1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “PEACE IN DIVERSITY: THE INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO INTER-CULTURAL AND CIVILIZATIONAL AFFAIRS”

The international conference on the theme of the conference is to be held during 6-7 April 2017 (Thursday & Friday)

AND THE LAUNCHING OF / THE LAUNCH OF

“IBN BATUTA INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INTER-CULTURAL AND CIVILIZATIONAL STUDIES”

The launch of the center for inter-cultural and civilizational studies will be held during 6-7 April 2017 (Thursday & Friday)

DATE & DAY: / dates and days

6-7 April 2017 (Thursday & Friday)

CO-ORGANIZED BY / CO-ORGANIZED WITH

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Federation of the Universities of the Islamic Word (FUIW), ISESCO
United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
Ma’din Academy, Kerala, India

IN COLLABORATION WITH /

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia
Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Brunei
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A Common World Among Youth (ACWAY), UK

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1. INTRODUCTION

Office of the International Relations and Cooperation & School/Faculty of Business Management of the International University of Agadir (Universiapolis), the Kingdom of Morocco; Federation of the Universities of the Islamic Word (FUIW), ISESCO; United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and Ma'din Academy, Kerala, India are co-organizing the 1st International Conference on “Peace in Diversity: The Integrative Approach to Inter-Cultural And Civilizational Affairs” and launching “Ibn Batuta International Center for Inter-cultural and Civilizational Studies” on 6-7 April 2017 in collaboration with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Brunei, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and A Common World Among Youth (ACWAY), UK and the conference will take place at the main campus of the International University of Agadir (Universiapolis) in Agadir, Morocco

2. CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

In the times past of entrenched relations between nations and states, the preservation of harmony, peace and stability has always been a major concern. But situations of conflict often arise in a complex setting of historical, social, cultural and political interaction between communities; accordingly, they must be dealt with in a multifaceted and integrative manner. “In order to "practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours", as the peoples of the United Nations proclaim in the Preamble to the Charter, we first have to understand each other, or appreciate each other's way of life and socio-cultural identity. This is only possible if we are knowledgeable about our distinct cultures, traditions and value systems. This truth is also reflected in the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).” (UN Chronicle).
In the interdependent world that includes great cultural, ethnic, racial, civilizational and religious diversity, it is authoritative that ways to come together as a human family while respecting and tolerating other diversities.
The intercultural and civilizational communication and interreligious talk must provide essential methods to deal with all these diversities that increase understanding between people.

The initiative of the conference aims at bringing various integrative approaches, tactics and methods of global mindset up to a platform for effective discussion and negotiation towards a practical implementation. And the conference will be a discussion center to provide suggestions to resolve conflict issues, and to present exercises for understanding other cultures, negotiating styles, and religions which will prevent unnecessary misinterpretations of other people's behavior, which can aggravate conflicts that already happen.

The conference will surely be a platform for dialogue, cooperation and worldwide coordination between major scholars.

**3. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

3.1 Consultation on the integration of unity of the mindset of people and to encourage of having more tolerance for the societal harmony and peace;

3.2 Coordinating and gathering the efforts of all groups and parties, doing the positive effective work with one focused theme which increases collective motion and eliminating redundancy.

3.3 Encouraging the relevant individuals, researchers, academicians and public to ensure peace and harmony in multi-religious and multi-cultural society.

**4. LAUNCHING OF THE IBN BATUTA CENTER**

Accordingly, the International University of Agadir is planning to establish an international center through studies of "Religious, Cultural and Civilizational aspects" and related questions and issues. "Ibn Batuta International Center for intercultural and civilizational studies" will support the efforts of the university particularly and other institutions and communities generally in the areas of urban development culturally and scientifically.
Its efforts will be through various actions and activities of the center scientifically, academically, cognitively, culturally and socially.

5. CONFERENCE THEME & SUB-THEMES

5.1 Cultural and Civilizational Diversity:
- Unity in inter-cultural and religious Diversity;
- Intercultural Relations and Cultural diplomacy;
- Education for intercultural understanding;
- Inter-civilizational conflict moderation;
- Multiculturalism;
- Intercultural and Civilizational dialogue;
- Cross cultural issues and challenges.

5.2 Diversity, Harmony and Peace:
- Religious coexistence and peace building;
- Religious harmony, tolerance and peace;
- Multicultural harmony and peace;
- Integrated approach to peace and harmony;
- Integrative theory of peace education;
- Social reform and peace building.

5.3 Ibn Batuta and Cultural & Civilizational Studies:
- Studies on Ibn Battuta’s travels and achievements;
- Cultural and civilizational significance of Ibn Battuta’s travels;
- Ibn Battuta’s travels and cultural and civilizational contributions;
- Reflection on tolerance and harmony in Ibn Battuta’s travels;
- Ibn Battuta as a maker of cultural and civilizational harmony and peace;
- Ibn Battuta’s travels and social and cultural integration;
- Ibn Battuta’s travels and exploring cultural heritage.

6. THE EXPECTED OUTCOME

6.1 To identify the moral imperatives of all cultures, religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding.
6.2 To endorse the mutual understanding and inter-cultural and religious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace and harmony.
6.3 To struggle forces of division that spread misunderstanding and mistrusts especially among people from different races, cultures, religions and nations.

7. TENTATIVE PROGRAM

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION
5 April 2017/Wednesday

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1ST DAY
6 April 2017/Thursday

09.00AM- 12.00PM  OPENING CEREMONY:
- Arrival of Guests & Participants
- Arrival of VIPs
- Arrival of VVIPs
- Recitation from the Holy Qur’an

MASTER OF CEREMONY:
Asst. Prof. Mohammad Mohiuddin
Chairman of the Conference
Director, International Relations and Cooperation, International University of Agadir (Universiapolis)

WELCOMING SPEECH:

H.E. Prof. Dr. Aziz BOUSLIKHANE
Founder President
International University of Agadir (Universiapolis), The Kingdom of Morocco

SPECIAL SPEECHES:

Sheikh Sayyid Ibrahimul Khaleelul Bukhari
Chairman
Ma’din International Academy, Kerala, India

H. E. Governor of Agadir
Kingdom of Morocco

H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri
Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

H. E. THE MINISTER from Kingdom of Morocco

LAUNCHING OF THE IBN BATUTA INTERNATIONAL CENTER BY:

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H.E. Chairman of Madin Academy, India

“INTERNATIONAL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017” to:

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

And to:
Sheikh Sayyid Ibrahimul Khaleelul Bukhari  
Chairman  
Ma’din International Academy, Kerala, India  
-Souvenirs presentation  
-Disperse of the opening ceremony

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2:00PM–04.00 PM  
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION– 1  
**Theme:** “The institutional Role in ensuring harmony & peace in multi-cultural and multi-religious environment”  

**Moderator:**  
Asst. Prof. Mohammad Mohiuddin  
Chairman of the Conference  
Director, International Relations and Cooperation, International University of Agadir (Universiapolis)

**Panelists And Presenters:**

1. **Dr. Ahmed Ould Bah**  
Director of External Affairs, The Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)

2. **Ms Nihal Saad**  
Chief of Cabinet & Spokesperson for the High-Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, New York, USA

3. **Associate Prof. Dr. Azidan Abdul Jabar**  
Deputy Dean, Faculty of Modern Languages & Communication  
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia

4. **Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Ghamdi**  
Dean, Preparatory Science Faculty, Al Madina Islamic University, KSA

5. **Dr. Khadija Khouya**, School of Polytechnic, International University of Agadir
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**SUB: “How the Role of Youths by the inter-cultural and civilizational integrative methods can solve the Ethnic & Religious conflicts”**

**Moderator:**

**Representative from**
The Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Rabat

**Panelists and Presenters:**

1. **Mr. Rawaad Mahyub**
   President of A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY), UK

2. **Ms Hinde Adjar**
   Ph.D researcher in Ibn Zohr-ENCG, Morocco

3. **Mr. Ahad Shah**
   University of Pennsylvania, USA

4. **Mr. Tan Tawfiq**
   President of Indonesian Youth Council, Indonesia
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|             | Chairman of the Conference         |
|             | Director, International Relations and Cooperation, International University of Agadir (Universiapolis) |
|             | - SOUVENIRS PRESENTATION           |
|             | - END OF THE SEMINAR               |
|             | - PHOTO SESSION                    |
| 10:00PM    | DISPERSE                           |
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