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## Information note

### Theme:

*“Religions, Creeds and/or Other Value Systems: Joining Forces to Enhance Equal Citizenship Rights”*

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### Location:

Geneva, Switzerland

United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG)

### Sponsoring committee:

### Confirmed:

1. **His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan** – Amman (Jordan).
2. **Dr. Hanif Hassan Ali Al Qassim** – Chairman of the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue. Former Minister in the government of UAE.
3. **Reverend Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit** – General Secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC).
4. **H. E. Lakhdar Brahimi** - Former Foreign Minister of Algeria, Member of the Elders.
5. **Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo** – Secretary General of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC).
6. **Ambassador Mark D. Siljander** – Former US Ambassador to the UN. Author of “*A Deadly Misunderstanding: A Congressman’s Quest to Bridge the Muslim-Christian Divide*” and President of Bridges to Common Ground.
7. **Rabbi Avi Tawil** – Director of the European Jewish Community Centre.
8. **H. E. Ambassador Juan Somavia** – Director, Diplomatic Academy of Chile. Former Director General of the International Labour Organization and former Ambassador of Chile to the United Nations.
9. **Dr. Azza Karam** – Coordinator UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development, Senior Advisor UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

10. **H. E. Ambassador Marie-Thérèse Pictet-Althann** - Permanent Observer of the Sovereign Order of Malta.
11. **Dr. Farhan Nizami** – Director of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.
12. **H. E. Amre Moussa** – Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt and former Secretary General of the Arab League.
13. **H. E. Hoda Al-Helaissi**, member of Saudi Arabia’s Shoura Council and former Vice-Chairperson at King Saud University.
14. **Professor Shahrzade Houshmand Zadeh**, Professor of Islamic Studies at the Centre for the Study of Theology of Religions, Faculty of Missiology, Gregorian University, Rome, Italy
15. **H. E. Faisal Bin Abdulrahman Bin Muaammar**, Secretary-General of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), Vienna

**Executive Secretary: Ambassador Idriss Jazairy** – Executive Director of the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue - Geneva (Switzerland).

**Executive Co-Secretary: Dr. Majeda Omar** – Director of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (Jordan).

**To be invited:**

1. **Representative of Hinduism** – TBC

**Patronage:**

The World Conference is taking place under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan.