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Conference

BEYOND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES

Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination based on religion or belief: consequences for young people and youth work responses.

Baku, Azerbaijan, 5-8 November 2008

**Draft Final
Programme**

Tuesday 4th November

- Arrival of Participants
- 15:00 Registration of Participants
- 19:30 Dinner
- 21:00 Informal Welcome Evening

Wednesday 5th November

- 08:30 Registration continued
- 10:00 **Official Opening**
 - Mr. Azad Rahimov*, Minister for Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan
 - Mr Ralf-René Weingärtner*, Director for Youth and Sport, Council of Europe
 - N.N.*, ISESCO
 - Mr Elshad Iskandarov*, Secretary General of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation
- 11:00 Key Note Speech "**Human rights - Tools for combating discrimination on the basis of religion**"
 - Ms Ingvill Thorson Plesner*, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 Introduction to the Programme, Aims and Objectives
- 14:15 Sharing life stories
- 14:30 **'Sharing realities and mapping the situation'** Panel Discussion with
 - Ms Rabeya Mueller*, Centre for Islamic Women's Studies and Women's Promotion, Director of the Institute for Interreligious Pedagogy and Didactics, Cologne, Germany
 - Mr Mark Gardner*, Director of Communications of the Community Security Trust, United Kingdom
 - Mr Ahmet Alibasic*, Professor for Islamic Studies, Director of the Institute on Interreligious Studies, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Mr Hans Koechler*, Chair for Political Philosophy, University of Innsbruck, Austria
 - N.N.*, Azerbaijan
 - Moderator: *Mr. Alexis Ridde (tbc)?*
- 16:30 **Working Groups:** responding to the panel discussion and sharing expectations
- 19:30 Dinner
- 21:00 Getting to know the organisations present at the conference

Thursday 6th November

09:30 **"The realities of islamophobia in Europe today"**

Mr Vincent Geisser, Institut de recherches et d'études sur le monde arabe et musulman (IREMAM/CNRS), France

11:30 **Thematic Working Groups** with a focus on:

1. Religion, Culture and Identity

Resource person: *Mr. Deepak Naik*, Minorities of Europe, United Kingdom

Facilitator: *Natalia Cojohari*, National Youth Council of Moldova

2. Religion and Gender Equality

Resource person: *Ms Rabeya Mueller*, Director of the Institute for pedagogy and international didactics, Germany

Facilitator: *Katherine Heid*

3. Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion

Resource person: *Mr Daniel Barton*, Ecumenical Youth Council Europe, Czech Republic

Facilitator: *Michael Raphael*, consultant with the Council of Europe

4. Prejudice and Stereotypes: Media and Education

Resource person: *Dr Saied Reza Ameli*, University of Teheran, Iran

Facilitator: *Pervana Mammadova*, xxx

5. Religion and Human Rights

Resource Person: *Rui Gomes*, Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe

Facilitator: *Ms Klavdija Cernilogar*; European Youth Forum

6. Synergies between Youth Policy and Youth Work

Resource person: *Mr Daniel Mueller*, Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe, Germany

Facilitator: *Alexis Ridde*, European Steering Committee on Youth

7. Co-existence and Living Together, Community Building and Migration

Resource person: *Mr. Zeeshan Suhail*, Muslim Consultative Network, USA

Facilitator: *Heidi Jokinen*, Advisory Council on Youth

8. Young People and Extremism

Resource person: *Dr. Tahir Abbas*, Director of the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Culture, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Facilitator: *Ms Nabat Karabanova*, Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Working Groups continued

19:30 Dinner

21:00 Cultural Evening and Event in Baku

Friday 7th November

09:30 'Youth work and youth policy responses to discrimination based on religion or belief'

Panel Discussion

Panellists:

Ms Amra Heco, Miljonkulturell ungdom, Sweden

Mr Yassine Isbouia, Forum Méditerranéen de la jeunesse et de l'enfance (FOMEJE), Morocco

Mr Daniel Mueller, Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe, Germany

Ms Preethi Pinto, Pax-Christi International, Faith Based Expert Group of the European Youth Forum

Mr Elshad Iskandarov, Secretary General of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum

Moderator: *Ms. Heidi Jokinen*

11:30 Working groups continued

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Working groups, drawing conclusions and formulating proposals for action

17:00 Collecting the proposals for action

19:30 Dinner

21:00 Networking and Future Cooperation Evening

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Saturday 8th November

09:30 Creative presentation of conclusions from the working groups

10:00 Presentation of the proposals for action

10:30 Conclusions by Ms Iman Lechkar, General Rapporteur (tbc)

11:00 Evaluation Coffee Break

11:30 Closing Session

Mr. Azad Rahimov, Minister for Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan

Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport and Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue of the Council of Europe (tbc)

N.N., ISESCO

Mr Diogo Pinto, Secretary General of the European Youth Forum

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Departure of Participants and Optional Cultural Programme