

Coalition meeting in Melbourne, 1 – 3 December 2009

AGENDA

Day and time	Subjects
<p><u>Tuesday 1</u> <u>December.</u></p> <p><u>18:30</u></p> <p><u>20:00 – 21:00</u></p>	<p><u>Informal dinner</u></p> <p>A. <u>Opening session:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and briefing by Mr. Stein Villumstad, Chair of the Steering Committee 2. Introducing each other as well as the institutions that the participants represent. 3. Presenting and agreeing on the agenda
<p><u>Wednesday 2</u> <u>December</u></p> <p>7:00 – 8:30</p> <p>09:00 - 10:30</p> <p>10:30 – 11:00</p> <p>11:00 – 12:00</p> <p>12:00 – 13:00</p> <p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p><u>Breakfast</u></p> <p>B. <u>Updates on work by the Steering Committee and Coalition members since March 2009</u></p> <p>Report by the Steering Committee. Stein Villumstad</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>C. <u>Experiences with cooperation between religious/faith based communities/organizations and the United Nations.</u> A study is currently conducted by the Executive Secretariat with cooperation of Coalition members. The preliminary findings of that review will be presented by Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez.</p> <p>Discussion and sharing of further ideas of how to use the study and further build evidence of the potential of scaling up such cooperation under the umbrella of the Decade</p> <p>D. <u>Update and strategy considerations on the political process at the UN with regard to the DECADE proposal at the General Assembly's 64th session</u> The Steering Committee report outlines a number of strategic issues related to progress, or lack thereof, in moving the Decade proposal towards a General Assembly resolution. Time is ripe for a review of the strategies that have been followed so far.</p> <p>LUNCH</p>

14:30 – 15:00	Continuation of agenda item D.
15:00 – 17:30	<p>E. <u>Main strategies and activities for 2010</u> The discussion should include suggestions related to the following three themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plan for working with UN member states b. Plan for working with UN bodies and agencies c. Plan for working on Coalition building <p>The process will be in three steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction in plenary 2. Discussion in groups (themes a., b. and c.) <p>COFFEE /TEA during group discussions</p>
17:30 – 18:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Report back and recommendations
19:00 – 20:30	DINNER
20:30 – 21:30	<u>Informal sharing of ideas and suggestions, based on experiences of Coalition members</u>
<u>Thursday 3 December</u>	
07:00 – 08:00	BREAKFAST
08:30 – 09:30	<p>G. <u>Status of the Steering Committee and its mandate</u> In the March meeting there was anticipation that a UN Decade would have been adopted by the UN General Assembly in the current GA session. This did not happen, and a quick review of the mandate and possible its reconfirmation will be appropriate.</p>
09:30:00 – 10:30	<p>H. <u>Review of how Coalition members can increase visibility and promote the UN Decade during the Parliament of World's Religions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plenary presentation 2. Symposium 3. Individual Coalition members' initiatives to increase awareness and recruit new members
10:30 – 11:00	<p>I. <u>Next meeting of the Coalition and other organizational matters.</u></p> <p>J. <u>Any other business</u></p>
11:00 – 11:30	K. <u>Final observations. Closing session.</u>