



THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

# PROMOTING DIGITAL CHILD DIGNITY

## FROM CONCEPT TO ACTION

2017 - 2019

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY  
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“All those practices that violate the dignity and rights of children must be denounced. It is equally important to be vigilant against the dangers that they are exposed to, particularly in the digital world, and to consider as a crime the trafficking of their innocence and all violations of their youth.”

DOCUMENT ON HUMAN FRATERNITY  
FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER SIGNED BY  
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS AND SHEIKH AHMED EL-TAYEB,  
GRAND IMAM OF AL-AZHAR,  
DURING THE APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
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On the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, representatives of the United Arab Emirates Government, and the Child Dignity Alliance would like to host a joint ecumenical meeting on the protection of children in the digital world and the responsibility of the religious communities. Pope Francis himself will conclude the meeting on 15 November.

The Pontifical Academy of Sciences has the aim of promoting the study and progress of the sciences, ensuring that it works to advance of the human and moral dimension of man, promoting justice, development, peace, as well as encouraging dialogue between science and spiritual, cultural, philosophical and religious values.

The Child Dignity Alliance, established following the October 2017 World Congress on “Child Dignity in the Digital World”, which brought together global experts and policy makers to discuss the risks and challenges of the digital age and its impact on the dignity of children, aims to achieve the goals of the Declaration of Rome, signed by the Holy Father at the end of the Rome Congress, spreading knowledge and awareness on child sexual exploitation and abuse through interfaith collaboration and research.

The Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Child Dignity Alliance will convene this new international meeting on the protection of children in the digital world at the Casina Pio IV in the Vatican, headquarters of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences, on 14-15 November, inviting important religious leaders from different communities, experts, academics, policy makers, and technology industry leaders.

The meeting is a follow-up of the process that began with a joint commitment for the protection of children during the *Child Dignity in the Digital World* meeting in 2017, which

ended with the approval of the Declaration of Rome, and the *Interreligious conference of the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities: Child Dignity Online*, held in Abu Dhabi in 2018, which ended with the approval of the Declaration of Abu Dhabi. It is also a follow up of the first interreligious declaration of Pope Francis’ Pontificate, signed at the Casina Pio IV in December 2014, which stated that “In the eyes of God modern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labour and prostitution, and organ trafficking is a crime against humanity”.

Pope Francis has clearly encouraged these efforts for the protection of child dignity in the digital world many times, for instance during his trip to Abu Dhabi, when he referred to the Abu Dhabi Declaration in his speeches. Moreover, we must not forget the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together which Pope Francis signed with Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar.

For this reason, it is important to involve the representatives of the UAE Government who organized the Abu Dhabi conference in November 2018, so that the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities can co-promote the meeting with the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Child Dignity Alliance, continuing the joint commitment for the protection of children in the digital world.

Moreover, the Sustainable Development Goals, unanimously approved after Pope Francis’s speech to the United Nations in September 2015, in particular Goals 8.7 and 16.2, insist on this new moral imperative, which derives from a religious and civil need.

Pope Francis is eager for this commitment to continue and – in this respect – he will address the participants at the end of the meeting.

# DAY 0, 13 NOVEMBER 2019

EMBASSY OF ITALY TO THE HOLY SEE, PALAZZO BORROMEO, ROME

17:00 *Informal meetings between guests*

19:00 *Press Conference*

19:30 *Cocktails*

20:00 *Dinner*

# DAY 1, 14 NOVEMBER 2019

MEETING AT THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

CASINA PIO IV, VATICAN CITY

9:00 *Welcome*

**Monsignor Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo** | Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences

**Professor Ernesto Caffo** | Child Dignity Alliance Steering Committee

**Dana Humaid** | Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

**Father Federico Lombardi** | Child Dignity Alliance Steering Committee

## SESSION 1 DIGITAL CHILD DIGNITY: CONCEPT

**Queen Silvia of Sweden**

**Cardinal Pietro Parolin** | Secretary of State, the Holy See

**Ernie Allen** | Child Dignity Alliance

**H.E. Reem Al Falasi** | Secretary General, Supreme Council for Motherhood and Children

**Jiefu Huang** | Director, China National Organ Donation and Transplantation Committee (tbc)

11:00 *Coffee Break*

## SESSION 2 ACTION FROM COMPANIES AND NGOS

**Kevin Hyland** | Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner

**Robbert Van Den Berg** | ECPAT Executive Director

**Maud de Boer Buquicchio** | UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children

**Najat M'jid** | UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Violence Against Children

**Jacqueline Beauchere** | Global Digital Safety Advocate, Microsoft

**Jane Horvath** | Senior Director of Global Privacy at Apple

**Laurene Powell Jobs** | Emerson Collective, President (tbc)

**Henrietta Fore** | UNICEF Executive Director (tbc)

**Teresa Carlson** | Vice President for Amazon Web Services' Worldwide Public Sector Business (tbc)

13:00 *Lunch at the Casina Pio IV*

## SESSION 3 ACTION FROM BANKS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Jeffrey Sachs** | Columbia University Professor and Director, Center for Sustainable Development

**Nada Semaan** | Director and Chief Executive Officer of FINTRAC

**Stuart Davis** | Global Head of Financial Crimes at Scotiabank, Canada

**Jean Pierre Mustier** | Group Chief Executive Officer, Unicredit

**Nick Clegg** | Global Head of Affairs, Facebook

**Gian Maria Mossa** | CEO/General Manager at Banca Generali Spa (tbc)

17:00 *Coffee Break*

## SESSION 4 ACTION FROM FAITH LEADERS

**H.A.H. Bartholomew I** | Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople

**H.H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** | Indian spiritual leader and Founder of Art of Living Foundation

**H.H. Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji** | Abbot, Sri Puthige Matha

**Rabbi David Rosen** | International Director for Interreligious Affairs, AJC

**Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt** | Chief Rabbi of Moscow and President of the Conference of European Rabbis

**Sheikh Omar Abboud** | Co-Director of the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (IDI), Argentina

**H.E. Sayyed Ali El Amine** | Shia Leader; Member of Muslim Council of Elders

**Dr. Antje Jackelén** | Archbishop, Church of Sweden (tbc)

**Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga** | Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Coordinator of Pope Francis' Council of Cardinals (tbc)

**Bani Dugal** | Principal Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations

**Sikh Leader** (tbc)

**Buddhist Leader** (tbc)

## CLOSING STATEMENT

20:00 *Dinner at the Casina Pio IV*



# DAY 2, 15 NOVEMBER 2019

## AUDIENCE WITH THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

SALA CLEMENTINA, VATICAN CITY

*Logistics to be confirmed, the event will indicatively be from 9:00 to 13:00*

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE NOVEMBER 14TH MEETING

**Sheikh Omar Abboud**

Co-Director of the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (IDI), Argentina

**H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis**

Metropolitan of France, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

**H.Em. Sayyed Ali Al-Amin**

Shia leader - Muslim council of elders

**Dr. Mustafa Ali**

Secretary-General, Global Network of Religions for Children (Nairobi)

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Child Dignity Alliance Steering Committee

**Major Hamdan Alyammahi**

Interfaith alliance for safer communities

**Chief Superintendent Marie-Claude Arsenault**

Chair, Virtual Global Task Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

**H.A.H Bartholomew I**

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UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children

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COO, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

**Prof. Hany Farid**

Digital Forensics, Image Analysis, and Human Perception, Berkeley School of Information

**Ms. Mariya Gabriel**

European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

**Mr. Scott Gegenheimer**

CEO of Zain Group, co-chair of the Broadband Commission Working Group on Child Online Safety

**Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt**

Chief Rabbi of Moscow, President of the Conference of European Rabbis

**Mr. Gady Gronich**

Chief of Staff to the President of the Conference of European Rabbis

**Ms. Jennifer Gross**

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**Pastor Stephen Gualberto**

Church of the Nazarene, the Philippines

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**Jane Horvath**

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**Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome**

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**Gian Maria Mossa**

CEO/General Manager at Banca Generali Spa

**Dr. Betsee Parker, Baroness of Locheil**

Sustainable Development Goals Centers for Africa

**H.Em. Card. Pietro Parolin**

Secretary of State, Vatican City

**Dr. Francesco Profumo**

President, ACRI – Associazione di Fondazioni e di Casse di Risparmio S.p.A.

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**Dr. Joanna Rubinstein**

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Economist and University Professor at Columbia University

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