



French-International Convention of civil society actors for coexistence

« Connecting Action »

Sharing best practices on citizen, intercultural and interreligious dialogue and setting the stage for collaborative action

Paris 2016

Provisional Agenda

First day:

The facilitation of discussions will happen through tested techniques and methodologies, including the Open Forum and the World Café amongst other brainstorming and collective intelligence processes.

Participants will have the opportunity to present their respective organisations and the local contexts in which they operate and discuss their practices and experiences.

Morning (9h30 - 12h30):

- Introduction to the convention
- Round of introductions from participants and the steering committee
- Plenary sessions and breakout sessions:
 - Presenting our respective organisations: What are the objectives for dialogue?
 - Sharing our diagnostics: what are the various societal challenges we face?

Afternoon (14h - 17h):

- Plenary sessions and breakout sessions:
 - Sharing best practices: what can citizen dialogue programs do to address those challenges? What methods for dialogue?
 - Constructing our common identity: what principles and values do share?

Evening:

- Networking session (free format)
- Dinner
- Social activity

Second day:

Participants will fine tune their diagnostic, and brainstorm on ways of empowering and developing the field in more concrete ways. Here again, the World Café format will be privileged. The output of the discussions as well as the joint projects initiated will be documented and reported on the final day to public representatives and the press.

Morning (9h30 - 12h30):

- Plenary sessions and breakout sessions:
 - What are our obstacles?
 - What resources do we need to overcome those obstacles?
 - How can we get the resources we need?

 - How should we deal with media and how can we attract their attention on dialogue initiatives?
 - What political or social messages should we pass on?

 - How do we position ourselves regarding anti-radicalisation work?
 - What are the possible innovations in our sector?

Afternoon (14h - 17h):

- Action oriented Workshops and committees
 - Brainstorming joint actions
 - Designing our collaborative platform
- Planning the next convention
- Feedback and evaluation of the convention

Evening:

- Finalizing joint initiatives
- Dinner
- Social activity

Third Day:

This final day will enable participating organizations to reaffirm their solidarity and their will to continue to strengthen their bonds through future encounters, the set-up of a common online platform and reinforced collaborations. It will also enable them to call out citizens and public institutions on the necessity to provide human, political and financial support to those who do an essential job to preserve our societies' unity.

Morning (10h - 12h):

- Finalizing joint declaration
- Finalizing action steps for the next encounter

Afternoon (14h - 16h):

- Closing session with the steering committee and volunteer organizations: communicating the results of this exchange with the French and International press and officials.