

28th ISGF World Conference, Bali, Indonesia 2017

Circular 08REV. – Forum on Intercultural Dialogue –additional information

To: National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF)
Central Branch individuals/groups

FORUM ON INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

During the 28th ISGF World Conference 2017 in Bali, the ISGF World Committee (WCom) organize a Forum on the 'Intercultural Dialogue' to define the **role of NSGFs in promoting dialogue within and between cultures, ethnics, and religions.**

In fact, the dialogue between cultures can become a powerful antidote to rejection and violence, by enabling people to live together peacefully and constructively in a multicultural world, with a sense of global community and belonging.

NSGFs around the world can play an important role at home country to initiate a respectful exchange of views between individuals and groups with different ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds and heritage on the basis of mutual understanding and respect to consolidate coexistence, peace, love, tolerance and cross-cultural bonds among peoples and nations.

Participants: ISGF conference participants (delegates and observers),
Experts and/or speakers.

In a view of offering the most interesting discussions and reaching the outcomes of the Forum, a panel of experts and speakers from a variety of backgrounds, variation in age, gender, and ethnicity will be set up.

Experts and/or speakers may be participants of the ISGF World conference – Bali, a member of a NSGF involved in this issue, someone with experience working with the issue in a business or another non-profit organisation, and an academic who has studied the issue.

Any NSGF willing to recommend Expert and/or Speakers are invited to contact Wahid Labidi, WCom member, via the ISGF World Bureau (worldbureau@isgf.org)

The ISGF World Committee members would like to appeal you to support them by identifying additional speakers and facilitators for the 2 workshops:

For the time being, the panel is composed as follows:

Speakers:

Wahid Labidi: Coordinator

Main Speaker from Indonesia

Jean-François LEVY (France): Speaker 2

Speaker 3: TBD (preferably from Africa or Arab region)

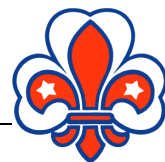
Facilitator 1st workshop: TBD

Facilitator 2nd workshop: TBD

Format:

The Forum includes two plenaries and three working sessions

- Plenary 1 : opening session and presentations (2 or 3 speakers) to focus on:
- Intercultural dialogue is understood as an open and respectful exchange of views between individuals, groups with different ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds and heritage on the basis of mutual understanding and respect;



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- *Promote understanding and dialogue within and between cultures;*
 - *Building Peace through Intercultural Dialogue;*
 - *Strengthen inclusion and education for peace;*
 - *Mobilize policy makers, opinion formers, civil society and grassroots organizations (including NSGFs) around the urgent need for a positive counter narrative to prevent and counter radicalization and violent extremism;*
 - *Build respect and understanding among cultures and amplify voices for moderation, reconciliation and for pluralism which help calm cultural, religious and other tensions between peoples;*
 - *Intercultural dialogue has an important role to play in this regard. It allows ISGF to contribute in preventing ethnic, religious, linguistic and cultural divides.*
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 - The second workshop will address good practices and to explore Social/education/cultural-based approaches to prevent violent extremism. Participants will brainstorm on project proposals and source of funds.
 - The third workshop will be open only to the drafting group, including rapporteurs and facilitators. They will meet after the two workshops to draft/shape Bali ISGF Declaration
 - Plenary 2: The final session will be dedicated to conclusions, formulation of recommendations, and approval/endorsement of Bali ISGF Declaration

Outcomes:

- Bali ISGF Declaration;
- Creation of a Network or Platform for ISGF members/individuals to combat violent extremism;
- Partnerships between ISGF and other stakeholders to provide policy advice and expertise on aspects of INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE and how to combat violent extremism;
- Selection of one or two proposals to be implemented by NSGFs.