



WHO WE ARE

We at KAICIID believe in dialogue and its power to foster respect, understanding and peaceful coexistence among people of different faiths and cultures.

Our organization was founded with an important and unique mandate and structure. Unique, because we are the only intergovernmental organization governed by religious representatives and dedicated to the facilitation of dialogue between different cultures and faiths. Important, because too often, conflicts are fuelled by the manipulation of religion, and in order to defuse them, we are convinced that the involvement of religious leaders is indispensable.

We are motivated by our conviction that all religions and cultures are united by shared human values that are also fundamental sources of protection for human dignity and the equal worth of all human beings.

WHY IS DIALOGUE SO IMPORTANT?

Nearly six and a half billion people in this world identify with a religion. If we engage religious communities, we can achieve inclusive solutions to conflict related to the manipulation of religion.

Dialogue means unconditional respect for the other in pursuit of common understanding and purpose, and not converting others or convincing them to agree with a certain perspective.

It is a process that involves active and compassionate listening in pursuit of discovering common understandings as well as differences in perspectives and viewpoints.

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...I believe so deeply in this Centre's vision to advance respect for human dignity and human rights, foster mutual respect and generate cooperation for justice, reconciliation and peace.”



Ban Ki-Moon

Former Secretary-General
of the United Nations



The KAICIID Fellows Programme, which starts with one year of hybrid training, is an ongoing capacity development and networking programme that equips, inspires and empowers emerging leaders and educators, including faith community members and interreligious dialogue experts from different religious backgrounds and all corners of the world.

The Programme is designed to connect and cultivate a network of leaders committed to fostering peace in their communities through interreligious dialogue facilitation, conflict prevention, intercultural communication and the promotion of social cohesion. The Fellows Alumni Network provides graduates with continuing networking, learning and professional development opportunities to achieve lasting outcomes.

WHAT WE DO

At KAICIID, we are both convenors and facilitators. We equip religious communities with the knowledge and skills about policy frameworks, human rights and sustainable development, while also training policymakers on religious literacy, interreligious dialogue and inclusion. Our organization connects religious actors, policymakers and experts so that they can find common solutions to shared problems and global challenges.

We support these actors through training programmes, workshops and partnerships, and by developing and implementing multilateral solutions that are inclusive and representative.

400+
FELLOWS
TRAINED FROM
85 
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



We Build Capacity

Teaching dialogue is at the forefront of many of our programmes. Through e-learning and online resources, with our Fellows Programme and partnership with the World Organization of the Scout Movement, we work with dialogue experts around the world to give people the tools to mainstream dialogue in their communities.



We Convene

As a convener, KAICIID establishes and supports interreligious networks and dialogue platforms around the globe, hosts conferences, local workshops and other fora. We bring together religious leaders and policymakers to promote dialogue as a fundamental aspect of policymaking aimed at tackling global problems such as COVID-19, climate change, inequality and poverty. Through our work, we aim to recognise and promote the invaluable contributions of religious communities to peace and development, and to work with them to solve global challenges.



We Work Regionally

Whether it is due to religious differences or conflict over land or resources, dialogue is essential in jointly overcoming challenges. Our programmes promote social cohesion through dialogue in communities around the world. We build platforms where sustained dialogue can take place in conflict-prone situations and societies in Africa, the Arab region, Asia and Europe.

Guided by three thematic pillars, our Europe Region Programme (ERP) unites religious leaders and policymakers to address some of the continent's most pressing needs.

Europe Region Programme (ERP)

The work of the ERP focuses on countering hate speech, tackling acts of violence committed in the name of religion, and fostering inclusive education for and with refugees and migrants. In support of people seeking refuge in Europe, we co-host the yearly European Policy Dialogue Forum (EPDF), which addresses the current direction of refugee and migration policies in Europe.

To counter prejudice, disinformation, attacks and violence against Muslims, Jews, and other minority religious groups in Europe, we actively support the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council (MJLC), a unique platform that unites over 50 Muslim and Jewish leaders from more than 20 countries.



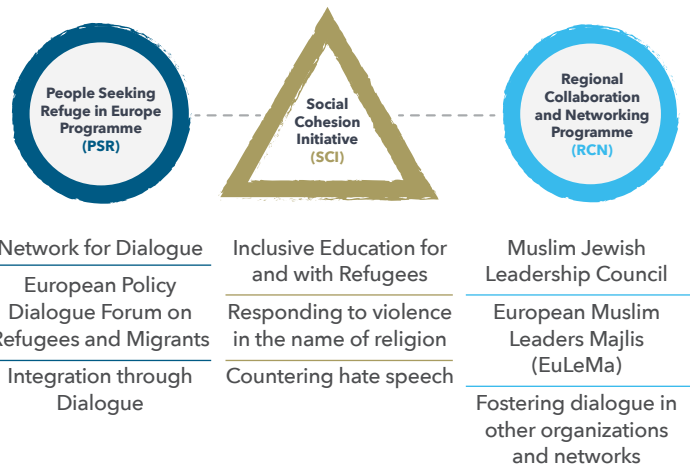
WHERE WE WORK

KAICIID AROUND THE WORLD

At the global level, we foster social cohesion and peaceful societies by promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue through capacity-building, partnering with international organizations and by providing access to online resources and e-learning opportunities.

We are active in many countries around the world, with a particular focus on Asia, Africa, the Arab region and Europe. We have supported the establishment of five dialogue platforms in our focus regions which are true examples of interreligious cooperation as a counterweight to the manipulation of religion for violence.

In these focus regions, we collaborate with local civil society and faith-based and non-governmental organizations to address issues such as hate speech prevention, inclusive education and the protection of religious sites. We offer training in conflict-sensitive journalism, teach skills to use social media to prevent conflict, and foster interfaith education and exchange together with our collaborators on the ground.



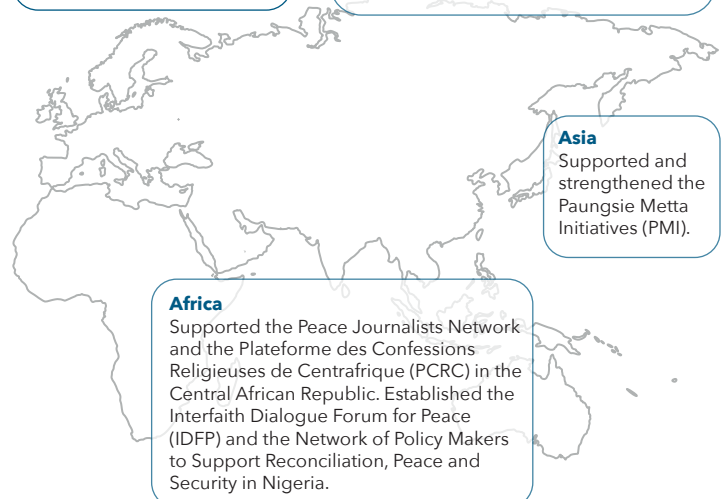
OUR GLOBAL INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE INITIATIVES

Europe

Established the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council (MJLC), supported by the European Muslim Leaders Majlis (EuLeMa). Launched the Network for Dialogue.

Arab Region

Launched the Interreligious Platform for Dialogue and Cooperation in the Arab World (IPDC), the Network for Religious Christian and Muslim Faculties and Institutes in the Arab World (NFRi) and the Social Media Regional Network.





OUR PARTNERS

The success of our work depends on our collaboration with partners. We work with leaders from multiple different faiths, interreligious organizations, international organizations, grassroots actors, governments and universities to amplify the impact of our work around the world.

Among many others, our partners include:

- African Union (AU)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- European Union (EU)
- Religions for Peace (RfP)
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK


7,000+
DIALOGUE PRACTITIONERS
TRAINED


400+
FELLOWS TRAINED
FROM 85 DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES


5
DIALOGUE PLATFORMS
ESTABLISHED
AROUND THE WORLD


6
INTERRELIGIOUS
NETWORKS
ESTABLISHED AND SUPPORTED


13
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
CONCLUDED WITH INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

“KAICIID along with our partners, is committed to reaching the most challenging areas of the world through interreligious and intercultural dialogue. We recognise the importance of collaborating with various organizations, including faith groups, governments, NGOs and educational institutions, to make a meaningful impact.”



Dr. Zuhair Alharthi
Secretary General of the
International Dialogue Centre - KAICIID



JOIN US IN DIALOGUE!

Help us raise awareness for the importance of dialogue! Join one of our networks, stay tuned about our work around the world and interact with us!

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