



Second Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security
Building bridges, fostering inclusivity and countering hate speech to enhance the
protection of religious minorities, refugees and migrants

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Following the publication of the landmark Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and Actors to Prevent Incitement to Violence that Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes¹ (Plan of Action), and an expert consultation entitled “Preventing Polarization, building bridges and fostering inclusivity” held in New York in March 2019, the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, under the leadership of Mr. Adama Dieng, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, partnered with the Association International for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR) led by Secretary General Dr. Liviu Olteanu, convened the Second Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security in Geneva from 29 April to 1 May 2019. The high-level event was well attended by dignitaries, ambassadors and high-level representatives of governments, civil society and faith based organisations at the Palais des Nations.

Dr. Liviu Olteanu’s proposal of a Dialogue 5 Model for collaboration functioned as a framework for partnership between diplomats, politicians, religious leaders, academics and civil society representatives (NGOs). After input from attendees, the Dialogue 5 model was expanded to Dialogue 5+ to include media, business and other potentially relevant sectors of society.

The main objective of the Second Global Summit was to establish an International Platform on Religion, Peace and Security aimed at connecting various relevant stakeholders, as well as enhancing their cooperation on matters related to peace, security, human rights and religion.

To this end, the overarching goals were articulated as follows:

1. To mobilize and bring together all actors represented by the Dialogue 5 + framework;

¹ https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/publications-and-resources/Plan%20of%20Action_Religious-rev4.pdf

2. To build bridges and foster inclusivity between decision makers and all actors of society;
3. To address the issue of hate speech and to counter incitement to discrimination hostility and violence;
4. To protect the rights of religious minorities, refugees and migrant in addressing political, human rights and humanitarian challenges that religious minorities, refugees and migrants face;
5. To provide a plan of action in continuation for Plan of Action.

The whole event was built on the foundational status of human dignity for all people everywhere. The context for such a mobilization is meaningful. The foundational status of human dignity as justification of all human rights informs the plan of action of the 2d Global Summit.

The UN Secretary-General's recent call to action to transform the world beyond 2015 is entitled "The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet." Specifically, this is a call to finish the global endeavors begun with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and continued with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To work and walk together on the road to dignity, and as result of the Second Global Summit, a plan of action is being framed to help better the lives of millions of people and make this world a better place for all people, especially for refugees, migrants, and religious minorities. A drafting committee which was established during the Summit has been tasked to put together this plan of action based on the recommendations of participants in the meeting.

During the Second Global Summit, seven people were honored with "the International Award of Excellence: Ambassador for Liberty and Peace 'Jean Nussbaum & Eleanor Roosevelt'" in recognition of their leadership and dedication to peace, religious liberty and freedom of conscience for all. The awards were presented by Mr. Adama Dieng, along with Mr. Mario Brito, president of AIDLR and President of the Euro-Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Dr. Liviu Olteanu.

The recipients of the "International Award of Excellence" were:

1. Mr. Michael Moller, Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva
2. H. E. Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah, President of the Forum for Promoting Peace
3. Dr. Ganoune Diop, Director Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church

4. Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze Deputy Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the OSCE
5. Prof. Li Guodong, World Renowned Chinese Calligraphist
6. Dr. Kishan Manocha, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion and Belief (OSCE/ODIHR)
7. Rabbi Michael Melchior, Chairman of the Mosaica Center for Religious Conflict Transformation in the Middle East

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