PROMOTING DIGITAL CHILD DIGNITY
FROM CONCEPT TO ACTION
2017 - 2019
14-15 NOVEMBER 2019 | CASINAPIO IV | VATICAN CITY
“All those practices that violate the dignity and rights of children must be denounced. It is equally important to be vigilant against the dangers that they are exposed to, particularly in the digital world, and to consider as a crime the trafficking of their innocence and all violations of their youth.”

RELIGIOUS LEADERS AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY
PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES | DECEMBER 2, 2014

“In the eyes of God each human being is a free person, whether girl, boy, woman or man, and is destined to exist for the good of all in equality and fraternity. Modern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labour and prostitution, organ trafficking, and any relationship that fails to respect the fundamental conviction that all people are equal and have the same freedom and dignity, is a crime against humanity.”

DOCUMENT ON HUMAN FRATERNITY
FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER SIGNED BY
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS AND SHEIKH AHMED EL-TAYEB,
GRAND IMAM OF AL-AZHAR,
DURING THE APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
[3-5 FEBRUARY 2019]
On the occasion of the 30th Anniversary
of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,
representatives of the United Arab Emirates
Government, and the Child Dignity Alliance
would like to host a joint ecumenical meeting on
the protection of children in the digital world and
the responsibility of the religious communities.
Pope Francis himself will open the meeting on
14 November.

The Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences has
the aim of promoting the study and progress of
the sciences, ensuring that it works to advance
of the human and moral dimension of man,
promoting justice, development, peace, as well
as encouraging dialogue between science and
spiritual, cultural, philosophical and religious
values.

The Child Dignity Alliance, established
following the October 2017 World Congress
on “Child Dignity in the Digital World”, which
brought together global experts and policy makers
to discuss the risks and challenges of the digital
age and its impact on the dignity of children,
aims to achieve the goals of the Declaration of
Rome, welcomed by the Holy Father at the end
of the Rome Congress, spreading knowledge and
awareness on child sexual exploitation and abuse
through interfaith collaboration and research.

The Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences
and the Child Dignity Alliance will convene this
new international meeting on the protection of
children in the digital world at the Casina Pio
IV in the Vatican, headquarters of the Pontifical
Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences, on
14-15 November, inviting important religious
leaders from different communities, experts,
academics, policy makers, and technology
industry leaders.

The meeting is a follow-up of the process
that began with a joint commitment for the
protection of children during the Child Dignity
in the Digital World meeting in 2017, which
ended with the approval of the Declaration of
Rome, and the Interreligious conference of
the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities:
Child Dignity Online, held in Abu Dhabi in
2018, which ended with the approval of the
Declaration of Abu Dhabi. It is also a follow up
of the first interreligious declaration of Pope
Francis’ Pontificate, signed at the Casina Pio
IV in December 2014, which stated that “In the
eyes of God modern slavery, in terms of human
trafficking, forced labour and prostitution, and
organ trafficking is a crime against humanity”.

Pope Francis has clearly encouraged these
efforts for the protection of child dignity in the
digital world many times, for instance during his
trip to Abu Dhabi, when he referred to the Abu
Dhabi Declaration in his speeches. Moreover,
we must not forget the Document on Human
Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together
which Pope Francis signed with Sheikh Ahmed
el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar.

For this reason, it is important to involve the
representatives of the UAE Government who
organized the Abu Dhabi conference in November
2018, so that the Interfaith Alliance for Safer
Communities can co-promote the meeting with
the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences and
the Child Dignity Alliance, continuing the joint
commitment for the protection of children in the
digital world.

Moreover, the Sustainable Development
Goals, unanimously approved after Pope
Francis’s speech to the United Nations in
September 2015, in particular Goals 8.7 and
16.2, insist on this new moral imperative, which
derives from a religious and civil need.

Pope Francis is eager for this commitment to
continue and – in this respect – he will address
the participants at the beginning of the meeting.
13 NOVEMBER 2019
PRESENTATION OF
THE CONFERENCE
PALAZZO BORROMEO, ROME
ITALIAN EMBASSY TO
THE HOLY SEE
18:30 PRELIMINARY MEETING FOR CONFERENCE SPEAKERS
19:30 OFFICIAL PRESENTATION
20:00 BUFFET DINNER
DAY 1, THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

12:00 Welcome
H.E. Msgr Sánchez Sorondo | Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences
Prof. Ernesto Caffo | Member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, and member of the Child Dignity Alliance Steering Committee
Dana Humaid | Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

SESSION 1 DIGITAL CHILD DIGNITY: CONCEPT
Chairman: Ernesto Caffo
12:20 H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden
12:35 H.E. Reem Al Falasi | Secretary General, Supreme Council for Motherhood and Children
12:45 Statement by H.A.H. Bartholomew I, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, delivered by H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel of France
13:00 Discussion
13:30 Lunch at the Casina Pio IV

SESSION 2 ACTION FROM COMPANIES, NGOS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
Chairman: Mario Calvo Platero
14:45 Jacqueline Beauchere | Global Digital Safety Advocate, Microsoft
14:55 Jane Horvath | Senior Director of Global Privacy at Apple
15:05 Giorgio Busnelli | Media Director IT & ES, Amazon
15:15 Carlo d’Asaro Biondo | President EMEA strategic relationships, Google
15:25 David Miles | Safety Policy Director, EMEA, Facebook
15:35 Jim Gianopulos | Chairman and CEO, Paramount Pictures
15:45 Discussion
16:15 Coffee Break

Chairman: Benyam Dawit Mezmur
16:45 Ernie Allen | Child Dignity Alliance
16:55 Hany Farid | Professor of Digital Forensics, Image Analysis, and Human Perception, Berkeley School of Information
17:05 Stefano Zamagni | President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences
17:15 Maud de Boer Buquicchio | UN Special Rapporteur on Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children
17:25 Robbert Van Den Berg | ECPAT Executive Director
17:35 Howard Taylor | Director, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children
17:45 Julie Cordua | Thorn
17:55 Discussion
18:30 End of Day 1

DAY 2, FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Chairman: Ernie Allen
09:00 Welcome
09:30 Grand Imam, Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb Sheikh of Al-Azhar | Keynote: Guest of Honour as promoter of the Conference on Promoting Digital Child Dignity

SESSION 3 ACTION FROM POLICY MAKERS
10:00 Mariya Gabriel | European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society
10:10 Stuart Davis | Global Head of Financial Crimes at Scotiabank, Canada
10:20 Kevin Hyland | Senior Advisor to the Santa Marta Group
10:30 Paola Pisano | Minister for Technological Innovation and Digitalization
10:40 Giuseppe Pignatone | President of the Vatican’s tribunal
10:50 Discussion
11:15 Coffee Break

SESSION 4 ACTION FROM FAITH LEADERS
Chairman: Monsignor Sánchez Sorondo
11:45 H.H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar | Founder of Art of Living Foundation
11:55 Rabbi David Rosen | International Director for Interreligious Affairs, AJC
12:05 H.E. Sayed Ali El Amine | Shia Leader, Member of Muslim Council of Elders
12:15 Bani Dugal | Baha’I International Community to the United Nations
12:25 Sheikh Omar Abboud | Co-Director of the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue, Argentina
12:35 Discussion
13:00 Najat Maalla M’jid | UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative on Violence Against Children
13:10 H.E. Msgr Sánchez Sorondo | Secretary of State, the Holy See
13:20 End of Meeting
13:30 Lunch buffet at the Casina Pio IV
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