

# 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace


**Israel - Palestine 'The sacredness of Peace'**

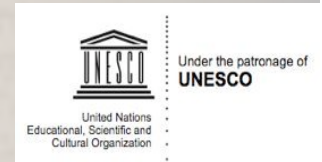
*with the participation of*

***His Excellency Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal and current  
President of the Organization of Islamic Conference  
and Mr Koichiro Matsuura, Director general of UNESCO***



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## Monday 15 December 2008 - UNESCO, Room IV

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### **15:30 - 17:00 Opening Ceremony**

Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO

H.E Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal  
and President of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference

Alain Michel, Founder and Director General of Hommes de Parole Foundation and  
co-founder of the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace

His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Director of the International Association for Human Values, India

H.E. David Kornbluth, Ambassador of Israel to UNESCO

H.E. Elias Wadih Sanbar, Ambassador, permanent observer of Palestine to UNESCO

Abraham Yossef, Chief Rabbi of Holon, Israel

Message from Prince El Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan

René-Samuel Sirat, Chief Rabbi, Unesco Chairholder (Network of mutual knowledge of the religions of the Book)  
co-founder of the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace

Imam Abduljalil Sajid, Chairman Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony, United Kingdom  
European Representative of World Council of Muslims Inter-faith Relations (WCMIR)

### **17.00 – 17.30 : Break & informal discussions**

### **17.30 – 18.30 : Introduction to workshops, moderators, Congress objectives and expectations**

### **18.30 – 19.15 : Testimonies**

Rabbi Michael Melchior of Jerusalem and Sheikh Abdallah Darwish of Kfar Qasem of Gaza (Co-Presidents of the Israeli-Palestinian Mosaïca Association)

Rabbi David Rosen and M. Salah Zoheika, (Members of the Council for Religious Institutions in the Holy Land)

### **19.15 – 23.00 : Cocktails, dinner, Arabo-andalus music (upon invitation)**

## Tuesday 16 December 2008 - Pullman Rive Gauche

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*Prayers*

**07.00 – 08.30 : Breakfast**

**09.00 – 10.30 : Work Groups**  
(4 workshops A)

**10.30 – 11.15 : Break & informal discussions**

**11.15 – 13.00 : Work Groups**  
(4 workshops B)

**13:00 : Lunch & informal discussions**

**15.00 – 16.30 : Work Groups**  
(4 workshops A)

**16.30 – 17.00 : Break & informal discussions**

**17.00 – 18.30 : Work Groups**  
(4 workshops B)

**18.30 – 19.00 : Break**

**19.00 – 20.00 : Plenary – Summary of work and presentation of draft Final Declaration**

**20.00 : Dinner, evening event - testimonies, informal meetings & concert of arabo-andalus music**

Each workshop is to identify at least one tangible action for peace and the action implementer(s).

## Workshops Theme

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**During the congress, each participant can attend four workshops.**

### Workshops A

- Responsibility and commitment of religious leaders to peace - Concrete actions  
*Mr Doudou Diène - Leonid Kishkovsky*
- The coexistence of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the Holy Land.  
The position and expectations of the three monotheists in relation to each other  
*Mr Patrice Brodeur - Imam Yahya Hendi*
- The position of religious leaders on the place and role of women in future Judeo-Christian-Muslim relations  
*Rabbi Claude Sultan - Imam Abduljalil Sajid*
- How to get believers to become custodians of the sacredness of life and peace

### Workshops B

- Religious education as a tool for promoting the oneness of the human being, and for discovering and respecting the other by benefiting from his/her diversity. Peace education through common rites and teachings of religions
- Introspection in Judaism and Islam to change oneself and down the walls of misunderstanding. Sharing this introspection  
*Rabbi Marc Raphael Guedj - Imam Yahya Pallavicini*
- Religion and media. How to improve the image of religion as a vector of peace in the Middle East and in all religious conflicts  
*Mr Shamil Idriss - Mr Edward Miller*
- Prayer as an instrument of Peace  
*Chief Rabbi René-Samuel Sirat - Sheikh Khaled Bentounes*

## Wednesday 17 December 2008 - UNESCO, Room IV

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*Prayers (Hotel)*

**07.00 – 08.15 : Breakfast**

**07.30 – 08.30 : Planning Committee**

Which will ensure the follow up on actions decided during the workshops

**09.00 – 10.45 : Plenary, continuation of Congress summary report and adoption of Final Declaration**

**10.45 – 11.15 : Break**

**11.15 – 12.15 : Closing session, Plenary Conclusions. Final Declaration (session open to the press)**

Dr Ali El Samman (President of the Committee for Dialogue in the High Islamic Council), Mr Antoine Sfeir (journalist, director of the french publication 'les cahiers de l'orient')...

*Media people joins at 11.15 (presentation of Final Declaration and mention of the decided concrete actions)*

**12.15 – 13.15 : Press Conference**

**13.15 : Final Lunch**

*15:00 : Imams and Rabbis pray at the Grande Mosquée de Paris and the Synagogue de la Victoire*