



**International Symposium on Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations
Sana'a, 10-11 February 2004**

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2004

9.00-10.15

Official Opening of the Symposium

- Abdul-Aziz AL-MAQALEH, Advisor to the President, Director of the Yemen Center for Studies and Research
- Hans d'ORVILLE, Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning of UNESCO
- Ahmed JALALI, Permanent Delegate of Iran to UNESCO, former President of the General Conference of UNESCO reads a message of H.E. Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- H.E. Yuichi ISHII, Ambassador of Japan to Yemen
- Ahmed SAYYAD, Assistant Director-General of the Sector for External Relations and Cooperation of UNESCO, Representative of the Director-General
- H.E. Khalid AL-ROWISHAN: Minister of Culture and Tourism, Yemen
- H.E. Abd al-Qadir BA JAMAL, Prime Minister of the Republic of Yemen

10.15-10.45

Coffee break

10.45-13.00

Globalization and the Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations

Co-Chair:

- Abdul-Salam AL-MAJALI, former Prime Minister of Jordan, President of the Islamic Academy of Sciences
- Eric ROULEAU, Journalist and former French Ambassador to Turkey and Tunisia

Keynote speakers

- Abdul-Aziz AL-TOUAJIRI, Director-General of ISESCO
- James W. RAWLEY, UN Resident Co-ordinator in Yemen
- Martin WOOLLACOTT, Columnist on international affairs for The Guardian, London
- Vittorio IANARI, Representative of Comunità di sant'Egidio, Rome
- Qaderi Ahmad HAIDAR, Researcher at the Yemeni Center for Studies and Research, Sana'a

Discussion

13.00-15.00

Lunch

15.00-17.00

The Contribution of Education, at all Levels and Stages, to the Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations

Co-Chair:

- Abdul-Aziz AL-TOUAJIRI, Director-General of ISESCO

- Ahmed JALALI, Permanent Delegate of Iran to UNESCO, former President of the General Conference of UNESCO

Keynote Speakers:

- Michael OMOLEWA, President of the 32nd General Conference of UNESCO and Permanent Delegate of Nigeria to UNESCO
- Saleh BA SOWRRA, President of the University of Sana'a
- Michael HUDSON, Professor at the Georgetown University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Washington
- Abdalla BUBTANA, former Director and UNESCO Representative in the Arab States of the Gulf, Doha

Discussion

17.00-17.20

Coffee break

17.20-19.00

The Impact of Arabic Culture and its Accomplishments on other Cultures

Co-Chair:

- Gunter MULACK, Ambassador and Commissioner for the Dialogue with the Islamic World, German Foreign Office
- Khair El-Din HASEEB, Director-General of the Centre for Arab Unity Studies, Beirut

Keynote speakers:

- Peter CLARK, Chief Executive Officer, The Amar International Charity Foundation, London
- Ahmad AL-ASBAHI, Deputy Secretary-General of the General Popular Congress of Yemen
- Michel BARBOT, Professor at the University of Strasbourg

Discussion

19.30

Dinner & Cultural Event with traditional music – hosted by the Minister of Education

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2004

9.00-11.00

The Role of the Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations in Curbing Terrorism in all its Forms and Establishing Lasting, Universal Peace

Co-Chair:

- Abdul Karim AL-ERIANI, Secretary General of the General Popular Congress, former Prime Minister of Yemen
- Michael Hudson, Professor at the George Washington University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Washington

Keynote speakers:

- Adib F. FARHA, Advisor to the Lebanese Minister of Finance and Member of Lebanon's National Audio-Visual Media Council
- Caroline FOUREST: Journalist, Co-founder and Chief Editor of "Pro-Choix", Co-author of the book "Crossfire"
- Wahebah FARIE', President of the Queen Arwa University, Sana'a

Discussion

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30 -13.00

The Dialogue between East and West – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Co-Chair:

- Peter CLARK, Chief Executive Officer, The Amar International Charity Foundation, London
- Mongi BOUSNINA, Director-General of ALECSO, Tunis

Keynote speakers:

- Gunter MULACK, Ambassador and Commissioner for the Dialogue with the Islamic World, German Foreign Office
- Helmi SHARAWI, Director, Arab and African Research Centre in Cairo
- Albert SASSON, Morocco, International Consultant and former Assistant Director-General of UNESCO
- Hassan AL-LAWZI, Member of the Consultative Council, President of the Culture and Youth Commission of the Council

Discussion

13.00-15.00

Lunch

15.00-16.30

Final Session – Conclusions and Recommendations

Evening

Dinner

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2004

9.30-12.00

Visit to the old city of Sana'a

12.00-12.30

Excursion to the monuments of Wadi Dahr

13.00-15.00

Lunch in the Wadi Dahr Palace – hosted by the Minister of Culture and Tourism

Evening

Departure