

International conference
Women Building a Culture of Encounter Interreligiously
25-27 January 2023

25 January

Day 1

Opening Session

9.00-9.30

Moderator: Msgr. Indunil J. Kodithuwakku K., Secretary, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

9.00-9.05: Prayer in silence with music

9.05-9.30: Welcome Addresses

Rev. Prof. Leonardo Sileo, OFM, Rector of the Pontifical Urbaniana University (5 minutes)

His Eminence Miguel Ángel Cardinal Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ Prefect of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (5 minutes)

Dr. María Lía Zervino, *Servidora*, President of World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations (5 minutes)

Session 1

9.30-10.45

Women in Scripture and Religious Teachings for a Culture of Encounter

Moderator: Dott.ssa Lavinia Rocchi Carrera, Secretary General,
World Union of Catholic Women’s Organizations

Hindu Perspective (12 minutes)

Dr. Lakshmi Vyas

Jewish Perspective (12 minutes)

Rabbi Tamar Appelbaum

Music (Hindu)/Silence (5 minutes)

Taoist Perspective (12 minutes)

Master Lee Keng Neo

Buddhist Perspective (12 minutes)

Dr. Samya Charika Marasinghe

Discussion

10.45-11.15 Coffee/Tea Break

Session II
11.15-12.45

Women in Scripture and Religious Teachings for a Culture of Encounter

Moderator: Dr. Isabelle Mathian, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Jain Perspective (12 minutes)	Dr. Priyadarshana Jain
Music (Christian)/Silence (5 minutes)	
Christian Perspective (12 minutes)	Dr. Stephanie Wong
Muslim Perspective (12 minutes)	Mrs. Rudina Collaku
Music (Muslim)/Silence (5 minutes)	
Sikh Perspective (12 minutes)	Bibi Kiranjot Kaur
<i>Discussion</i>	

Session III
15.00 – 16.30

Panel Discussion I: Narratives of Building a Culture of Encounter

Moderator: Dr. Alessandro Gisotti, Vice Editorial Director, Dicastery for Communication

- Mrs. Viviane Sebrini (Christian-Lebanon) 10 minutes
- Ms. Carla Khijoyan (Christian-WCC) 10 minutes
- Ms. Alissa Wahid (Muslim-Indonesia) 10 minutes
- Mrs. Ruth Kamuna (African Traditional Religion-Malawi) 10 minutes
- Ms. Varishali Shah (Hindu-Kenya) 10 minutes
- Mrs. Sarah Hangdang (Muslim-Philippines) 10 minutes

16.30-17.00 Coffee/Tea Break

Session IV
17.00 – 18.30

Panel Discussion 2: Narratives of Building a Culture of Encounter

Moderator: Rev. Fr. Paul Samasumo, Director of English Programming of Africa – Vatican Radio

- Ms. Rose Busingye (Christian-Uganda) 10 minutes
- Sr. Virginie Bitshanda (Christian-Congo) 10 minutes
- Svamin Suddhananda Ghiri (Hindu-Italy) 10 minutes
- Ms. Dunya Elemenler (Muslim-Germany) 10 minutes
- Ravijit Kaur (Sikh-Italy) 10 minutes

26 January
Day 2

Session V
14.00 – 15:15

Women Saints and Sages Building a Culture of Encounter

Moderator: P. Paulin Kubuya, sx, Undersecretary of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Prayer in silence with music

Jewish speaker (12 minutes)	Rabbi Allyson Zacharoff
Christian speaker (12 minutes)	Sr. Theresa Seow, FDCC
Muslim speaker (12 minutes)	Mrs. Khadija Mounla Hasan
Music (Muslim)/Silence	

Discussion

Short break

Session VI
15.30 – 17.00

Moderator: Sr. Grace Marie Horan, FSE, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Confucian speaker (12 minutes)	Miss Chau Wan Leung
Shinto (Oomoto) speaker (12 minutes)	Ms. Mineko Morishita
Zoroastrian speaker (12 minutes)	Mrs. Awat Taieb
Music (Buddhist) and Silence	

Discussion

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Day 3

Session VII

Panel Discussion 3: Narratives of Building a Culture of Encounter
9.00-10.30

Moderator: Cindy Wooden, Catholic New Service Rome Bureau Chief

Mrs. Arshna Sanghrajka (Jain-UK) 10 minutes
Ms. Man Kei Hau (Taoist-Hong Kong) 10 minutes
Dr. Yu-ling Chang (Buddhist-Taiwan) 10 minutes
Ms. Chihiro Kase (Buddhist-Japan) 10 minutes
Mrs. Maria Crespo (Christian-Argentina) 10 minutes

10.30-11.00 Coffee/Tea Break

Open Discussion: Where do we go from here?

11.00-12.00

Moderator: Dr. Rita George-Tvrtkovic, Member,
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Muslim-Catholic Dialogue,
Consultor, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Vote of Thanks

Msgr. Indunil J. Kodithuwakku K., Secretary, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue