



**5<sup>th</sup> Session of Istanbul Process**  
**“From Resolution to Realization – How to promote effective implementation of the HRC Res  
16/18”**

**Jeddah, 03-04 June 2015**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK**

***First day:***

***Wednesday, 3 June 2015***

***1000-1230***

***High Level Plenary Session:***

Recitation from the Holy Qur’an

Welcoming Remarks by His Excellency **Mr Iyad Ameen Madani**, the  
OIC Secretary General

**Speakers:**

- a. **Ambassador Joachim RÜCKER**, President of the Human Rights Council
- b. **Mr. Faissal Muammar**, Secretary General of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID)
- c. **Prof. Ibrahim Saleh Al Naimi**, Chairman of the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID)

**Messages:**

- a. **Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (to be read out by Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Director of the Human Rights Treaties Division at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))
- b. **Mr. John Kerry**, US Secretary of State (to be read out by Ambassador David Saperstein, US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom)
- c. **Ms. Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the European Union (EU) for Foreign Affairs and Security (to be read out by Ambassador Adam Kulach, EU Ambassador to KSA and the Gulf)
- d. **Ambassador Marta Maurás**, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations in Geneva
- e. **Mr. David Kaye**, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. (video message)

***1230-1400***

***Prayer and lunch break***

1400-1530

*First Panel Discussion: Theme One:*

**Addressing potential areas of tension between communities and promotion of better understanding and dialogue:**

- i. Sharing and discussing best practices used for establishment of outreach strategies and collaborative networks as well as servicing projects in different fields stated in Res 16/18;*
- ii. Training government officials and religious and community leaders in addressing the root causes of discrimination based on religion and belief.*

**Moderator: Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen**, OIC Permanent Observer to United Nations in New York

**Panelists:**

- a. **Mr. Marc Limon**, Executive Director of Universal Rights Group
- b. **Mr. Arsalan Suleman**, US Acting Special Envoy to the OIC
- c. **Mrs. Marie Juul Petersen**, Researcher at the Danish Human Rights Institute

1530-1700

*Second Panel Discussion: Theme Two:*

**Countering and combating advocacy to religious hatred that constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence through affirmative/positive measures:**

- i. Speaking out against acts of provocation, stereotyping, insult etc. by all at all levels;*
- ii. Promoting interfaith and intercultural dialogue at different levels.*
- iii. Sharing and discussing other best practices used in various regions;*

**Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Saeed Eltayeb**, Human Rights Consultant, Human Rights Department, MOFA, Qatar

**Panelists:**

- a. **Ms. Nazila Ghanea-Hercock**, Associate Prof, International Human Rights Law, University of Oxford
- b. **Mr. Doudou Diène**, Former UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in 2002-08
- c. **Prof. Heiner Bielefeldt**, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief
- d. **Mr. Knox Thames**, Director of Policy and Research at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

2030 hours

Dinner hosted by H.E. the OIC Secretary General

**Second day:**

**Thursday, 4 June 2015**

1000 -1130

*Third Panel Discussion: Theme Three*

**Understanding the need to combat denigration; negative religious stereotyping of persons and incitement to religious hatred through adopting measures to criminalize incitement to imminent violence based on religion or belief:**

- i. Sharing and discussing best practices used in various regions;*
- ii. Benefiting from the views of legal practitioners and officials on how to use the existing legal regimes being practiced in different countries for agreeing on a universal framework to protect all affected religious groups/communities;*

**Moderator/Panelist: Dr. Fatsah Ouguergouz**, Senior Policy Advisor, Geneva Center for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue

**Panelists:**

- a. **Prof. Alexei Avtonomov**, Vice-Chair of UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Right (CERD)
- b. **Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi**, Member of the Human Rights Committee Advisory Committee
- c. **Mr. Ibrahim Salama**, Director of the Human Rights Treaties Division at the The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

1130-1230

Informal discussion among Moderators/Rapporteurs of three Panels to finalize the summary of discussion and possible outcome of the meeting.

1230-1400

*Prayer and lunch break*

**1400-1600**

**Wrap-up session:**

- a. Summary of the discussion by Moderator/Rapporteur of each Panel
- b. Way forward – Structure and time table of the Istanbul Process
- c. Adoption of possible Outcome.

**1700**

**Extra Activities**

- a. Performing Umrah
- b. Visit to historical old Jeddah (Balad)