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

Palazzo della Cultura
Via Vittorio Emanuele 121, Catania

PROGRAMME

Friday, November 2nd

10:00 Welcome
- Lucas Johnson, IFOR & Civil Conversations Project
- Claudio Carrara President of MIR Italy
- Mayor of City of Catania
  
  **Moment of silence for the Migrants who’ve died on the journey.**
  
  - Zaira Zafarana, IFOR: Introduction of the Program

10:40 Opening Plenary
Father Mussie Zerai, Chairman of Habeshia 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
Abdelfetah Mohammed, Eritrean Cultural Mediator and Representative of Africa Unita Association, moderator
- Mohamed Ba, Senegalese Artist and Human Rights Activist: *Choices and opportunities*
- Ismaeel Dawood, Civil Society Desk Officer at 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 BREAK
The Journey:

15:00 Panel
- Patrick Taran, president of Global Migration Policy: *The Global Landscape and the Legal/Policy Barriers*
- Maria Laura Sciuto, social worker at Comunità di Sant’ Egidio: *Humanitarian 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 Misericordia Mosque, piazza Cutelli 6 – Catania

Saturday, November 3rd

10:00 Opening Plenary

*Moment of silence for “people on the move”*.  

Strategies of Hospitality and Interaction:

- video on migrants’ human rights defenders by OHCHR
- Abdelfetah Mohammed, convener
  - Refugees and migrants activists from throughout Italy: *Current challenges and possible solutions*

13-15:00 LUNCH

15:00 Panel on *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 (Italy): *Interaction model and solidarity*
- Jenn McIntyre, Romero House (Canada)

16:30 Small Group Exchange
18:00 concluding remarks
18:30 closing

19:00 Optional Tour of the port of Catania from a migration perspective offered by AfricaUnita

21:00 CONCERT

*Jhonny’s Family Project and Ciauda*
- aperitif starting at 20:00-
  Camera del Lavoro Courtyard, Via Crociferi 40

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