

Religious Leadership in Response to HIV

A Summit of High Level Religious Leaders

22 - 23 March 2010
The Netherlands

Agenda

Sunday, 21 March 2010

19:30 Welcome dinner hosted by the Government of the Netherlands, Ernst Sillem Hoeve

Monday, 22 March 2010

- 09:00 Opening of Summit
Review & Affirm Purpose, Intended Outcomes
Outline Agenda, Process & Spirit of the Meeting
- 09:30 The Global Challenge of HIV & AIDS
Opening addresses by Mr. Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS
and Canon Gideon Byamugisha
Table groups: What are the key questions we have about HIV & AIDS and
the global response?
- 11:00 The Special Role of Religion in Overcoming Stigma & Discrimination
Addresses by the Honorable Michael Kirby and Eman Said Ali
Table group discussion, starting with presentations by
distinguished leaders: how does each religion approach problem of
stigma, and value & promote inclusion?
Brief table reports
- 14:00 The Practice of Religious Traditions & Communities in Relation to HIV & AIDS
Three personal stories from community-level experiences
Three personal reflections from religious leaders
Discussion in religious caucus groups
- 15:30 Elements of Best Practice Emerging in Religious Communities & Organizations
Presentations by three distinguished leaders and experts
Discussions in Religious caucus groups
Plenary discussion to address key questions, register ideas

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Tuesday, 23 March 2010

- 09:00 The Particular Role of Religious Groups & Leaders in Response to HIV & AIDS
Addresses by HH Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Sheikh Mohammad Gemea
Panel contributions by distinguished leaders
Table group discussions on: Why is it Vital that Religious Communities
Now Exercise Leadership & Responsibility? What are the roles and key
resources they bring? What critical obstacles do we need to overcome?
Plenary group reports & presentation of a basic action plan/goals
- 10:30 Responding to the Critical Challenge of this Moment
Addresses by Ms Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA; Dr.
Christoph Benn, Director of External Relations, Global Fund to Fight AIDS,
Tuberculosis and Malaria
- 11:00 Planning & Commitments: Religious caucus groups
- 13:30 Planning & Commitments: What Can Religious Leaders Do? What Can We Best
Do Together?
- 17:30 Concluding event
- 18:00 Close