A conversation about global migration: its causes, the journey, and strategies of welcome.

Palazzo della Cultura
Via Vittorio Emanuele 121, Catania

Draft Programme

Friday, November 2

Welcome

10:00 AM
• Lucas Johnson, IFOR & Civil Conversations Project
• Claudio Carrara President of MIR Italy
• City of Catania Official: Mayor of Catania

Moment of silence for the Migrants who’ve died on the journey.

Zaira Zafarana, IFOR: Introduction of the Program

10:40 AM Opening Plenary: Father Mussie Zerai, Chairman of Habesha Agency for Development Cooperation

The Causes:

11:00 Junior Nzita Nsuami Former child soldier and UN Secretary-General’s Goodwill Ambassador for the #EnfantPasSoldat campaign

12:00 Panel moderated by Abdelfetah Mohammed: Cultural Mediator and Refugee from Eritrea (Representative of Africa unitá Association)
• Junior Nzita
• Mohamed Ba, Senegalese Artist and Human Rights Activist based in Rome
• Ismaeel Dawood, Civil Society Desk Officer a Un Ponte Per: “War, Militarism: the Right to Stay and the Right to Move”
• Light Aganwa, Organization for Nonviolence and Development, South Sudan

13-15:00 LUNCH
The Journey:

15:00 Panel
- Patrick Taran, Global Migration Policy, the Global Landscape, and the Legal/Policy Barriers
- Sant. Egidio "Humantarian Corridors"
- Valeria Calandra, President SOS Mediterranee, Together for Rescue

16:45 Small Group Exchange: (CAUSES: disarmament, local development; JOURNEY: migration policy, WELCOMING: building a solidarity culture)

18:30 Closing
19:30 Dinner at the Miserecordia Mosque, Catania

Saturday, November 3
Strategies of Hospitality and Interaction:

Momment of silence for “people on the move”.

10:00 Opening Plenary
10:20 video on migrants’ HR defenders by OHCHR
10:30 ROUND TABLE: Refugees and migrants from throughout Italy discuss current challenges and propose solutions (Abdelfetah convener)

13-15:00 LUNCH

15:00 Strategies of Welcome
- Runbir Serkepkani: Christian Peacemaker Teams (Greece)
- Ruhi Das: BASTOB (Bangladesh)
- Susan Smith: Muslim Peace Fellowship, Sanctuary Movement (U.S.A.)
- Roberta Ferruti, Rete RECOSOL dei Comuni Solidali, tra cui Riace: "Interaction model and solidarity"
- Jenn McIntyre, Romero House Canada

16:30 Small Group Exchange
18:00 concluding remarks
18:30 closing
Optional Tour of the port of Catania from a migration perspective by AfricaUnita

21:00 concert
Jhonny’s Family Project and Ciauda
Camera del Lavoro Courtyard, Via Crociferi 40

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