankoano (Executive Secretary, Parliamentary Committee of the G5 Sahel)
- Ms. Fernanda San Martin Carrasco (Director, International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief [IPPFoRB], former MP of Bolivia)
- Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher (Secretary General, World Evangelical Alliance, Co-President, Religions for Peace – Germany)
- Dr. Fadi Daou (Executive Director, Globalethics - Lebanon)
- Rabbi Moshe David HaCohen and Imam Salahuddin Barakat (Amanah Center – Sweden)

**High-level panel** – Track 2 (Peace and inclusion): 16:30 – 18:30 (120 Mins) 
*Promoting regional and global peace through intra-faith dialogue*

**Moderator:** Dr. Ahmad Abaddi (Secretary General, Mohammadia League of Scholars – Morocco)

**Panellists:**
- Ms. Tulia Ackson (Speaker of the National Assembly – Tanzania)
- Senator Garret Ahearn (Oireachtas of Ireland)
- Senator Farooq Hamid Naek (Senate of Pakistan)
- Mr. Hayder Al-Khoei (Director, Al-Khoei Institute – Iraq)
- Ligia Matamoros (Latin American Catholic Episcopal Council [CELAM] Member – Costa Rica) **Youth representative**

Day 2: 14 June

**Panel** – Track 1 (The rule of law): 09:30 – 11:00 (90 mins) 
*Religion and belief in different secular systems: Examples from around the world*

**Moderator:** Prof. Katherine Marshall (Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University – USA)

**Panellists:**
- Ms. Christine Schwarz-Fuchs (Member of Parliament – Austria)
- Mr. Jeyhun Mammadov (MP, National Assembly of Azerbaijan)
- Sr. Liliana Franco (President, Caribbean and Latin American Confederation of Religious Women and Men)
- Dr. Alfonso Santiago (Professor for Constitutional Law & Director of the School of Politics, Government and International Relations, Austral University – Argentina)
- Mr. Habibou Bako (Policy Officer, Joint Initiative for Strategic Religious Action [JISRA], Search for Common Ground – Mali) **Youth representative**
Panel – Track 2 (Peace and inclusion): 11:30 – 13:00 (90 mins)
How can parliamentarians cooperate with religious communities and faith-based organizations to mobilize society for greater moderation, solidarity and inclusion?

Moderator: Mr. Elias Szczynicki (Regional Secretary General, Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean – Argentina/ Peru)

Panellists:
- Hon. Fiona Bruce (UK Prime Minister’s Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, Member of Parliament – United Kingdom)
- Mr. Ioannis Sarakiotis (Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, Member of Parliament – Greece)
- Rabbi (Ms.) Tamar Elad-Appelbaum (Co-founder and Educational Director, Beit Midrash for Israeli Rabbis – Israel)
- Dr. Chinmay (Mr.) Pandya (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya University – India)
- Mr. Daniel Coulibaly (Peacebuilding and Advocacy Officer, Tearfund – Mali)

Panel – Track 1 (The rule of law): 14:30 – 16:30 (120 mins)
Clarifying the relationship between the rule of law and freedom of religion or belief to preserve statehood and citizenship

Moderator: Ambassador Mokhtar Omar (Senior Advisor, Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Panellists:
- Mr. Hatem El-Hady (Representative, Bahá’í International Community)
- Senator Silvia-Monica Dinică (Chairperson, Committee for Science, Innovation and Technology - Romania)
- Dr. Alves Pinto (Lecturer in Legal Studies and Diplomatic Studies, Director of Studies in Religion and Theology, University of Oxford – Finland/ Brazil) – Youth representative
- Dr. Leo Igwe (Board member, Humanists International, founder of the Humanist Association of Nigeria – Nigeria)
- Rev. Elga Joan Sarapung (Director, Institute for Interfaith Dialogue in Indonesia, Chair of the Asia Pacific Women of Faith Network - Indonesia)
- Dr. Maryana Hynp, (President, European Network on Religion and Belief – Belgium)

Panel – Track 2 (Peace and inclusion): 17:00 – 18:30 (90 mins)
Different mandates, common goals: Religious actors and parliamentarians as allies for promoting gender equality and youth participation

Moderator: Ambassador Marie-Thérèse Pictet-Althann (Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Order of Malta)

Panellists:
- Ms. Khaddouj Slassi (Member of Parliament – Morocco)
- Mr. Ousmane Bougouma (Speaker, Transitional Legislative Assembly – Burkina Faso)
- Ms. Sabina Ćudić (International Parliamentary Platform for Freedom of Religion and Belief – IPPFoRB and Member of Parliament – Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- Mr. Martin Chungong (Secretary General – IPU, Chairman of the Global Board - International Gender Champions)
- Ms. Lyka Mtambo (Youth Representative, Public Affairs Committee – Malawi)
- Fr. Youkhana Emanuel (Representative of World Council of Churches, Director, CAPNI - Iraq)
Day 3: 15 June

Panel – Track 2 (Peace and inclusion): 09:00 – 11:00 (120 mins)
Promoting trust and mutual recognition: Contributions of religious actors and parliamentarians to counter hate speech, incitement to violence and digital challenges to democracy

Moderator: Ms. Nihal Saad (Director, UNAOC)

Panellists:
- Dr. Ali Al-Nuaimi (Chairman, Manara Center for Regional Coexistence and Member of the Federal National Council – UAE)
- Ms. Karen Bradley (Member of Parliament – United Kingdom)
- H.E. Emmanuel Adamakis (Metropolitan Elder of Chalcedon – France/ Greece)
- Imam Salahuddin Barakat (Amanah Center – Sweden)
- Rabbi Moshe David HaCohen (Amanah Center – Sweden)
- Ms. Desi Hanara (Former IPPFoRB, Current ASEAN Secretariat – Indonesia) Youth representative

Panel – Track 1 (The rule of law): 11:30 – 13:00 (90 mins)
Legislators and religious leaders as bridge builders: Promoting rights and fundamental freedoms for more just and cohesive societies

Moderator: Ms. Deepika Singh (Associate Secretary General, Religions for Peace)

Panellists:
- Mr. Abdulnabi Salman (Deputy Speaker of Majlis Al-Nuwab – Bahrain)
- Ms. Aisha Adams (Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly – Malawi)
- H.H. Couchoro Cornelle Balogoun (President, Yandou Indigenous Religions of Benin and Honorary President, Religions for Peace)
- Ms. Bani Dugal (Representative to the United Nations, Baha’I International Community)
- Prof. Jorge Gonzalez (UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue – Colombia)
- Ms. Heela Yoon (Founder & CEO, Afghan Youth Ambassador for Peace Organization, 2023 Young Leader for the SDGs, Office of the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth – Afghanistan) Youth representative