

FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF: PROMOTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS

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AGENDA

9.00 – 9.30 REGISTRATION

SESSION 1

Moderator: Pietro Sebastiani, Director General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

9.30 – 11.00 Opening remarks and high-level discussion, with presentation of IDLO's study

- **Mario Giro**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Italy
- **Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- **Katrina Lantos Swett**, President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice and former Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (2012-2013 and 2014-2015)
- **Irene Khan**, Director General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

11.00 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2

Moderator: Silvio Ferrari, Professor of Law and Religion, University of Milan

11.15 – 12.30 Panel discussion with experts and faith leaders

- **Saul Meghnagi**, Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI)
- **Paolo Naso**, Coordinator of the Study Commission of the Federation of Evangelical Churches in Italy (FCEI)
- **Yahya Pallavicini**, President, Italian Islamic Religious Community (CO.RE.IS)
- **Giancarlo Penza**, Focal Point for International Affairs, Community of Sant'Egidio
- **Nathan Walker**, Executive Director, Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute

12.30 – 12.55 Questions from the floor and conclusions by moderator

12.55 – 13.00 Closing remarks – **Irene Khan**, IDLO Director General