## KAICIID AT A GLANCE

Intergovernmental, interreligious, intercultural, multilateral and inclusive



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## Who We Are

Established as an intergovernmental organization in November 2012, the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) is a partner for UN agencies, national governments and internationally active religious and interreligious organizations. We promote and employ interreligious dialoque (IRD) to support conflict prevention and resolution, sustainable peace and social cohesion; to promote mutual respect and understanding among different religious and cultural groups; and to counteract the abuse of religion to justify oppression, violence and conflict. Our vision is a world in which there is respect, understanding and cooperation among people; justice, peace and reconciliation; and an end to the abuse of religion to justify repression, violence and conflict.

#### Our Roles

- · We help create the platforms, knowledge, and commitment that foster IRD in conflict areas.
- · We support international and national institutions in using IRD to work for positive change.
- ·We convene religious leaders, policy makers and other stakeholders to engage in IRD.
- ·We create and disseminate knowledge on IRD to help achieve peace and reconciliation.

# Our Approach

Our IRD programmes support peace and reconciliation in specific conflict situations, such as the Central African Republic, Iraq/Syria, Nigeria, and Myanmar, Our IRD training focuses on providing religious leaders the skills needed to actively support conflict transformation. The Centre's approach is multilateral, as we seek complementarity between our efforts and those of international and civil society organisations.

#### The Advisory Forum The Secretariat

The KAICIID Secretariat is led by the Secretary General, Faisal Bin Muaammar; the Director General, Fahad Abualnasr, and the Deputy Secretary General, Amb. Alvaro Albacete. The Centre is proud to have a diverse and multicultural team with 53 professional staff members from 27 countries.

The Centre established a consultative body with about 50 members from diverse religions, religious organisations and NGOs. The Advisory Forum met in April 2016 for the first time. It advises the Board. It also enhances the Centre's capacity by offering a broader

perspective from all regions of the world.

#### Our Partners

The Centre has concluded Memoranda of Understanding with **11** organisations. Additionally, we partner with leading organisations in the field, including the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention, the World Council of Churches and the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, among many others.

#### Memoranda of Understanding

- UNDP
- UNESCO
- · UNAOC
- African Union
- · Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)
- Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- Religions for Peace
- · World Organization of the Scout Movement
- · Université de Montréal
- · Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- · Institut Superior de Ciències Religioses de Barcelona

#### Multi- Religious

Since its establishment, KAICIID has engaged with Buddhist, Catholic, Christian Churches of the East, Christian-Orthodox, Protestant, Druze. Hindu, Jewish-Orthodox, Mandean, Muslim-Sunni, Muslim-Shia and Yazidi high level and grassroots representatives among many others.

#### The Council of Parties









Saudi Arabia

Spain The Holy See

## The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors comprises prominent representatives from five major world religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism). The Board designs and supervises the Centre's programs. The Centre is the only intergovernmental organization co-directed by policy-makers and religious leaders.











- · Swami Agnivesh, President Emeritus of World Council of Arya
- · Dr. Hamad Al-Majed, Faculty Member, Imam Muhammad Bin Saud University
- · Father Miguel Ayuso, Secretary, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican
- · H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
- · Dr. Sayyed Ataollah Mohajerani, Religious Researcher and Writer









- The Reverend Kosho Niwano. President-Designate Rissho
- · Reverend Mark Poulson, Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury and National Inter Religious Affairs Adviser for the Church of England
- Chief Rabbi David Rosen. American Jewish Committee. International Director of Interreligious Affairs
- · Dr. Mohammad Sammak, Secretary-General of the National Committee for Christian-Muslim Dialogue

# GLOBAL ACTIVITIES



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