
AGENDA

Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

1st Forum: Child Dignity in the Digital
World

19 – 20 November 2018
Abu Dhabi



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Day 1 – 19th November

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center



SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION

- ☰ 09:00 AM Registration
- ⌵ 10:00 AM National Anthem
- ⌵ 10:02 AM Silent Prayer
- ⌵ 10:03 AM Voices of Children
- ⌵ 10:05 AM IFA Introduction Video (Journey to Abu Dhabi)
'Road to Abu Dhabi' highlights the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in the field of child protection leading to Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities.

- ⌵ 10:10 AM Welcome Address
- ⌵ 10:15 AM Keynote Addresses
- ⌵ 10:35 AM Performance
- ⌵ 10:40 AM Introduction to OCSE
This video will highlight the complexities of Online Commercial Sexual Exploitation (OCSE) and create a foundation for understanding the potential dangers to children in a digital world.



SESSION 2: THE RISKS TO CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Today over 800 million children and adolescents worldwide are at risk of exposure to criminal behavior online. Our panel of experts will explain the dangers as well as strategies for child protection.

10:45 AM **Message from a Parent**

Sonya Ryan
Founder, Carly Ryan Foundation

10:55 AM **Panel Discussion**

Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali
Secretary-General, Global Network of Religions for Children and Director, Arigatou International – Nairobi (Moderator)

Maud de Boer Buquicchio
UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children

Cornelius Williams
Associate Director & Head of Child Protection, UNICEF

Selim J. Eddé
Head of Public Policy & Government Relations, MENA - Google

Jacqueline Beauchere
Chief Online Safety Officer, Microsoft

Robbert Van Den Berg
Executive Director, ECPAT International

11:50 AM **BREAK**

SESSION 3: THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN

Every child's life is precious and every child has a right to dignity and safety. Protecting children from the dangers of online predators is of critical importance. It requires education at global and local levels. This session will discuss the effect of these risks on children and means of support and co-ordination between leaders of Faith, NGOs, Government and civil society.

🕒 12:05 PM Panel Discussion

Prof. Anantanand Rambachan
Professor of Religion, Philosophy and
Asian Studies, St. Olaf's College
(Moderator)

Prof. Ernesto Caffo
Child Psychiatrist & Founder,
Il Telefono Azzurro

Prof. Gabriel Dy-Liaccog
Associate Professor,
Divine Mercy University, USA

SESSION 4: WHAT POLICY MAKERS CAN DO

Academic experts, business leaders, law enforcement, elected officials, governments and civil society leaders each have a unique role in helping to create policies to protect every child's right to dignity and safety online.

🕒 12:25 PM Introduction Address

Marta Santos Pais
Special Representative of the UN Secretary
General on Violence against Children

🕒 12:35 PM Panel Discussion

Dorothy Rozga
Member, Steering Committee,
Interfaith Alliance
(Moderator)

Julie Inman Grant
eSafety Commissioner, Australia

His Excellency Kul Chandra Gautam
Former Deputy Exec Director of
UNICEF & Assist Sec Gen of the UN;
Chair, Arigatou Advisory Group

Howard Taylor
Executive Director, Global Partnership
to End Violence Against Children

🕒 01:30 PM LUNCH



SESSION 5: WHAT FAITH COMMUNITIES CAN DO

85% of people globally identify with a religious faith, equipping faith leaders with the knowledge and tools to address a range of modern day issues is essential. This session will discuss sexual abuse of children online and the role of faith leaders in combating these crimes.

02:30 PM Panel Discussion

Rebeca Rios Kohn
Director, Arigatou International New York Office
(Moderator)

Father Hans Zollner SJ
President, Centre for Child Protection, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

Garth Blake AM SC
Chair, Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission

Dr. Brinder Singh Mahon OBE
CEO & Director, The Nishkam School Trust

Dr. Kezevino Aram
Director, Shanti Ashram

Reverend Hidehito Okochi
Chief Priest, Kenjuin and Jukoin; Director, Arigatou International

Rabbi Diana Gerson
Associate Executive Vice President, New York Board of Rabbis

Marya AlHattali
General Authority of Islamic Affairs & Endowments, UAE

03:30 PM BREAK



SESSION 6: WORKSHOPS

03:40 PM Group Discussion on role Faith Leaders Can Play

04:50 PM Reports from Workshops

05:15 PM Conclusion and Adjournment



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DAY 2

SESSION 1: CALL TO ACTION

10:00 AM Visit to Sheikh Zayed Mosque (optional)
Guests are requested to register for this on the first day of the event

12:00 PM Day 1 Recap
A highlight of the outcomes from Day One's workshops to be agreed upon commitments at Wa'hat Karama.

12:05 PM Keynote Address

12:15 PM Call to Action by Faith Leaders

Group 1:
Prevent

Her Holiness Mata Amritanandamayi Devi
Hindu Spiritual Leader

H.E. Dr. Mohammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa
Secretary General, Muslim World League

His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew I
Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople of
the Eastern Orthodox Church

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Yusuf Abdulrahman Nzibo
Chairman, Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims

The Right Reverend Bishop Julio Murray
Anglican Archbishop of Central America



SESSION 1: CALL TO ACTION

🕒 12:15 PM Call to Action by Faith Leaders (continued)

Group 2:
Respond

Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah
Chairman, Emirates Fatwa Council

Reverend Mitsuo Miyake
Chief Senior Minister, Konko Church of Izuo
(Shinto); Director, Arigatou International

Shri Shri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji
Abbot and The Head of Sri Puthige Matha

His Grace Francisco Montecillo Padilla
Apostolic Nuncio to UAE and Apostolic
Delegate to the Arabian Peninsula

H.E Sayyed Ali El Amine
Muslim Council of Elders

Patriarch His Beatitude Sebastián Camacho
Archbishop of The Old Catholic Church, Latin
America

Group 3:
Partner

Ani Choying Drolma
Buddhist Nun and UNICEF Goodwill
Ambassador

Bani Dugal
Principal Representative of the Bahá'í
International Community to the United Nations

Rabbi Joseph Potasnik
Executive Vice President, The New York Board
of Rabbis

Sheikh Aboobacker Ahmed
General Secretary of the All India Muslim
Scholars Association

Dr. Imam Umer Ahmed Ilyasi
Chief Imam of the All India Imam Organization

🕒 01:45 PM LUNCH

🕒 02:45 PM TRANSFER TO WAHAT AL KARAMA



Day 2 – 20th November

Wa'hat Al Karama



FAITH LEADERS SUMMIT

- 🕒 03:40 PM Arrival
- 🕒 04:00 PM Martyr Salute
- 🕒 04:10 PM Children's Choir
- 🕒 04:15 PM Welcome Address

- 🕒 04:20 PM Statements by Senior Faith Leaders

Prof. Dr. Ahmad Al-Tayyeb,
The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and the
President of the Muslim Council of
Elders.

Her Holiness Mata Amritanandamayi Devi
Hindu Spiritual Leader

**Bhai Sahib Bhai Dr. Mohinder Singh OBE
KSG**
Chairman, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha

**His All-Holiness Patriarch
Bartholomew I**
Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople
of the Eastern Orthodox Church

Reverend Keishi Miyamoto
Leader of Myochikai

Rabbi Michael Schudrich
Chief Rabbi of Poland

- 🕒 04:55 PM Pledge Ceremony

- 🕒 05:00 PM Group Photo

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