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# UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Florence, November 5-8, 2015

## ***PROGRAMME***



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## DAY ONE, NOVEMBER 5 2015

Salone dei Cinquecento, Palazzo Vecchio Home of the Florence City Hall

8.30-9.00 am Registration

### Session I

***Culture as a vehicle for Peace: Peace-building strategies – chaired by Lucia Annunziata( Editor in Chief of the Huffington Post- Italy)***

9.00-9.10 am Welcome speech and remarks by the Mayor of Florence, **Dario Nardella**

9.10-9.20 am Welcome speech by Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs **Mario Giro**

9.30-9.40 am Address speech by Nobel Peace Laureate **Tawakkol Karman**

9.40-9.50 am **Aaron Tovish** introducing Mayors for Peace: video contribution by the President

9.50-10.00 am **Peter Madonia Chief Operating Officer/The Rockefeller Foundation - 100 Resilient Cities pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation**  
*"Shocks and Stresses in an Urbanizing World"*

10.00-10.10am **Prof. Giovanni Puglisi** – President of the Italian National Commission of UNESCO

### Session II

***Cultural Heritage and Democracy: Are cities ready to build a different world?***

Remarks by:

10.10-10.25 am **HE Sheikha Mai Al Khalifa** – Bahraini Minister of Culture

10.25-10.35 am Dr. Jarosław Kozakiewicz: *"Oświęcim–Auschwitz. Contemporary art and architecture – building bridges between generations"*

10.35-10.55am Dr. Maria Letizia Sebastiani Director of the National Library of Florence

Dr. Irene Zanella Presentation of the project *"Higher level training for the protection and the valorization of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage in Iraq"*, a project led and supported by the City of Florence, the University of Florence, Opificio delle Pietre Dure, Florence National Library, and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and run by NGO "Un Ponte Per"





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for INLA (Iraqi National Library and Archives), HCECR in the ancient site of the Old City in Erbil

10.55-11.10 am Planning for Herat – Prof. Mirella Loda (SAGAS-Università di Firenze), Eng. Feridun Sarwary (Manager of Architecture & Engineering Section-Herat Urban Development Affairs Department), a five-year Cooperation Project funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and run by Florence University

11.10-11.30 am Coffee break

11.30-11.55 am **Mayor La Pira: celebrating his vision and his contribution to peace.** [How the urban vision of Mayor La Pira and the city of Florence have developed according to the challenges of contemporary Florence, on the 60th anniversary since the district foundation.]

**\$Premio La Pira** – in collaboration with Fondazione La Pira

12.00-13.00 pm Questions and answers

1.00-3.00 pm Lunch break

3.00-4.30 pm Mayors open talk session, *"Open dialogue between cities"*

*During this session mayors will be invited to discuss the topics addressed in the morning to share crucial issues and compare solutions*

Video contribution by Mayor Bill De Blasio

4.30-5.30 pm Visit to the Palazzo Vecchio and exhibit *"Il Principe dei Sogni"*

**8.30-11.30 pm Welcome cocktail and private tour to the exhibit "Divine Beauty" – Palazzo Strozzi**



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## DAY TWO, NOVEMBER 6 2015

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### Session I

#### Education – Women's Empowerment

#### *Cultural Policies and Education for a deeper awareness and understanding of "differences"*

9.00 am Greetings by the Mayor of Florence, **Dario Nardella**

9.10 am Address speech by **Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi**

#### *Conflict Resolution Education, the key role of the arts in peace-building strategies and permanent education*

9.25 am Video Contribution by **Forest Whitaker** and the Whitaker Peace and Development Initiative

9.30 am Address speech by **Tim Robbins** and the Prison project.

9.45 am Address speech by **Awam Amkpa**, Director Africana Studies and Drama at NYU – New York

### Session II

#### Media and Democracy: "Giving voice to the unheard"

*How journalism, documentary and photography can play a key role in representing world issues. Ethics and responsibility in deconstructing stereotypes and misrepresentation, to foster dialogue between cultures, social groups and minorities. The role of digital and social media in building a culture of peace.*

10.00 am Address speech by **Nobel Laureate Tawakkol Karman**

#### Round table:

10.15 am **Cesura** – photography collective (Italy)

10.35 pm **Paolo Woods** – **Riverboom** – photography collective (Italy – France – Switzerland)

10.45 am **Terra Project** – photography collective (Italy)





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10.55 pm	<b>Chriss Aghana Nwobu</b> (Nigeria)
11.20-11.45 am	Coffee break
11.45 am-1.00 pm	Questions and Answers
1.00-3.00 pm	Lunch break
3.00-5.00 pm	Mayors open talk session

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## 7.30-11.30 pm

### ***Event: Teatro della Pergola – Cocktails***

Premio Galileo Galilei – Concert

**Galileo Galilei Award:** On the occasion of the summit, the City of Florence will award some of its guests of the "Giglio d'Oro Galileo Galilei Award", the award city institutions and the Teatro del Maggio Fiorentino give every two years to artists and personalities who have shown a special commitment for peace-building



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## DAY THREE, NOVEMBER 7 2015

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### Session I

#### Migrations: Challenges and opportunities. Refugees: Embracing the crisis

- 9.00 am Greetings by the Mayor of Florence, **Dario Nardella**
- 9.05 am Address speech by [tbd]
- 9.20 am Address speech by **Laurens Jolles**, UNHCR South Europe
- 9.30 am Address speech - Special Focus Tunisia
- 9.45 am Video Contribution **Dr. Joan Clos** Executive Director, UN Habitat

### Session II

#### How Research and Technology can support cities in peace building strategies, social and development policies

- 10.00-10.25 am **Lorenzo Giorgi** and **Giacomo Battaini**: *"Liter of Light"* – *Liter of Light* will present the Zayed Future Energy Prize award winning project. Curated by Liter of Light Italia.
- 10.25-11.15 am *"Science for Peace and Progress"* by **Prof. Francesco Pavone**, LENS University of Florence.

#### **Prof. Francesco Saverio Pavone**

Director, European Laboratory for Non Linear Spectroscopy  
University of Florence, IT

##### Title of the presentation:

*"An international think thank on "science for peace and progress"*

#### **Dr. Ellen Baker, MD, MPH**

Director, Project ECHO  
Division of Cancer Prevention & Population Sciences  
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA

##### Title of the presentation:

*"Partnering to eliminate disparities and inequalities in the prevention and treatment of diseases in low resource settings"*





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**Prof. Sune Svanberg**

Lund University, Sweden, and South China Normal University,  
Guangzhou, China

Title of the presentation:

*"Science and technology to shape a better world"*

**Prof. Fernando Quevedo**

Director, Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics  
Trieste, IT

Title of the presentation:

*"The importance of theory for development"*

11.15-11.30 am      Coffee break

11.30 am-1.00 pm    Questions and Answers/Liter of light demonstration.

1.00-3.00 pm        Lunch break

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## DAY FOUR, NOVEMBER 8 2015

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### Session I

#### Intercultural Dialogue – Chaired by Serge Michel (Rédacteur en chef Le Monde Afrique)

*Dialogue as vital strategy of maintaining peace and world unity. Its meaning in the context of globalization and current international climate in politics isn't a matter of identifying and safeguarding every culture in isolation, but rather of revitalizing them in order to avoid segregation and cultural entrenchment to prevent conflict*

9.00-9.10am	Final Remarks by the Mayor of Florence, <b>Dario Nardella</b>
9.10-9.30 am	Address Speech by Nobel Laureate <b>Wole Soyinka</b>
9.30-9.50am	<b>Sam Okello</b> – Hope North Organization: educating and healing the young victims of Uganda's civil war, including orphans and former child soldiers, empowering them to become voices for peace and development
9.50-10.10 am	<b>Prof. Melloni</b> – UNESCO Chair for Religious Pluralism and Peace: panel <i>"Religious illiteracy as incubator of violence"</i> .
10.15-10.45 am	Break
10.45-11.15 am	NYU Students panel [tbd]
11.15-11.30 am	Fondazione Del Bianco
11.30-11.45 am	Scholarship Istituto Sangalli – <i>"Cities and Religions. Past and Present for a peaceful coexistence"</i>
12.00-13 pm	City Council plenary assembly and signing of the final platform by "Unity in Diversity" mayors
1.00-2.00 pm	Lunch refreshments and closing remarks





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## EVENTS

**5 Novembre** Welcome dinner – 8.30 pm

**6 Novembre** Premio Galileo 2000 and Gala Cocktail Teatro della Pergola – 7.30-11.30 pm

## CAMPAIGNS AND EXHIBITS

**A Liter of Light:** What do you get with sunshine and an old plastic bottle filled with water and chlorine? Thanks to Alfred Moser and a group of MIT students you get a 55-watt solar bulb that refracts sunlight. Powerful, environmentally friendly, inexpensive and easy to make. Mayors will be instructed on how to make a bulb. The lamps produced during the summit will be sent to Senegal as part of a bigger urban requalification project for one of the main suburbs of the capital, Dakar.

**Campaign: “United in Diversity”.** Ten of the most famous internationally acclaimed photographers lend their images to advertise “Unity in Diversity” around the city. Riverboom, Terraproject, Cesura, Chriss Aghana Nwobu.

**Instagram campaign:** Unity in diversity – High schools.

**Projections and photos: “United in Diversity”** – in Sala D’Arme and Cortile della Dogana.

**“Il mondo, l’uomo, il mare”.** Curated by Sergio Risaliti in collaboration with Fondazione Boetti.

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME

- **Exhibit: “Il Principe dei Sogni”**  
Giuseppe negli arazzi medicei di Pontormo e Bronzino
- **Exhibit: “Re-Significations”**  
Museo Stefano Bardini – Produced by New York University – NYU – Florence

### Tours to:

- Museo degli Uffizi / Accademia
- Museo del Novecento
- Palazzo Vecchio