International Meeting

PEACE IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE

Religions and Cultures in Dialogue

Tirana, 6 - 8 September 2015

PROGRAMME

Sunday 6 September - Afternoon

Opening Assembly

Congress Palace - 5:00 p.m.

Chaired by
Hilde Kieboom
Community of Sant’Egidio

Inaugural Greetings

Filip Vujanovic
President of the Republic of Montenegro

Blendi Klosi
Minister of Welfare and Youth, Albania

Reading of the Message of
Pope Francis

Opening speeches

Edi Rama
Prime Minister of Albania

Andrea Riccardi
Founder of the Community of Sant’Egidio
Interventions

**Andrea Orlando**  
Minister of Justice, Italy

**Louis Raphaël I Sako**  
Patriarch of BABYLON of the Chaldeans, Iraq

Contributions

**Anastasios**  
Archbishop of Tirana and Primate of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania

**David Rosen**  
Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, AJC, Israel

**Muhy al-Din Afifi**  
Secretary General of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif Islamic Research Academy, Egypt

**Sudheendra Kulkarni**  
President of the Research Hindu Foundation of Mumbai, India

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**Monday 7 September - Morning**

**9:30 a.m. - PANEL**

**PANEL 1 - The Role of Christian Unity in a Divided World**

Orthodox Cathedral, Conference Hall

_Chaired by_

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Lutheran Bishop, Norway

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Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Patriarchate of Alexandria

**Anders Wejryd**  
Co-President of the World Council of Churches

**Matteo Zuppi**  
Catholic Bishop, Italy
PANEL 2 - Peace is Always Possible
Tirana International Hotel, Akernia Hall

Chaired by

Mario Giro
Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

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PANEL 3 - Christians and Muslims and the Challenges of a Global World
National History Museum, Conference Hall

Chaired by

Michel Santier
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PANEL 4 - Peace is Possible in Iraq
Polytechnic University, Auditorium

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PANEL 5 – Martyrdom Demonstrates the Changing Face of Christianity
Congress Palace

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Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

Chair by
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PANEL 7 – 70 Years since Hiroshima: Past and Future
Congress Palace, Conference Hall 2

Chair by
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PANEL 8 – Globalizing Human Solidarity

Orthodox Cathedral, Conference Hall

Chaired by

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PANEL 9 – Development and Humanism in Asia: Religions Face the Challenge

National Gallery of Art

Chaired by

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Monday 7 september - Afternoon

PANEL

PANEL 10 – Envisioning Peace. Religion and Politics Discuss Their Role
Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium – 5:30 p.m.

Chaired by
Antonio Ferrari
Journalist of “Corriere della Sera”, Italy

Dialogue between
Paolo Gentiloni
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy
And
Ignatius Aphrem II
Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan
Cardinal, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria
Abraham Skorka
Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary "Marshall T.Meyer", Argentina

PANEL – 4:30 p.m.

PANEL 11– The Spirit of Assisi from the Cold War to the Global World
Tirana International Hotel, Alkernia Hall

Chaired by
Domenico Sorrentino
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PANEL 12 - Stories of the Mediterranean: a Sea that Both Divides and Unites
National History Museum, Conference Hall

Chaired by
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PANEL 13 - Gratuitousness and the Global Market
Polytechnic University, Auditorium

Chaired by
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PANEL 14 – Religions and Violence
Congress Palace

Chaired by

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PANEL 15 – Prayer as a Source of Peace
Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

Chaired by

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PANEL 16 – Scenarios of War: Peace is Put to the Test
Congress Palace, Conference Hall

Chaired by

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PANEL 17 – Albania, Land of Living Together
Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium

Chaired by

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PANEL 18 – The Mercy of God: the Strength for Change
Tirana International Hotel, Akernia Hall

Chaired by
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Tuesday 8 September - Morning
9:30 a.m. – PANEL

PANEL 19 – Europe at a Crossroads
Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium

Chaired by
Vincenzo Paglia
Archbishop, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Holy See

Dialogue between
Romano Prodi
Former President of the European Commission and

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Robert Innes
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Lluís Martínez Sistach
Cardinal, Archbishop of Barcelona, Spain

Vassilis Vassilikos
Writer and historian, Greece
PANEL 20 – Seyfo: a Forgotten Massacre
Tirana International Hotel, Akernia Hall

Chaired by
Marco Impagliazzo
President of the Community of Sant’Egidio

Lecture by
Ignatius Aphrem II
Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antionch and Al the East

PANEL 21 – The Poor of Our Times and Religions
National History Museum, Conference Hall

Chaired by
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PANEL 22 – Migrants: a Global Challenge
Congress Palace

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PANEL 23 – Understanding the World Starting from the Peripheries
Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

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PANEL 24 – Is Dialogue Still Necessary?
Congress Palace, Conference Hall

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PANEL 25 – Is Living Together Possible Today?
Orthodox Cathedral, Conference Hall

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Valérie Régnier
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Erion Veliaj
Mayor of Tirana

PANEL 26 – No Future Without Peace - Youth meeting
National Gallery of Arts 10:00 a.m.

Chaired by
Stefano Orlando
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Greetings
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Lecture of
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Contributions and Testimonies
PANEL 27 – Peace is possible in Libya
Politecnico, Auditorium

Chaired by

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Tuesday 8 September - Afternoon

Prayer for Peace
City Centre 4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.
Prayers for Peace
In separate locations according to each religious tradition

6:30 p.m.
Peace Procession
From each prayer location, together, towards the Pyramid square

7:00 p.m.
Final Ceremony
Pyramid square

Final Addresses

Bujar Nishani
President of the Republic of Albania

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Andrea Riccardi
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Testimonies

Olive tree plantation as inauguration of the Park of Faith
Silence for the victims of wars, violence and terrorism
Reading of the Appeal for Peace 2015
Delivering of the Appeal to the younger generations
Lighting of the candelabras and Signing of the Appeal
Sign of Peace and Final Exit Procession