



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 May 2016

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated 5 April 2016, I have the honour to enclose herewith the provisional programme outline for the High-Level Conversation on Religions for Peace, to be convened 6 May 2016, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

In light of time constraints, speakers are encouraged to be concise, bearing in mind also that panel discussions will include a space for questions/answers and interactive discussions.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To all Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Religions for Peace

6 May 2016, Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN
Provisional Programme

10:00 am – 10:25 am	<p><u>Opening Segment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly• H.E. Mr. Nasser A. Al-Nasser, High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations <p><u>Keynote speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (tbc)• Mr. Frank La Rue, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO
10:25 am – 11:30 am	<p><u>High-Level Plenary</u></p> <p>Statements by High-Level Member States representatives (5 minutes).</p> <p>In light of time constraints, speakers are encouraged to be concise, bearing in mind also that panel discussions will include a space for questions/answers and interactive discussions. A speakers' list will be available on the day of the event.</p>
11:30 am- 1:00 pm	<p>Panel 1: Interfaith harmony – promoting inter-religious dialogue and tolerance, as well as a culture of peace</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Frank La Rue, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN• Rabbi Arthur Schneier• H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh• Imam Mohamed Magid, Executive Director of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS)• Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, Representative, World Council of Churches <p>Each panellist makes 5 minutes presentation followed by Q&A/interactive discussion.</p> <p>Topic: In terms of inter-faith dialogue, what are the concrete steps needed to reach individuals and communities beyond established networks, churches, temples etc? What roles c the UN play and what tools deploy to promote tolerance and entrench a culture of peace? What works and what does not work?</p>
3.00 pm – 4.25 pm	<p>Panel 2: National measures to address root causes to prevent violent extremism and terrorism</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Jehangir Khan, Director, CTITF</p>

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan • H.E. Ms. Dina Kavar, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan • Mr. Antti Pentikäinen, Executive Director, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers <p>Each panellist makes 5 minutes presentation followed by Q&A/interactive discussion. opic: How can the UN most effectively cooperate with faith leaders to address the root causes of violent extremism? Is there an established inter-face or a framework for UN peace operations, country teams and other field presence to engage with local and community religious leaders when seeking to prevent the spread of intolerance?</p>
4.25 pm – 5.55 pm	<p>Panel 3: International and regional cooperation and coherence in promoting religious tolerance and resilience across societies and communities</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. William Vendley, Secretary-General of “Religions for Peace” (confirmed) Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imam Shamsi Ali, Chairman, Al-Hikmah Mosque • Ms. Anju Bhargava, Founder, Hindu American Seva Communities • Mr. Andrea Bartoli, Ph.D., Dean, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University • Additional panellist (tbc) <p>Each panellist makes 5 minutes presentation followed by Q&A/interactive discussion.</p> <p>Topic: How can faith leaders at international, regional, national, local and community level best and most meaningfully promote a coherent message of inter-faith tolerance and resilience, promoting a narrative of engagement and respect?</p>
5:55 pm – 6.00 pm	<p><u>Closing Remarks:</u> H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly</p>