

Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue - International Day of Human Fraternity Five years Abu Dhabi Declaration

Monday 5 February 2024

Sky Lounge der Universität Wien
Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Wien

9:15 WELCOME AND OPENING

- Greeting and welcome – *Prof. Kurt Appel, University of Vienna, and H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter*
- Opening Speech – *Amb. Christoph Thun-Hohenstein, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs*
- Opening Speech – *His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Schönborn*

09:45 INTERNATIONAL HORIZONS - THE ABU DHABI DECLARATION

- Perspectives from Egypt - *Chargé d’Affaires a.i. Mr. Khaled Shaalan, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt*
- Perspectives from the United Arab Emirates – *Ms. Shaikha Alkaabi, Embassy of the United Arab Emirates*
- Religious Perspectives from the Holy See – *Father Markus Solo SVD, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican*
- Religious Perspectives from the United Arab Emirates – *H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Mohammed Khaled Ahmed Al Qasimi, Director of the General Authority for Islamic Affairs and Endowments branch in Sharjah*

10:30 INTERRELIGIOUS FRATERNITY: ACHIEVEMENTS AND TASKS IN INTERRELIGIOUS LIVING TOGETHER IN AUSTRIA

- Perspectives from the Roman Catholic Church – *H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter, Head of the Commission for World Religions of the Austrian Bishops’ Conference*
- Perspectives from the Islamic Religious Community – *H.E. President Ümit Vural*
- Perspectives from the Jewish Community – *H.E. Chief Rabbi Jaron Engelmayer*

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 KEY MESSAGES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

- The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Fraternity as challenge for Islamic Theology
- *Prof. Abdullah Takim, University of Innsbruck*
- The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Fraternity as challenge for Christian Theology
- *Prof. Michaela Quast-Neulinger, University of Innsbruck*

12:30 LUNCH

14:00 AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCES IN INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER

Presentation of Austrian initiatives & institutions and panel discussion:

- ComUnitySpirit, Graz – *Jennifer Brunner, Manager of the Project*
- School projects against Antisemitism, Islamophobia and Racism – *H.E. Rabbi Schlomo Hofmeister*
- Quarterly Journal Religionen unterwegs – *Brigitte Proksch, Executive Chairperson of Forum für Weltreligionen*

- An Experience of Muslim-Christian Dialogue. *Ursula Schmitt and Johannes Vetter, Members of the Interreligious Dialogue Cluster of the University of Innsbruck and the Focolare Movement Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein*
- 15:00 The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Fraternity and its significance for interreligious and interconfessional reconciliation work of the Austrian Foundation Pro Oriente
– *Secretary General Bernd Mussinghoff*
- 15:20 COFFEE BREAK
- 15:50 Interreligious Dialogue in Academic Research and Exchange
– *Prof. Kurt Appel, Centre "Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society", University of Vienna*
- 16:10 REFLECTIONS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES
Panel discussion with:
- *Father Markus Solo SVD - Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican*
 - *H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Mohammed Khaled Ahmed Al Qasimi, Director of the General Authority for Islamic Affairs and Endowments branch in Sharjah*
- Including statements from participants
- 17:00 CLOSING STATEMENTS
Amb. Franziska Honsowitz, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs
H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter, Head of the Commission for World Religions of the Austrian Bishops' Conference
- 17:15 END OF CONFERENCE