



The Inaugural Forum of Global Dialogue Foundation, Melbourne

“Unity in Diversity - 10.10.10”
 Bridging Cultures, Building Peace

Grassroots Solutions for Understanding and Cooperation Among People and Cultures

*Preliminary draft program, subject to change*Jean

VENUE: **MELBOURNE TOWN HALL**
 Cnr. Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne Vic 3000

Sunday, 10 October 2010

15:00-17:30	<p>Informal welcome (Supper Room, Level 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with the other participants, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and Global Dialogue Foundation in a relaxed environment • Multicultural performances organised in partnership with communities
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Monday, 11 October 2010

08:00-09:00	<p>Registration (Swanston Hall, Ground Floor)</p>
09:00-10:00	<p>OPENING SESSION (Swanston Hall, Ground Floor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to country, Ringo Terrick - Wurundjeri Council Elder • K.K. Sarachandra Bose - Hon Chairperson, Global Dialogue Foundation • H.E. Jorge Sampaio - High Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Former President, Portugal (by video) • Hon. Telmo Languiller, MP • Sam Afra - Chairperson, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria • Wesa Chau - Honorary President, Australian Federation of International Students (AFIS) & Young Victorian of the Year 2010

10:00-11:00	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: A World Perspective on Cultural Diversity and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Christophe Bas - Senior Adviser, Strategic Development and Partnerships, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	<p>ROUNDTABLE: Cultural Diversity and Inclusion, as seen from the Asia Pacific Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fethi Mansouri - Professor in Migration and Intercultural Research, Director, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University, Australia • Sam Sefuiva, Human Rights Commission, New Zealand • Hon. John Pandazopoulos MP - State Member for Dandenong • Dr. M. Syafi'i Anwar - Executive Director of ICIP (International Center for Islam and Pluralism), Indonesia • Vinod Mirchandani - Country Manager (India), University of Melbourne • Moderator: Amy Lamoin, Australian Human Rights Commission
13:00-14:30	Lunch

<p>14:30-16:00</p>	<p>SHOWCASING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS: four parallel workshop sessions</p> <p>PROJECTS SELECTED FROM THE "MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS" PRESENTING IN THIS SESSION:</p> <p>Focus 1: Integrating Migrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian Crisis Hub - "Stories of Survival" • Western Bulldogs - "Football and more, much much more" • Victorian Arab Social Services - "Almousawaht! (A Fair Go)" • Essendon Football Club - "Unity Cup" • Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre - "Lead the Way" • Sanctuary Australia Foundation - "Local People - Global Impact" <p>Moderator: Con Pagonis</p> <p>Focus 2: Shaping Perceptions, Challenging Stereotypes The Role of the Media Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria - "Kaleidoscopic Kultures" • New Australia Media, • Sacha Payne - Senior Journalist & Producer, Special Broadcasting Service • Nasya Bahfen - RMIT School of Media and Communication <p>Moderator: Hugh Jorgensen</p> <p>Focus 3: Education, Culture, Developing Social Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y-Gap - "Expanding Educational Opportunities" • The Children's Sanctuary - "Sorsadam School Project" • Norman Sheehan - Associate Prof, Indigenous Knowledge and Design Anthropology, Swinburne University • Cultural Infusion - "Building Cultural Harmony & Well-being" • OnSide Victoria - Patricia Torelli <p>Moderator: Sarai Cosgrove</p> <p>Focus 4: Intercultural and Interfaith Development - Religion, Faith & Traditional Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • InterAction - "iAct" youth fellowship • Centre for Multicultural Youth - "Muticultural Multifaitth Youth Mentoring & Leadership" • Brahma Kumaris - "Pause for Peace" • Art of Living - "Faith in Action" • Service and Research Institute on Family and Children (SERFAC), Chennai, India - "Encouraging Mutual Understanding" • Desmond Cahill - Professor of Intercultural Studies, RMIT University, • Yasser Soliman - Former President, Islamic Council of Victoria
<p>16:00-16:30</p>	<p>AWARD CEREMONY of the 10.10.10 Children's Drawing Contest "Me and the others" Presented by UNESCO Observatory (University of Melbourne)</p>

16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-18:00	Conversation among students of various cultural backgrounds (Chinese, Indian, Australian)

Tuesday, 12 October 2010 - (Swanston Hall, Ground Floor)

09:00-10:00	Reporting of the four parallel sessions
10:00-11:00	<p>ROUNDTABLE: “Building Public-Private Partnerships” - Cultural Diversity and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Carroll - Director of Gujarat NRE Coking Coal and a former BHP Billiton Executive) • Dr Rohitas Batta - Chair, Education Chapter & Vice Chair Ethnic Communities Council NSW • Graziella Thake - FOSTR Foundation for Social Responsibility, New Zealand
11:00-12:00	<p>The Way Forward: Defining a Plan of Action</p> <p>The aim of this session will be to discuss the following issues and questions among small groups, coordinated by one or two session leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what kind of practical action can be undertaken to advance cultural diversity and inclusion? • how to build synergy and complementarity between the Plan of Action and of the UN Alliance of Civilizations? • to adopt a list of individual pledges to promote understanding and cooperation among people and cultures
12:00-12:15	MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS , Awards Ceremony
12:15-12:45	<p>CLOSING SESSION: Adoption of the Plan of Action</p> <p>Press Conference</p>

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