

Initiative for a UN Decade of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for Peace

**COALITION of faith communities and civil society organizations
supporting the DECADE Initiative**

Constituting meeting New York, 2-4 March 2009

REVISED TENTATIVE PROGRAMME AND AGENDA (2)

Day, time and venue	Subjects
<u>Monday 2 March</u> At Maryknoll	
10:30 - 12:00	A. <u>Opening session:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome. Round of short prayers from different religious traditions asking for inspiration. 2. Message from HE Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, President of the UN General Assembly 3. Briefing by Mr. Stein Villumstad, Chair of the Provisional Steering Committee, complemented by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Trevor Davies, and by the Coordinator, Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez. 4. Introducing each other as well as the institutions that the participants represent. 5. Presenting and agreeing on the agenda
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:30	B. <u>The DECADE initiative in the framework of the United Nations</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing by Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director of the UN DESA's Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination on the implementation of GA resolution 63/22 as far as the DECADE proposal is concerned. 2. Where we are in terms of interfaith cooperation for peace around UN goals:. Reporting experiences of some UN agencies and related programs (UNESCO, ILO, UNFPA)
15:30 – 16:00	BREAK
16:00 – 17:30	C. <u>Visioning a UN Decade of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for Peace:</u> Views from the participants, expected outcomes. Sharing experiences of cooperation with the UN and ideas for a Plan of Action of the DECADE
17:45 – 18:30	DINNER
19:00 – 21:00	<u>Visioning a UN Decade of Interreligious..... (continues):</u>
<u>Tuesday 3 March</u>	
08:30 – 10:00	D. <u>Review of the draft proposal for the DECADE</u> E. <u>Review of the Memorandum of Understanding for the COALITION and the</u>

<u>Steering Committee: Functions, membership, organization</u>	
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK
10:30 – 12:00	F. <u>Discussion/drafting groups on:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Revising and updating the Proposal for the DECADE (b) The COALITION Memorandum of Understanding (c) The Steering Committee: mandate, composition, modus operandi, etc. (d) Outlining a Plan of Action for the DECADE (e) Suggestions for elements for a strategy and work program for the period leading up to the launch of the DECADE
12:15 – 13:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:30	Work in groups continues
15:30 – 16:00	BREAK
16:00 – 17:30	Finish drafting and copying the documents proposed by the five working groups
17:45 – 18:30	DINNER
19:00 – 21:00	G. <u>Plenary session:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The groups (b) and (c) present their draft documents. Discussion. Decision making. • The COALITION is formally constituted • The COALITION designates the Steering Committee of the Initiative and its Chair

Wednesday 4 March	
08:00 – 09:00	<u>H. Groups (a), (d) and (e) present their draft documents. Discussion. Decision making</u>
09:00 – 09:20	BREAK
09:20 – 10:45	<u>I. Closing session:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A revised (final?) version of the Proposal for the DECADE, with an annex outlining a possible Plan of Action, as well as a draft for the “Draft GA Resolution” are approved. • Ideas for a strategy and work plan for the period leading up to the launch of the DECADE are agreed upon. • The Constituting meeting of the Coalition is closed
11:00	RETURN to Manhattan by bus
13:15 – 14:45	Briefing at the UN Headquarters