

The German Federal Foreign Office is pleased to invite you to an event on

**RESPONSIBILITY OF RELIGIONS AND GOVERNMENTS FOR PEACE –
BETWEEN AUTONOMY AND COMPLEMENTARITY**

Tuesday, **5 December 2017**, 12:00 – 5:00 pm

German House

871 UN Plaza, New York

Religion is an important source of understanding, peace and stability for many people. National governments and the international community should therefore consider measures to strengthen the potential of religious actors to support peace and build bridges. In this spirit, the German Federal Foreign Office launched the “Responsibility of Religions for Peace” initiative earlier this year.

This conference will bring together religious leaders, civil society representatives, policymakers and representatives of multilateral organizations. It seeks to identify the main challenges to cooperation across different religions and the conditions for effective cooperation in the future.

Please RSVP by 29 November 2017 to accommodate you accordingly as space is limited.

Your title, full name and name of organization is needed to ensure smooth access procedures.

It is important to bring your passport or picture-ID.

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Agenda

12:00 pm Registration and buffet lunch

12:45 pm **Opening Remarks**

- H.E. David Gill, Consul General
- Written message of H.E. UNSG António Guterres
- H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative UNAOC
- Dr. William F. Vendley, Secretary General of Religions for Peace

1:15 pm **First Panel: Towards Complementarity between Religions, Governments and the Multilateral Dimension**

- Professor Dr. Andrea Bartoli, Representative of the Community of Sant'Egidio
- Rev. Robert Goyek, President of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon
- Kerstin Griese MP, Representative of the Social Democrats on Churches and Religious Communities, Member of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD)
- Gillian Kitley, Head of Office, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (tbc)
- Heidrun Tempel, Deputy Director-General for Research and Academic Relations Policy and Cultural Relations Policy, Federal Foreign Office

2:30 pm Coffee Break

3:00 pm **Second Panel: The Peace Process in Colombia**

- Padre Dario Echeverri, Secretary General National Reconciliation Commission of Colombia
- Tom Koenigs, Envoy of the Federal Foreign Minister for the Colombian Peace Process
- Rev. Pablo Moreno, Director of Commission for Restoration, Life and Peace of the Evangelical Council of Colombia

4:15 pm **Interviews: Youth Leadership and Interfaith Understanding**

- Fatima Al Banawi, Social Researcher and Artist (UNAOC Fellow 2017)
- Dr. Taras Dzyubanskyy, Theologian, Lecturer at the Ukrainian Catholic University (UNAOC Fellow 2017)

4:50 pm Closing remarks

Moderated by Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor, UN Population Fund/
Coordinator, UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development

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