

**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

***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*

**Ole Christiam Maele Kvarme**

Lutheran Bishop, Norway

*Contributors*

**Enthons**

Archbishop, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church

**Tamas Fabiny**

Vice-President of the Lutheran World Federation

**Ignatiy**

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Moscow Patriarchate

**Seraphim Kykkotis**

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

*Contributors*

**Miriam Coronel Ferrer**

Chairperson of the Government of the Philippines Panel at the Peace Talks on Mindanao

**Mauro Garofalo**

Community of Sant'Egidio

**Ignatius Ayau Kaigama**

Catholic Archbishop, Nigeria

**Dyonisius Jean Kawak**

Ortodox Archbishop, Syrian Church

**Aboud Sayeed Lingga**

Senior Member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Philippines

**Marc-Antoine Pérouse de Montclos**

Institute of Geopolitics, France

**Din Syamsuddin**

Chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council Center

## PANEL 3 - Christians and Muslims and the Challenges of a Global World

National History Museum, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

**Michel Santier**

Catholic Bishop, France

*Contributors*

**Sayyed Mohammad Ali Abtahi**

President of the Al-Azhar University, Egypt

**Anouar Kbibeche**

President of the "Conseil Français du Culte Musulman" (CFCM), Morocco

**Muhja Ghalib**

Dean of the Female Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of al-Azhar, Egypt

**Klaus Krämer**

President of "Missio Aachen", Germany

**Siti Musdah Mulia**

Representative of the "Indonesian Conference on Religions and Peace"

**Guirguis Ibrahim Saleh**

Intellectual, Orthodox Coptic Church, Egypt

**Joseph Soueif**

Catholic Maronite Archbishop, Cyprus

## PANEL 4 - Peace is Possible in Iraq

Polytechnic University, Auditorium

*Chaired by*

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Director General of the Ordinariat of the Oriental Catholics, France

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Head of the Sunni Endowment of Iraq

**Kamal Muslim**

Minister of Religious Affairs, Kurdistan

**Domenico Quirico**

Journalist of "La Stampa", Italy

## PANEL 5 – Martyrdom Demonstrates the Changing Face of Christianity

Congress Palace

*Chaired by*

**Marco Gnavi**

Comunità di Sant'Egidio

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**Ernest Troshani**

Franciscan, witness, Albania

**Serafim**

Vescovo ortodosso, Patriacato di Mosca, Bielorussia

## PANEL 6 - A New Covenant Between Humankind and Environment

Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

### **Maite Carpio**

Journalist and film director, Italy

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Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Ecumenical Patriarchate

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Minister of Justice, Italy

### **Leopoldo Sandonà**

Director of the Biblical Festival of Vicenza, Italy

### **Abraham Skorka**

Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary "Marshall T.Meyer", Argentina

## PANEL 7 – 70 Years since Hiroshima: Past and Future

Congress Palace, Conference Hall 2

*Chaired by*

### **Maria De Giorgi**

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### **Shoko Abe**

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## PANEL 8 – Globalizing Human Solidarity

Orthodox Cathedral, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

**Mario Marazziti**

Member of Parliament, President of the Social Affairs Commission, Italy

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**Johan Jozef Bonny**

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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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Community of Sant’Egidio

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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**

Catholic Bishop, Italy

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Catholic Bishop, Germany

**David Rosen**

Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, AJC, Israel

**Mohammed Esslimani**

Islamic theologian, Egypt

## PANEL 12 - Stories of the Mediterranean: a Sea that Both Divides and Unites

National History Museum, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

**Joseph Soueif**

Catholic Maronite Archbishop, Cyprus

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**Tarek Mitri**

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## PANEL 13- Gratuitousness and the Global Market

Polytechnic University, Auditorium

*Chaired by*

**Jerzy Norel**

General Vicar of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual

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**Romano Prodi**

Former President of the European Commission

**Ambrogio Spreafico**

Catholic Bishop, Italy



## PANEL 14 – Religions and Violence

Congress Palace

*Chaired by*

**Athanasios**

Orthodox Metropolitan Bishop, Church of Greece

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**Matthew Hassan Kukah**

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**Sudheendra Kulkarni**

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**Muhammad Khalid Masud**

Member of the Supreme Court, Pakistan

## PANEL 15 – Prayer as a Source of Peace

Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

**Leon Lemmens**

Catholic Bishop, Belgium

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**Joseph Levi**

Rabbi of Florence, Italy

**Brian C. Stiller**

Global Ambassador of the World Evangelical Alliance

**Gijun Sugitani**

Supreme Advisor of the Tendai Buddhist Denomination, Japan

## PANEL 16 – Scenarios of War: Peace is Put to the Test

Congress Palace, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

### **Cornelio Sommaruga**

Former President of the International Committee of the Red Cross

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### **Giulio Albanese**

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## PANEL 17 – Albania, Land of Living Together

Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium

*Chaired by*

### **Erion Veliaj**

Mayor of Tirana

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## PANEL 18 – **The Mercy of God: the Strength for Change**

Tirana International Hotel, Akernia Hall

*Chaired by*

**Jean Mbarga**

Catholic Archbishop, Cameroun

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**Abd Al-Hay Azab**

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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*

**Jean-Arnold de Clermont**

Pastor of the Reformed Church, France

**Albert Guigui**

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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 Antioch and Al the East

## PANEL 21 – **The Poor of Our Times and Religions**

National History Museum, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

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Catholic Archbishop, President of the Episcopal Conference of Albania

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## PANEL 22 – **Migrants: a Global Challenge**

Congress Palace

*Chaired by*

**Crescenzo Sepe**

Cardinal, Archbishop of Naples, Italy

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**PANEL 23 – Understanding the World Starting from the Peripheries**

Rogner Hotel, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

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Cardinal, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria

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First Vice-President of the Parliament, Tunisia

**PANEL 24 – Is Dialogue Still Necessary?**

Congress Palace, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

**Indunil J. Kodithuwakku**

Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Holy See

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Supreme Patriarch of the Cambodian Buddhism

**PANEL 25 – Is Living Together Possible Today?**

Orthodox Cathedral, Conference Hall

*Chaired by*

**Abraham Skorka**

Rector of the Rabbinic Seminary "Marshall T.Meyer", Argentina

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Community of Sant'Egidio, France

**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**

Community of Sant'Egidio

*Greetings*

**Blendi Klosi**

Minister of Welfare and Youth, Albania

*Lecture of*

**Francisco Guevara**

Community of Sant'Egidio, El Salvador

*Contributions and Testimonies*

## PANEL 27 – Peace is possible in Libya

Politecnico, Auditorium

*Chaired by*

**Angelo Romano**

Community of Sant'Egidio

*Contributors*

**Mahdi Al-Harati**

Mayor of Tripoli, Libya

**Awad Ibrahim Al-Baraasi**

Former Vice-Prime Minister, Libya

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Islamic Theologian, Libya

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Former Vice-Minister, Political Leader of “Tebu”, Libya

*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

#### **Anastasios**

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

#### **Andrea Riccardi**

Founder of Community of Sant'Egidio

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



