



# WHO WE ARE

**We at KAICIID believe in dialogue and its power to foster respect, understanding and peaceful coexistence among people of different faiths and cultures.**

Our organization was founded with an important and unique mandate and structure. Unique, because we are the only intergovernmental organization governed by religious representatives and dedicated to the facilitation of dialogue between different cultures and faiths. Important, because too often, conflicts are fuelled by the manipulation of religion, and in order to defuse them, we are convinced that the involvement of religious leaders is indispensable.

We are motivated by our conviction that all religions and cultures are united by shared human values that are also fundamental sources of protection for human dignity and the equal worth of all human beings.

“...I believe so deeply in this Centre’s vision to advance respect for human dignity and human rights, foster mutual respect and generate cooperation for justice, reconciliation and peace.”

## WHY IS DIALOGUE SO IMPORTANT?

Nearly six and a half billion people in this world identify with a religion. If we engage religious communities, we can achieve inclusive solutions to conflict related to the manipulation of religion.

**Dialogue means unconditional respect for the other in pursuit of common understanding and purpose, and not converting others or convincing them to agree with a certain perspective.**

It is a process that involves active and compassionate listening in pursuit of discovering common understandings as well as differences in perspectives and viewpoints.



**Ban Ki-Moon**  
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

**FELLOWS PROGRAMME**



Our KAICIID Fellows Programme starts with one year of hybrid training, as an ongoing capacity development and networking programme that connects, cultivates, and inspires emerging leaders – religious leaders, educators, and interreligious dialogue experts – from different religious backgrounds and nationalities.

The Fellows Alumni Network equips and empowers Fellows committed to interreligious and intercultural dialogue facilitation. It provides graduates with continuing networking and professional development opportunities to achieve lasting outcomes.

The newly launched Institutional Network builds cooperation between affiliated higher education institutions to mainstream quality interreligious dialogue curricula.

# WHAT WE DO

**At KAICIID, we are both convenors and facilitators. We equip religious communities with the knowledge and skills about policy frameworks, human rights and sustainable development, while also training policymakers on religious literacy, interreligious dialogue and inclusion. Our organization connects religious actors, policymakers and experts so that they can find common solutions to shared problems and global challenges.**

We support these actors through training programmes, workshops and partnerships, and by developing and implementing multilateral solutions that are inclusive and representative.

**500+**  
**FELLOWS**  
TRAINED FROM  
**92**   
**DIFFERENT COUNTRIES**



**We Build Capacity**

Dialogue training is at the forefront of many of our programmes. Through e-learning and online resources, our Fellows Programme and partnerships with international organizations such as the World Organization of the Scout Movement, we work with dialogue experts around the world to give people the tools to mainstream dialogue in their communities.



**We Convene**

As a convener, KAICIID establishes and supports interreligious networks and dialogue platforms around the globe, hosts conferences, local workshops and other fora. We bring together religious leaders and policymakers to promote dialogue as a fundamental aspect of policymaking aimed at tackling global problems such as climate change, inequality and poverty. We aim to recognise and promote the invaluable contributions of religious communities to peace and development, and to work with them to solve global challenges.



**We Work Regionally**

Whether it is due to religious differences or conflict over land or resources, dialogue is essential in jointly overcoming challenges. Our programmes promote social cohesion through dialogue in communities around the world. We build platforms where sustained dialogue can take place in conflict-prone situations, and in societies and local communities in Africa, the Arab region, Asia and Europe.

## KAICIID IN EUROPE

Guided by three thematic pillars, our Europe Region Programme (ERP) unites religious leaders and policymakers to address some of the continent's most pressing needs.

### Europe Region Programme (ERP)

The work of the ERP focuses on countering hate speech, tackling acts of violence committed in the name of religion, and fostering inclusive education for and with refugees and migrants. In support of people seeking refuge in Europe, we co-host the yearly European Policy Dialogue Forum (EPDF), which addresses the current direction of refugee and migration policies in Europe.

To counter prejudice, disinformation, attacks and violence against Muslims, Jews, and other minority religious groups in Europe, we actively support the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council (MJLC), a unique platform that unites over 50 Muslim and Jewish leaders from more than 20 countries.



# WHERE WE WORK

## KAICIID AROUND THE WORLD

**At the global level, we foster social cohesion and peaceful societies by promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue through capacity-building, partnering with international organizations and by providing access to online resources and e-learning opportunities.**

We are active in many countries around the world, with a particular focus on Asia, Africa, the Arab region and Europe. We have supported the establishment of five dialogue platforms in our focus regions which are true examples of interreligious cooperation as a counterweight to the manipulation of religion for violence.

In these focus regions, we collaborate with local civil society and faith-based and non-governmental organizations to address issues such as hate speech prevention, inclusive education and the protection of religious sites. We offer training in conflict-sensitive journalism, teach skills to use social media to prevent conflict, and foster interfaith education and exchange together with our collaborators on the ground.



**Network for Dialogue**  
European Policy Dialogue Forum on Refugees and Migrants  
Integration through Dialogue

**Inclusive Education for and with Refugees**  
Responding to violence in the name of religion  
Countering hate speech

**Muslim Jewish Leadership Council**  
European Muslim Leaders Majlis (EuLeMa)  
Fostering dialogue in other organizations and networks

## OUR GLOBAL INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE INITIATIVES

**Europe**  
Established the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council (MJLC), supported by the European Muslim Leaders Majlis (EuLeMa). Launched the Network for Dialogue.

**Arab Region**  
Launched the Interreligious Platform for Dialogue and Cooperation in the Arab World (IPDC), the Network for Religious Christian and Muslim Faculties and Institutes in the Arab World (NRFI) and the Social Media Regional Network.



**Asia**  
Supported establishment of the Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference.

**Africa**  
Supported the Peace Journalists Network and the Plateforme des Confessions Religieuses de Centrafrique (PCRC) in the Central African Republic. Established the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP) and the Network of Policy Makers to Support Reconciliation, Peace and Security in Nigeria.



# OUR PARTNERS

The success of our work depends on our collaboration with partners. We work with leaders from multiple different faiths, interreligious organizations, international organizations, grassroots actors, governments and universities to amplify the impact of our work around the world.

Among many others, our partners include:

- African Union (AU)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- European Union (EU)
- Religions for Peace (RfP)
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

## THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

**7,000+**  
DIALOGUE PRACTITIONERS  
TRAINED

**500+**  
FELLOWS TRAINED  
FROM 92 DIFFERENT  
COUNTRIES

**5**  
DIALOGUE PLATFORMS  
ESTABLISHED  
AROUND THE WORLD

**6**  
INTERRELIGIOUS  
NETWORKS  
ESTABLISHED AND SUPPORTED

**13**  
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS  
CONCLUDED WITH INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

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KAICIID, along with our partners, is committed to reaching the most challenging areas of the world through interreligious and intercultural dialogue. We recognise the importance of collaborating with various organizations, including faith groups, governments, NGOs and educational institutions, to make a meaningful impact.”



**Dr. Zuhair Alharthi**  
Secretary General  
International Dialogue Centre - KAICIID



**JOIN US  
IN DIALOGUE!**

Help us raise awareness for the importance of dialogue! Join one of our networks, stay tuned about our work around the world and interact with us!

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