

# The Annual Conference on Cultural Diplomacy

"Promoting Global Collaboration, Unity & Peace through Cultural Diplomacy"  
(Berlin; December 19th – 21st, 2017)  
Location- ICD Campus Compound – Soltauerstr. 18-22, Berlin 13509

## *Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

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**12:00 – 13:00 Registrations**

- 13:00**            **Opening Speech - "The Force of Ideas: Examples to be learned From"**  
**The Hon. Ögmundur Jónasson**  
(Former Minister of Justice and Interior of Iceland)
- 13:30**            **"The Global State of Democracy & the Value of Cultural Diplomacy"**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Yves Leterme**  
(Former Prime Minister of Belgium; Secretary-General, IDEA International)
- 13:45**            **"The Global State of Democracy: Exploring Democracy's Resilience"**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Adina Trunk**  
(Programme Officer for Democracy Assessment, Analysis and Advisory,  
IDEA International)
- 14:15**            **Interactive Discussion**  
**Panelists: The Hon. Yves Leterme & Adina Trunk, Mark C. Donfried**
- 15:30**            **Break**
- 16:00**            **"Human Rights & Cultural Diplomacy, a Challenge for the Future: a  
European Point of View"**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Erna Hennicot Schoepges**  
(Former President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxemburg)
- 16:30**            **"Art as a Tool for Cultural Diplomacy"**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Goodwill Ambassador Hedva Ser**  
(UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador & Special Envoy for Cultural Diplomacy)
- 17:00**            **"Conflicts Can Only Be Solved Using the Language of Peace"**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Oktar Babuna MD, Representative**

(Representative, A9 TV, Turkey)

**17:30**            **“Can the Centre hold? Reflections on the Elections in 2017”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Gert Weisskirchen**  
(Former Senior Member of the German Parliament)

**18:00**            **Conclusion Day 1 & Evening Activities**

### **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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- 09:30**            **Participant Papers**
- “Soft Power and Public Diplomacy as Counter-terrorism Measure in Contemporary International Politics”**  
Ms. Noor Fatima, (Chairperson of International Relations and Political Science, International Islamic University, Islamabad)  
**“Art & Culture as Driving Force for Peace and Sustainable Society”**  
Ms. Humaira Farooq, (Managing Director of the National institute of Cultural Studies, Islamabad (NICS))
- 10:00**            **“Rohingya, Past, Present, any Future?”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Sheikh Ramzy**  
(Oxford Islamic Information Center)
- 10:30**            **“Cultural Diplomacy in a World of Conflict”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Hans Köchler**  
(President of the International Progress Organization)
- 11:00**            **Break**
- 11:30**            **“Western Balkans, from a Theatre of Hatred and Wars into a Chance of Coexistence and Understanding: Challenges and Addresses”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**President Bujar Nishani**  
(Former President of Albania)
- 13:00**            **Reception - Lunch**
- 14:30**            **“Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Rashed Al Baloushi**  
(Chief Executive, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange)

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- 15:00**      **“Fighting Inequalities and Promoting Inclusive Human Development”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Nouzha Skalli**  
(Former Minister of Solidarity, Women, Family, and Social Development of Morocco)
- 15:30**      **“EU and EAEU: a Crossroad or Terminus? The Role of Cultural Diplomacy”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**The Hon. Hrant Bagratyan**  
(Former Prime Minister of Armenia)
- 16:00**      **“Cultural Misunderstandings - The Case of Black-Sea Region”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Amb. Oleg Serebrian**  
(Ambassador of Moldova to Germany)
- 16:30**      **Break**
- 17:00**      **“Governability achieve by Respect of Human Rights and Peace”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Amb. Ramón Custodio Espinoza**  
(Ambassador of Honduras to Germany)
- 17:30**      **Promoting Global Human Values for Human Security and Collaboration - From Inner Peace to Universal Peace**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Amb. Ranko Vujačić**  
(Ambassador of Montenegro to Germany)
- 18:00**      **Keynote Address**  
**Amb. Abdallah Saleh Possi**  
(Ambassador of Tanzania to Germany)
- 18:30**      **“Political, Security and Humanitarian Situation in Chad”**  
(Keynote Address)  
**Amb. Mahamat Abdoulaye Senoussi**  
(Ambassador of Chad to Germany)
- 19:00**      **Interactive Discussion with ICD Advisory Board Members**
- 20:00**      **Dinner Reception**

***Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017***

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- 09:30**      **Participant Papers**
- “The Impact of Citizen Public Diplomacy Efforts in Restoring Relations between States that have a History of Conflict”**  
                  Lisa Gibson, (PhD Researcher-University of Nottingham)
- “Empowering Citizens to use Food for Diplomacy”**  
                  Evelin Grauen, (Anthropologist of Education)
- 10:00**      **“How to prevent Balkanization of Europe; Can Cultural Diplomacy Help”**  
                  (Keynote Address)  
                  **Rector Dragan Domazet**  
                  (President & Founder, Belgrade Metropolitan University; Former Minister for Science, Technology and Development of Serbia)
- 10:30**      **“Respect for Culture means Respect for Human Dignity”**  
                  (Keynote Address)  
                  **The Hon. Alojz Peterle (MEP)**  
                  (Former Prime Minister of Slovenia)
- 11:00**      **“Sustainable Development and Culture of Peace”**  
                  (Keynote Address)  
                  **President Tarja Halonen**  
                  (Former President of Finland)
- 12:00**      **The Austrian Social Partnership: a Role Model for Global Collaboration**  
                  (Keynote Address)  
                  **The Hon. Reinhold Lopatka (MP)**  
                  (Member of the Austrian National Council; spokesman of the Austrian People’s Party for European & Foreign Affairs)
- 12:30**      **Keynote Address**  
                  **Minister Counsellor Abdul Jabar Ariyae**  
                  (Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Afghanistan to Germany)
- Bulgaria Event**
- 13:00**      **“Cultural Diplomacy & Efforts for Peace & Stability in the EU & the Balkans”**  
                  (Keynote Address)  
                  **Minister Lilyana Pavlova**  
                  (Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of EU 2018)
- 13:30**      **“Floating Piers” from Christo**  
                  *Opening of Bulgarian Art Exhibition of photos from Kalin Ivanov (US-Bulgarian Photographer) & Reception*
- 14:30**      **Conclusion**