

Programme (August 2016)

**An Embattled Right:
Protecting and Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief**

**12 to 14 September 2016
Berlin, Germany**

**Informal start of the parliamentarians' symposium
(open for all participants):**

Sunday, 11 September 2016

19:00 **Informal reception**
Parksalon, Steigenberger Hotel
Los-Angeles-Platz 1, 10789 Berlin

Monday, 12 September 2016

08:30 Bus transfer from hotel

09:15 **Sightseeing boat tour of Berlin**
Departure "Haus der Kulturen der Welt"
John-Foster-Dulles-Allee, 10557 Berlin

11:45 Uhr **Arrival „Corneliusbrücke“**
Lützowufer 27A, 10787 Berlin

Walk to Academy, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Official start of the parliamentarians' symposium:

**An Embattled Right:
Protecting and Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief**

Academy, Konrad -Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.
Tiergartenstr. 35, 10785 Berlin

12:30 **Registration**

Lunch

14:00 **Welcoming address**
Ali Aslan

Opening speeches

Dr Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament ret.
and Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany

David Anderson MP, Member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee,
Canada

- 14:30 **Session I**
Art. 18 UDHR- Freedom of Religion or Belief
A fundamental and universal human right increasingly under pressure
- Moderator:**
Ali Aslan
- Keynote Speeches**
Dr José Ramos-Horta, President of Timor-Leste (2007 – 2012),
Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (1996)
- Prof Nazila Ghanea, Professor in International Human Rights Law,
University of Oxford and member of the OSCE Panel of Experts on
Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Discussion
- 16:00 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 **Session II**
The multiplier effect –
The importance of enhancing global cooperation amongst
parliamentarians
- Facilitated discussion**
The IPPFoRB story to date – mobilising and resourcing
parliamentarians to promote freedom of religion or belief
- Moderator:**
Ali Aslan
- Panelists:**
Baroness Elizabeth Berridge, House of Lords, United Kingdom
- Abid Raja, MP, Norway, Member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee
- Leonardo Quintao, Senator, Brazil, Member of IPPFoRB Steering
Committee
- 17:45 Leaving for the German Bundestag
- 18:30 **Tour of German Bundestag**
- 19:30 **Evening reception**
Parliamentary Society, German Bundestag
Friedrich-Ebert-Platz 2, 10117 Berlin
- 19:45 **Welcoming speech**
Volker Kauder, Chairman of the CDU/CSU-Parliamentary group in
the German Bundestag

20:00 **Learning from personal experiences:
Defending the right of religious freedom or belief despite
religious discrimination**

Aasiya Nasir MP, Pakistan

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20:15 **“Flying Buffet”**

22:30 Bus transfer to hotel

Parliamentarians’ symposium (continued)

Tuesday, 13 September 2016

Academy, Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.
Tiergartenstr. 35, 10785 Berlin

08:15 Bus transfer from hotel to Academy

09:00 **Session III
Multifaceted approaches to enhancing freedom of religion or
belief**

Introductory Remarks

Ali Aslan

09:30 **Group session A:
Fostering freedom of religion or belief in national legislation**

Moderator:

Abid Raja, MP and member of IPPFoRB Steering Group

Panelists:

Prof Dr Heribert Hirte MP, Chair of the Stephanus Circle and Member
of the IPPFoRB, Germany

Viktor Yelensky MP, Head of the Subcommittee for Freedom of
Consciences of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

Commentators:

Honorable Joshua Madaki (Jos East Constituency) MP, Nigeria

Susan Yap, Govenor, Philippines

Discussion

**Group session B:
Building stronger linkages between members of parliament
and the media**

Moderator:

Volkmar Klein MP, Vice Chairman of the working group on
Persecuted Christians of the CDU, Germany

Panelists:

Sherry Rehmann, Member of the senate, Pakistan

Christian Mihr, CEO Reporters without borders, Germany

Commentators:

Mario Marazziti MP, Italy

Amer Sabaileh, Jordan

Discussion

11:00

Coffee break

11:30

**Group session C:
Promoting freedom of religion or belief in multilateral
settings**

Moderator:

David Anderson MP and member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee,
Canada

Panelists:

Ján Figel, Special Envoy for the promotion of religion or belief
outside the EU, Chair of the Christian Democratic Movement,
Slovakia

Prof Sir Malcolm Evans, Professor of Public International Law and
Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law in the University of
Bristol, UK

Commentators:

Mansour Sy MP, Vizepräsident der Nationalversammlung, Senegal

Nqabayomzi Lawrence Saziso Kwankwa MP, South Africa

Discussion

**Group session D:
Building stronger linkages between members of parliament
and civil society organizations and academia**

Moderator:

Dr. Claudia Lücking-Michel MP, Vice chairwoman of the German Federal Committee for Foreign-, Security-, Development-, and Human Rights Policy of the CDU, Germany

Panelists:

Eva Sundari, Asian Inter Parliamentary group for Human Rights, Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Martin Lessenthin, Spokesperson of the International Society for Human Rights (IGFM), Germany

Dr Hassan Aourid, Professor for Public Law and Political Science, Université Mohammed V Rabat, Morocco

Commentators:

Ghassan Moukheiber MP, Lebanon

Muhamed Yaseen Taha, MP, Kurdistan Iraq

Discussion

13:00

Walk to Konrad-Adenauer-Haus
Klingelhöferstr. 8, 10718 Berlin

13:30

Welcoming speech
Bertil Wenger, Head of the office of Foreign Relations, CDU

Lunch

14:30

Group picture

15:00

**Synthesis of the four workshops:
Multifaceted approaches to enhancing freedom of religion or
belief**

Presentation of workshops

Karin Faensen

Sebastian Lörscher

15:20

**Synthesis:
Protecting and Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief**

Dr Otmar Oehring, KAS

Ed Brown, IPPFoRB

- 15:15 **Session IV**
**Enhancing global cooperation to promote
freedom of religion or belief**
- The regional dimension of the IPPFoRB**
Experiences of the IPPFoRB network in Latin America
- Moderator:**
Abid Raja, MP, Member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee, Norway
- Speaker:**
Leonardo Quintao, Senator, Member of IPPFoRB Steering
Committee, Brazil
- Discussion
- 16:00 **The national dimension of the IPPFoRB:**
Experiences of the IPPFoRB network in Denmark
- Moderator:**
David Anderson MP, Member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee,
Canada
- Speaker:**
Daniel Toft Jacobson MP, Member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee,
Denmark
- Discussion
- 18:00 **Evening Reception**
- Welcoming remarks**
Dr Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament ret.
and Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany
- 18:15 **Religious Freedom and International Development
Cooperation**
- Keynote speech**
Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
Dr Gerd Müller MP, Germany
- Discussion
- 19:00 **Buffet**