

2nd Athens International Conference on Religious and Cultural Pluralism and Peaceful Coexistence in the Middle East

(October 29-31 2017)

PROGRAMME

Sunday, October 29 2017

13:00-19:00 **Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel**
Arrival of Participants

19:00-21:00 **Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel**
Aphrodite Room
Welcome reception

Monday, October 30 2017

Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel
Ballroom Athenaeum

08:30-09:30 Registration -Coffee

Plenary (Ballroom Athenaeum II & III)

09:30-10:15 **Official Opening**
H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic,
Mr Prokopios Pavlopoulos

Welcome/Opening Remarks
H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic,
Mr Nikolaos Kotzias

Address
His Beatitude, Ieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece

Co-Sponsors

H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak al Nahayan, Minister of Tolerance
of the United Arab Emirates

H.E. the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to the Hellenic
Republic, Mrs Andrea Ikić-Böhm

10:15-11:20 Plenary: Second Session (*Ballroom Atheneum II & III*)

Chair: H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Nikolaos Kotzias

Moderator: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Ioannis Amanatidis

Interventions

High-ranking Religious Leaders, Ministers for Foreign Affairs

11:20-11:40 Coffee Break

11:40-13:25 Plenary: Third Session (*Ballroom Athenaeum II & III*)

Chair: H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Nikolaos Kotzias

Moderator:

H.E. Mr Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director of the “Hedayah Institute”, UAE.

Interventions

Heads of Churches and of Denominations,
Representatives of International Organisations,
Representatives of the World Islamic Youth Organisation
and of the Anna Lindh Foundation

13:30-14:45 Official Luncheons

Hosted by

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Parliament, Mr Nikolaos Voutsis
(by invitation)

His Beatitude, Ieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and all Greece
(by invitation)

Buffet- luncheon for delegates (*Aphrodite III*)

15:00-16:00 Plenary: Fourth Session (*Ballroom Athenaeum II & III*)

Chair: H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Nikolaos Kotzias

Moderator: Head of the Austrian Delegation, Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic,
Mrs Andrea Ikić-Böhm

Intervention

His All-Holiness, Bartholomew, Archbishop
of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

-«Freedom of Religion and free access to Holy Places. A proposal for
a legal regime for the Holy Places – Common heritage of mankind»,
presented by Ambassador Stelios Perrakis, Permanent Representative
of Greece to the Council of Europe

Interventions (continuation)

Keynote Speakers

End of the Plenary

16:30-18:30 Workshop I (Ballroom Athenaeum I)

“The role of religious leaders in the refugee-migrant crisis,
with special attention to the re-integration of
refugees/migrants/internally displaced persons into
their countries/regions of origin”.

Moderator:
Professor Gerassimos Makris
Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, School of Social Science,
Department of Social Anthropology

Speakers:

- Dr Anthony O'Mahony: Reader at the University of London, Heythrop College / Theology
- Dr Elizabeth Prodromou: Visiting Associate Professor at Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy / Conflict Resolution
- Dr. Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Executive Committee, North-South Center.

Workshop II (Ballroom Athenaeum II & III)

“The role of the media and religious leaders in promoting religious pluralism in the Middle East”.

Moderator: Honorary Professor Markus Stephan Bugnyár
(Rector of the Austrian Hospice in Jerusalem)

Speakers:

- Dr Aggeliki Ziaka, Assistant Professor at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Theology Department / Interreligious Studies
- Dr Pavlos Kavouras, Professor at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Department of Music Studies / Ethnomusicology & Cultural Anthropology
- Ms Rabab Kamal (Radio Broadcaster, Radio Cairo)

20:00

Acropolis Museum

Cultural Event by “En Chordais”

Dinner in the presence of H.E. the Prime Minister Mr Alexis Tsipras

Tuesday, October 31 2017

09:30-11:30

Plenary Session (Ballroom Athenaeum II & III)

Chair: H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Nikolaos Kotzias

Address

H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr Sameh Hassan Shoukry

Interventions (continuation)

Keynote Speakers

Concluding Remarks

H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Nikolaos Kotzias

Family Photo

12:00-13:00

Press Conference

END OF THE CONFERENCE

